

The Charlottetown Christian Reformed Church

exists to be a unified community of believers which . . .

- Loves and Worships God,
- Loves and Cares for each other,
- Encourages and Equips each other to live for Christ,
- Reaches out to a broken world to tell others about Jesus.



**Charlottetown Christian Reformed Church
praying together as we care for each other and reach
out with the love of Christ...**

August, 2020

In order to make our church's monthly Prayer Brochure as relevant as possible, **we would like information on what is happening in the lives of our congregation members.**

- Do you belong to an organization that has an annual meeting coming up?
- Do you belong to a group that is looking for volunteers?
- Would you or a group you belong to like us to pray for a specific cause?

If you have information you would like to see included in the Prayer Guide, please connect with Joanne McIsaac at joanehmcsaac@gmail.com or phone her at home (902-676-2951) or on her cell (902-628-5157)

You are encouraged to add notes regarding your personal prayers in the space provided. Why not also check the church bulletin on a weekly basis for up-to-date requests for petitioning, thanksgiving and praise?

<p><u>Habitat For Humanity:</u> HFH - PEI fights poverty in our community by creating adequate and affordable housing for low-income working families - chiefly through the work of hundreds of volunteers. Its motto is "Building Homes . . . Building Hope".</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. Aug. 3</p>	<p>Father, we pray for Habitat For Humanity's worldwide efforts; may low-income working families with inadequate housing find Habitat For Humanity, and so have the chance to become homeowners at a reasonable cost.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Community Group North Elder, <u>Charlie Van Kampen.</u></p>
<p>Tues. Aug. 4</p>	<p>We thank You, God, for Habitat For Humanity's hundreds of volunteers who, with a hammer, a cooking-pot, their wallet or a prayer, help make decent homes possible for low-income, working families.</p>	
<p>Wed. Aug. 5</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for the ReStore which is Habitat For Humanity's chief source of revenue. We pray that volunteers will come forward to help at the store and we pray that each of us will do what we can to help this cause by donating used furniture or by buying building supplies, etc. there.</p>	
<p>Thurs. Aug. 6</p>	<p>Lord, we give thanks with the P.E.I. families who have gained security and dignity by coming to own an adequate and affordable home through the Christian work of Habitat For Humanity volunteers.</p>	
<p>Fri. Aug. 7</p>	<p>Father, we pray for Paul Molyneaux, the ReStore office Manager and for the onsite building supervisors. Grant them patience and tactful people skills as they work with volunteers with various levels of ability.</p>	
<p>Sat. Aug. 8</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for Habitat For Humanity during this time of COVID. We pray for a smooth resolution to the complications it causes at the Re-Store and for this year's building projects.</p>	
<p>Sun. Aug. 9</p>	<p>Father, may we all think seriously about the good we can do by translating our Christian faith and "love-our-neighbour" convictions into concrete help for others; may we be inspired with the holy spirit of volunteering so as to help our neighbours have the security and comfort of decent shelter.</p>	

<p><u>Focus on the Family</u> Focus on the Family Canada is a charitable organization which has been serving Canadian families since opening its doors in 1983. Based on Christian principles, it has been providing care, advice, support and encouragement to families at every stage of life.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. Aug. 10</p>	<p>Father, we thank you that for over 32 years Focus on the Family has been able to respond to the many real-life issues Canadian families face and that it has been able to provide these families with sound and practical guidance.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Community Group South Elder, <u>William DeHaan.</u></p>
<p>Tues. Aug. 11</p>	<p>We thank You, Father, for the valuable and relevant seminars and conferences that Focus on the Family is able to regularly provide. We also thank You for the resources on an array of important issues and the personal counseling that are available.</p>	
<p>Wed. Aug. 12</p>	<p>Lord, many people are looking for tools to raise great kids, or for ideas to improve their marriage. Others are looking for personal inspiration for themselves, or assistance for someone they know; we pray that all these seekers will be aware of what Focus on the Family has to offer and that they will take advantage of its services.</p>	
<p>Thurs. Aug. 13</p>	<p>Jesus Christ, we believe that the institution of marriage is a sacred covenant designed by our Father to model Your love and to serve both the public and private good as the basic building block of human civilization; may we defend and protect Your marriage design and may we minister in Your name to those who suffer the consequences of its brokenness.</p>	
<p>Fri. Aug. 14</p>	<p>God, along with Focus on the Family, we believe that children are a heritage from You and a blessing from Your hand. Help us to be accountable to You as together we raise, shape and prepare our children for a life of service in Your Kingdom.</p>	
<p>Sat. Aug. 15</p>	<p>Jesus, bless Focus on the Family's mission of strengthening Canadian families through education and support based on Christian principles. Help it to fulfill its aim of being <i>the</i> place Canadian families turn for trusted help and encouragement!</p>	
<p>Sun. Aug. 16</p>	<p>Lord, we pray that Focus on the Family's vision will be fulfilled; may every family be transformed by love, vibrant in faith and enduring in hope.</p>	

