

Classis Toronto Prayer Calendar

This month's prayer items are mainly focused on Maranatha CRC, Bethel CRC and the Finance Committee. Please use this prayer guide in your church, small groups, at the family table, and in your individual prayer times.

 February 2011 

- 1** Praise God for Maranatha CRC. Praise God for who they are as a congregation of our Triune God and what they bring to classis.
- 2** Praise God for Bethel CRC. Praise God for who they are as a congregation of our Triune God and what they bring to classis.
- 3** Pray for the Race Relations Committee of Classis Toronto that meets this evening.
- 4** Pray for the Youth Committee of Classis Toronto that meets this morning. Pray that they may be able to find one more member from the churches North of Highway 9.
- 5** Praise God for our Finance Committee who works hard to keep our classis books balanced and all of classis on track financially.
- 6** Pray with Bethel as they spend the next five months focusing on “a love revolution:” a time to work on relationships with God and with each other.
- 7** Praise God with Maranatha for their pastor's arrival, successful examination and ordination last Fall. Pray that God will be with Nate Van Denend as he leads this congregation.
- 8** Praise God for our classis Treasurer: Cor Buikema. Pray that he might continue to be able to serve classis and thank God for his work in the past.
- 9** Praise God with Bethel for their pastor, Kobie duPlessis; youth pastor, Jason Postma; and retired pastor, Harry Solomons. Pray that they may continue to grow spiritually so that they can lead the congregation to grow in the knowledge and love of God.
- 10** Praise God with Maranatha for their great Christmas Eve service they held jointly with the Korean church who meets in their church building. Pray that this relationship may continue to grow and bring racial reconciliation between the congregations.
- 11** Praise God for the leadership of Bethel. Pray that they may experience unity and discernment about where God is leading the congregation.
- 12** Pray with Maranatha as they pray about how to begin to grow again. Pray for them as they try to figure out what they can offer in order to meet the needs in their community.
- 13** Pray for Bethel as they are in a process of re-visioning: “Footsteps to the Future.” Pray that they may be able to take little steps every day to bring them to where they are being led.

14 Praise God for Maranatha's good community spirit, where they take care of each other and support each other well.

15 Pray for the Finance Committee as they annually review and make recommendations to classis regarding honorariums for the Treasurer, Stated Clerk and guest preachers.

16 Pray for Bethel as they look at changing their district system of pastoral care into a small group system. Pray that all those who need pastoral care will find it.

17 Praise God for the council and volunteers of Maranatha who keep things going in the congregation.

18 Pray for the Finance Committee as they advise the Treasurer and help oversee expenses and revenue.

19 Pray for the *Widening the Circle* facilitators who are meeting today at ClearView to review and refresh themselves about the anti-racism training.

20 Praise God for Bethel's Coffee Break program as they study the "Love Revolution" by Joyce Meyers. Praise God for the clothing bank/exchange they are now running. Pray that all those who enter their building for this reason will find God's love at Bethel.

21 Pray for Maranatha as they seek to understand their own areas of spiritual needs and find ways of meeting those needs while continuing to open their doors to people who come with different spiritual needs.

22 Praise God with Classis Toronto that God provides financially for the ministries of Classis. Praise God for all the churches in Classis Toronto that work hard at giving to the Classis.

23 Pray for Bethel's council as they have many decisions to make over the next few months.

24 Praise God with Maranatha as they have an opportunity to work closely with immigrant Iraqi Christians to bring other Iraqi Christians to Canada. Pray that they may be able to develop a good working relationship with this group and find the resources they need to meet the needs. Pray that other churches will also be willing to work with them in this partnership.

25 Pray for the Finance Committee as they prepare to meet in March to discuss the 2010 year-end statements.

26 Pray that Bethel may experience re-birth. Pray that they may grow in their relationship to God, with each other and with the community.

27 Pray for Maranatha as they seek to integrate newcomers into their established congregation.

28 Pray for the committees of Classis Toronto as they begin to think about budgets for next year. Pray for discernment as they seek to find God's way for Classis Toronto.