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Indigenous Impact Prayer Guide

If God would answer One Prayer for the
Aboriginal people of BC and Yukon,
What would you pray? "Lord, Make Us ..."

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Preparation for Intercession A Spiritual Checkup

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Billy Sunday once said, "Some people take so many pills their joints look like ball bearings." It's a sick, sick world. It is always a good idea to get a physical checkup at least a couple times a year. These physical checkups cost a bit of your time and some inconvenience. But if the beginnings of a dangerous illness are discovered, then the cost is well worth it.

Now, something is very wrong with the world. The Christian is supposed to have the answer to the moral plague sweeping the nations. But something is very wrong with the average Christian church.

- There is supposed to be love, but there is envying, strife and division.
- There is supposed to be holiness, but there is often downright ungodliness instead.
- There is supposed to be power, but there is largely only weakness and spiritual sickliness.
- We are supposed to have revival, but on the whole we have still not seen any great awakening.

"These things should not be so, my brothers and sisters" (James 3:10).

What is wrong with the church must be the sum total of what is wrong with each individual Christian. If people can have medical checkups for their bodies, why shouldn't there be spiritual checkups to examine the state of our souls? If a physician can prescribe pills for bodily ailments, does not the Master Physician have one for the diseased soul? And of course, He does – the "Gos-pill" ... which means, of course, "Good News."

However, before we can be given the Good News, we should thoroughly understand the Bad News. Before a cure can be accepted and applied, there must be diagnosis. To achieve this, some sort of spiritual checkup is needed. That is precisely what this article is all about.

One caution – like any checkup, this is going to cost you time and inconvenience. However, unlike the physical checkup it may also hurt somewhat. Of course, a sore spot shows infection present. When you go through this remember it is designed to expose, and that exposure might hurt! Be assured however, that a little pain now may save an awful lot of trouble later.

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If it is any consolation before you begin, this checkup is absolutely free. It will only cost you, of course, on diagnosis, your sin. Of all things, you can afford to lose that, can't you? Nobody in their right mind wants to keep a killer cancer.

Ready?

To take this spiritual checkup you will need only pencil, paper, some time – and complete honesty.

CASE HISTORY. For the next hour or so, let the Holy Spirit turn His searchlight on your spiritual life. Let Him probe, X-ray and test your soul! And let Him start by opening the closets of your memory.

Memory is highly efficient at remembering wrong. Although it easily forgets merely unpleasant or worthless things, it NEVER forgets un-righted SIN. Much mental illness today can be traced to GUILT never wiped from the mind by the twin tools of confession and restoration – and receiving forgiveness. Shock, drugs and other medical and psychiatric treatment may try to take guilt memories from the mind, but God's method is the only fully effected one – FACE each wrong with its full load of guilt, admit it to God and others who are involved as wrong, then ask and receive healing forgiveness. (Psalm 32:1-5; 1 John 1:5-9)

Use the following three lists as checkup charts to examine your life before the Lord. Take each one slowly and carefully. Check each area that is a "sore spot" and on your own paper write out what you will have to do to get it right. Confess them to the Lord one by one as He shows them to you. When you have finished, REREAD your list again, and add any others that come to mind. Don't give in to the temptation to pass quickly over any area that hurts. Take your courage in your bare hands; face your sin. This first part will be painful. Let God plow your heart and break up all the hardness that has formed from unconfessed sin. If tears begin to come, let them. "For sadness as intended by God produces a repentance that leads to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10) and tears may soften your heart for God to work with it. (Psalm 38:18; 34:6,18; 51:17; Ecclesiastes 7:3; Psalm 147:3; Ezekiel 34:16; Luke 4:18)

Memory Test

Stealing

Can you remember taking money for property that was not yours? Did you steal from neighbours, relatives, shops or stores, school or home?

Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28

Cheating

Did you get anything from anyone unfairly? Does someone know

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or suspect that you cheated to pass an important test? Did you rob someone of their fair share of praise or pay for a job?

James 5:1-4; Malachi 3:5; Deuteronomy 24:14-15; Jeremiah 22:13; Job 31:13

Lying

"Any designed form of deception for selfish reasons." If you design to make an impression contrary to the naked truth, you have lied. Have you been deceitful?

Revelation 21:8

Slander

Speaking evil of someone. You do not have to lie to slander. Have you talked about someone behind their back in a way you would not to their face? Malicious gossip – telling the truth with intent to hurt or injure is slander. Are you guilty of backbiting or criticism?

Matthew 7:1-5; 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 5:12; Colossians 3:8

Immorality

Are you guilty of stirring up desires that you could not righteously feed? In outings with the opposite sex have you failed to keep your body and mind clean and pure, and exchanged your integrity for pleasure? Have you been involved in pornography or romance novels?

Matthew 5:28; Job 31:1; 2 Peter 2:14; 1 Corinthians 6:18

Censoriousness

"Severely critical." Have you spoken about others without love? Did you judge, think or say the worst thing about a person?

