

Classis Toronto Prayer Calendar

This month's prayer items are focused on Covenant CRC, First Barrie CRC, and the Candidacy Committee. Please use this prayer guide in your church, small groups, at the family table, and in your individual prayer times.

JANUARY 2011

- 1** Praise God for Covenant CRC in Barrie. Praise God that they are part of God's global church bringing the Good News of Christ to their community. Praise God for their pastor, Gregg Martin, as he leads them.
- 2** Praise God for First Barrie CRC. Praise God that they are part of God's global church bringing the Good News of Christ to their community. Praise God for their pastors, Mike Borgert and Daryl DeKlerk, as they lead them.
- 3** Praise God for the Classis Toronto Candidacy Committee who works to encourage and support those studying for ministry in the CRC.
- 4** Praise God with Covenant as they celebrate the one-day Christmas VBS they had last month. Praise God for the children who came from the community and pray that Covenant may be able to continue to reach out to those in their community who need to hear about God.
- 5** Praise God with First Barrie as they celebrate their new Pastor, Mike Borgert, and his family. Pray that the transition for Pastor Mike and his family goes well.
- 6** Pray for the Candidacy Committee as they explore together the scope of who they are to serve and the best way to serve those they are called to serve.
- 7** Pray for Covenant as their regular programs begin again this month after the Christmas break.
- 8** Pray for people of First Barrie, pray that they may grow into a sense of worship that extends beyond their worship in Sunday services to all their lives. Pray that we will all worship in all our lives.
- 9** Pray for the six students with whom the Candidacy Committee is presently working. Pray that they may discern the path God has for them and be faithful in following it.
- 10** Praise God with Covenant for all their committee volunteers. Pray that their sense of enthusiasm for ministry will continue to grow and they will not become worn out.
- 11** Praise God with First Barrie for their intergenerational congregation. Praise God for the three sets of twins born in their congregation this past year and for those who have moved into Tollendale Homes and become part of their worshipping community.
- 12** Pray that all the congregations of Classis may become pro-active in identifying people who God has called into ministry. Praise God that the Candidacy committee is there to provide resources and encouragement.
- 13** Pray with Covenant that their congregation will continue to deepen their commitment to the Lord. Pray that they may experience revival.
- 14** Praise God with First Barrie for intergenerational leadership in their councils and teams. Pray that this will continue and that their small groups may also experience intergenerations.

15 Pray for those who are preparing for ministry. Pray that they may join in their studies with their whole hearts. Pray that our seminaries may be able to adequately prepare them for the ministries God has called them to.

16 Praise God with Covenant for their missionary, Leslie Millar Toussaint, who is visiting them today from Haiti. Pray that her stories and testimonies may be an encouragement and blessing to all who hear her. Pray also for her ministry in Haiti.

17 Pray for the pastors at First Barrie as they explore the possibility of having a retreat for the executive council where they can take a step back from the day-to-day ministry of the church and look at the big picture.

18 Pray for those who are preparing for ministry. Pray that they will not have to worry about financial matters while they study. Praise God that Classis Toronto can provide for some of their financial needs.

19 Pray for all those from Covenant who have to travel to the church. Pray that the weather will not be a danger for them as they go to Sunday services.

20 Pray for Classis Toronto today as they meet in Georgetown CRC. Pray for safety in traveling and that the discussions and deliberations may be glorifying to God and build up the Church of Christ.

21 Pray for First Barrie as they search for ways to reach those in their communities who do not know God. Pray for God's leading and guidance in finding new ways, perhaps through a church plant or other outreach ideas.

22 Praise God for the members of the Candidacy committee who each have wisdom and strengths to bring to the committee and how they are able to process together face the challenges that come their way.

23 Praise God with Covenant for the new people who have joined their congregation recently. Pray that they may continue to grow in numbers and in their commitment to God.

24 Praise God with First Barrie for their member's Kingdom ambition. Praise God for the large community projects they have been involved with in the last few years (Retirement Home, Christian High School, new building for Timothy Christian School and the Bible for Missions Thrift Store). Pray for guidance as they look at what else they can be involved with for God.

25 Praise God for those in Classis Toronto who have finished with their studies and accepted a call to be a Minister of the Word in the CRC.

26 Pray with Covenant that their congregation, and all of us, will keep the promises they have made, even when it becomes difficult. Pray for pastors and leaders as they encourage others to keep their promises.

27 Praise God with First Barrie for the people in their congregation who have a passion for making people aware that the church is there. Pray for those ministries that share the gospel: VBS, GEMS, and Kid's Klub.

28 Pray for those in Classis Toronto who have finished with their studies and have not yet been able to find a call. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment about how and where they are to serve.

29 Pray with Covenant for wisdom for their elders and deacons as they lead the congregation.

30 Praise God with First Barrie for their music director and secretary. Pray that the music director may continue to guide the congregation in healthy, blended worship and the secretary continue to do the tasks placed before her every day.

31 Pray for the leadership of the Christian Reformed Church. Pray that they may lead the denomination with wisdom and grace.