<p><u>Our Church's Seniors:</u> Our church is blessed with many Seniors who have provided faithful leadership over the years. This week we pray for this group as they adapt to the significant changes the COVID restrictions have placed on them.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. Aug. 17</p>	<p>Father, we pray for overall health for our congregation's seniors, may they continue to actively use their talents in ways that point others to Jesus.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Community Group North Elder, <u>Wilbert Talen.</u></p>
<p>Tues. Aug. 18</p>	<p>Jesus our Comforter, we pray for spiritual guidance for our seniors during times of loneliness. We also pray that our congregation's members will know how to enfold those who are lonely. We pray especially for those who live in Senior Homes where the COVID restrictions have had a significant impact.</p>	
<p>Wed. Aug. 19</p>	<p>God, we thank You for the years of leadership that our church's seniors have faithfully provided; may we continue to show our appreciation for what this age group brings to the life of our congregation.</p>	
<p>Thurs. Aug. 20</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for those who have experienced the death of a loved one; may the resulting void be made more bearable as You comfort them with Your love.</p>	
<p>Fri. Aug. 21</p>	<p>Father, we pray that our elderly will remain a strong voice within our congregation as they mentor younger members with words of encouragement.</p>	
<p>Sat. Aug. 22</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray that the seniors might feel comforted by a sense of Your presence during times of sickness. We pray that congregation members might be sensitive to the needs of our Seniors and respond in love.</p>	
<p>Sun. Aug. 23</p>	<p>Thank You, God, for groups such as Seniors' Circle with its activities that provide opportunities for Christian fellowship and fun for seniors and retirees. We pray that the leadership of this group might have the creativity and energy required to keep this group active in innovative ways during the current COVID related restrictions.</p>	

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<p><u>World Renew:</u> World Renew is the relief and development organization of the Christian Reformed Church. It responds on our behalf to the needs of people around the world who are suffering from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice. It engages in disaster response and community development work in approximately 30 countries around the world.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. Aug. 24</p>	<p>Lord, we thank You for the way our church here in Charlottetown has the opportunity to be a blessing through World Renew. May we continue to be compelled by Your deep passion for justice and mercy to join communities around the world to renew hope, to reconcile lives, and to restore creation.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Community Group Central Elder, <u>Dannie Reid.</u></p>
<p>Tues. Aug. 25</p>	<p>Father we praise You for the way World Renew, through Free A Family, helps people overcome poverty. We pray for a blessing on the numerous Free A Family community programs in agriculture, health, nutrition, and literacy around the world.</p>	
<p>Wed. Aug. 26</p>	<p>Jesus, we rejoice with the participants in the Free A Family programs and we praise You for the end result of nutritious food, clean water, improved health, and increased income for vulnerable families around the world.</p>	
<p>Thurs. Aug. 27</p>	<p>Oh Lord, so many people in Southern Africa, Asia, and Latin America are facing food and water shortages because of the harsh effects of climate change. Please be with them and with World Renew as they work together to face these challenges.</p>	
<p>Fri. Aug. 28</p>	<p>Father, we are encouraged by the teachings in Isaiah which make it clear that even though we are living in a time of darkness – where millions are faced with hunger – Your light can overcome when we help the hungry and afflicted.</p>	
<p>Sat. Aug. 29</p>	<p>Lord, we thank You for the way World Renew's work is bringing light and hope into unimaginably difficult situations. May we, too, each do our part to help our neighbours in need.</p>	

Sun. Aug. 30	Jesus, we pray that World Renew can continue to help families break free from poverty and live a life of renewed hope in Christ. We celebrate the life-changing impact World Renew has on individuals and on communities. Please bless today's collection as it goes toward this work.	
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