

## Classis Toronto Prayer Calendar

This month's prayer items are focused on Rehoboth Fellowship, Immanuel Brampton, and the Race Relations Committee. Please use this prayer guide in your church, small groups, at the family table, and in your individual prayer times.

### **OCTOBER 2010**

- 1 Praise God for Immanuel of Brampton. Praise God for their presence in Classis Toronto and the ministry they have in Caledon and Brampton.
- 2 Praise God for Rehoboth Fellowship CRC. Praise God for their presence in Classis Toronto and the ministry they have in Etobicoke and Mississauga.
- 3 Praise God for diversity. Praise God for the diversity in the Christian Reformed Church and pray that God will continue to grow our congregations toward reflecting the world around us. Pray for the Classis Toronto All Nations Heritage Service being held at Grace in Scarborough this evening.
- 4 Pray for Immanuel as they intentionally seek to be a presence in their community. Pray that the leaders and the whole congregation will learn and grow as disciples of Christ and be willing and able to join with God in God's mission here on earth.
- 5 Pray for those in our Classis who serve in diverse ministry settings. Pray that they will be able to meet the opportunities and challenges that come with the changing face of our neighbourhoods and communities. Pray that the event which takes place this evening at Grace in Scarborough will help people meet these challenges.
- 6 Pray for Rehoboth Fellowship who, at the time this calendar was written, was suffering along with one of their members who was hit by a car and has extensive body and brain injuries. Pray that God will bring healing and comfort to this family and to the congregation during this difficult and painful time.
- 7 Pray for all the elders and pastors who are traveling to Holland Marsh today for the Classis meeting. Pray that the discussions, deliberations and decisions will be glorifying to God.
- 8 Praise God with Immanuel for their Ministry Coordinator, Linda Dykstra, who is focusing her time on developing their children's program. Pray that they may find ways of getting children involved in every aspect of church life.
- 9 Praise God with Rehoboth Fellowship for how God is moving among them, moving them to be challenged and stretched as they seek ways of being a part of their community and living out their faith.
- 10 Praise God for the Race Relations Committee of Classis Toronto as they encourage racial and ethnic diversity within Christian Reformed Churches by providing forums for learning and sharing experiences that will intentionally foster understanding, reconciliation, and enrichment between cultures.
- 11 Pray that the children of Immanuel will learn what it means to be missional. Pray that they will ask the difficult questions about what they can do to help others. Pray that they might be able to identify needs that they can meet.
- 12 Pray with Rehoboth Fellowship as they try to understand what it means to be missional, as they seek to have a place in the community – welcoming and being welcomed.
- 13 Praise God for the *Widening the Circle* program that the Race Relations Committee oversees. Pray that this anti-racism program will help many people face the realities of racism and overcome racism with God's love.
- 14 Pray with Immanuel as they look to be missional – to take church on the road. Pray that they may be able to gather people together in their church building so that they can then go “out” and make a difference in their communities.

- 15 Praise God with Rehoboth Fellowship for the diverse new members class they had this past summer. Pray that God will continue to draw people to the congregation that reflect the diverse community around Toronto.
- 16 Praise God for the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to identify cross-cultural issues and needs that confront the churches of Classis Toronto.
- 17 Pray for the members of Immanuel who are doing something different for their worship this morning. This morning they are gathering together for some “traditional” worship and then leaving in small groups to go out and pray for their communities before gathering back together for fellowship. Pray for the communities of Immanuel together with the congregation.
- 18 Praise God with Rehoboth Fellowship for their road hockey ministry that started up again yesterday. Pray for those who come to their parking lot to play hockey and hear about Jesus Christ.
- 19 Pray that God will raise up more multi-ethnic leaders in our Classis. Pray that our churches will be able to identify potential leaders and provide safe places for them to serve.
- 20 Praise God with Immanuel as they have finally sold their property in downtown Brampton to the city of Brampton.
- 21 Pray for Rehoboth Fellowship as they interact with the two congregations (Pilipino 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist and Korean Presbyterian) who also meet in their building. Pray that they will learn together about what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ while celebrating their theological and cultural differences. Pray for the combined Christmas Day service that is being planned for this year.
- 22 Pray that all our congregations will be reconciled to one another, living in unity and celebrating our differences.
- 23 Praise God with Immanuel for the participation they are experiencing from all members of the congregation. Praise God for those who lead in prayer, scripture reading and for lay preachers.
- 24 Praise God with Rehoboth Fellowship for their programs which help members interact with the community: Coffee Break, Kids Club, Teens ‘N Touch, and Alpha. Pray that lives will be changed through these programs.
- 25 Pray for the Christian Reformed Church as it studies and discusses the Belhar Confession. Pray that God’s will may be done as the church discusses whether or not to make the Belhar a fourth confession.
- 26 Pray for small groups at Immanuel as they are dreaming of book clubs and groups that encourage people to grow, become more missional, and encourage discipleship.
- 27 Pray with Rehoboth Fellowship as they consider doing a Community Opportunity Scan to go along with the demographic research they have already done.
- 28 Pray that the churches of Classis Toronto will practice radical hospitality – both in giving and in receiving.
- 29 Praise God with Immanuel for the congregational conversations that are happening in their worship services: prayer and discussions happening in small groups.
- 30 Praise God with Rehoboth Fellowship as they constantly are building cohesion in their congregation with people from a wide spectrum of people from different walks of life.
- 31 Praise God for what is happening throughout Classis Toronto. Pray that God will continue working in and through Immanuel, Rehoboth Fellowship and the Race Relations Committee.