John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7; Galatians 6:1

Action Test

Envy

Behind talk of other's failures and faults usually lurks envy. Did you gossip and boast to exalt yourself at another's expense? Does it hurt to hear certain people praised?

Job 5:2; Proverbs 14:30; 27:4; Galatians 5:25

Pride

Pretending in thought or life to be more or less than you really are. Do you pay more attention to your looks than your soul? Is there a trouble-stirring spirit in your life? These are the signs of

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pride.

Proverbs 16:5; 12:18; 21:4; 29:23; Titus 3:9; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 1 Peter 5:1

Ingratitude

How many times have others gone out of their way for you, perhaps really sacrificed to help you – and you took this all for granted?

2 Timothy 3:2; Malachi 3:8-11

Anger

Have you been bad-tempered? Did you shrug off self-control and lose patience or gentleness with someone?

Proverbs 14:29; 15:8; 21:9; 22:24; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Ephesians 4:26; Colossians 3:8

Cursing

Have you used gutter language? Swearing has no place in the life of a child of God. Never use exclamations beginning with "G", "J", or "C"; they are usually substitutes for curses against God. Have you failed to guard your speech?

Deuteronomy 5:11; Matthew 5:33-37

Levity

"Needless frivolity, silly talk – talking and acting like a moron." Jests that tend to undermine the sacred and precious standards of life; "Bible" jokes that make light of the Holy Word of God; unprofitable, empty and often stupid foolishness achieves nothing but a dangerous devaluation of the Christian's word. Real humour is a gift of God, and will always edify or prepare the way for the Holy Spirit; foolish levity is sin.

Ecclesiastes 5:3; Proverbs 24:19; Ephesians 5:4

Inner Inspection

Hardness

Did you fight back, murmur or return evil for evil? Was your response to trial un-Christlike when you were wronged or hurt by someone?

Philippians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 10:10

Habits

Have you continually overindulged natural appetites until they have grown far beyond normal? Are you a slave to food, drink or

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stimulants?

Philippians 3:19; Proverbs 23:21; 1 Corinthians 6:19

Half-heartedness

Can you remember times when you deliberately shirked your full share of responsibility? Did you skip times of secret or public prayer to please yourself when you should have been meeting with God? Have you been flippant and light with Him?

Proverbs 19:15; 21:5; 24:11-12; Matthew 25:1-13; 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; James 4:13-17

Hindrance

Have you destroyed another's confidence in you by needlessly taking up their time? Have you prevented them from doing God's work?

Ephesians 5:16

Hypocrisy

Is everything you said of Christ and His gospel a lie because of the life you live? Have you said one thing and done another? Were others turned from God by your life that declared to them your hypocrisy?

Matthew 6:5-6; 7:3-5; 23:28; Revelation 3:15-16

Broken Vows

Is there a vow you made to God that you have not kept? Did you promise Him something that you have since forgotten or gone back upon? If it was unwise, you had better ask forgiveness and release; He expects you to keep voluntary vows!

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6

Surgery Needed?

If the Holy Spirit shows us sin, we must go back to the place where the Lord first met us. It is the cross again. We see the Lord Jesus once crucified – for that sin – bearing our penalty.

A line of blood trickles down from its splintered base. The sight should shock and grieve us; we see the awfulness of God's judgment. This is not the law, representing God armed with holy wrath and determined to punish the sinner without hope or help. Rather, it is LOVE demonstrated in the infinite cost God is willing to pay and the sacrifice He is willing to make in order to save us from sin. It is the most terribly beautiful picture of the Gospel, showing God's hatred for sin and

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heartbreak over man's selfishness. Our sin nails Him to the cross all over again. We tear open His wounds and make His redemption a mockery. All God's care and love – and dare we still sin?

Walk out into the light of reality. Drop your self-deceit and face this sin for what it really is. Turn from it, from your heart. Take sides against it with God; purpose in your heart never to go back into that sin again.

"O God, you are aware of my foolish sins; my guilt is not hidden from you" (Psalm 69:5). "For the sake of your reputation, O Lord, forgive my sin, because it is great" (25:11). "If you, O Lord, were to keep track of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you? But you are willing to forgive, so that you might be honored" (130:3-4).

Will you do this now? Will you go to your gracious and loving Father as a little child and humbly ask His forgiveness?

"But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "The Lord is compassionate and merciful ... He does not deal with us as our sins deserve; he does not repay us as our misdeeds deserve. For as the skies are high above the earth, so his loyal love towers over his faithful followers. As far as the eastern horizon is from the west, so he removes the guilt of our rebellious actions from us" (Psalm 103:8-12).

Confession

- Confession is humbling yourself and admitting your wrong.
- Restitution is the willingness to pay back or restore whatever possible.

If you are now forgiven before the Lord, are you ready to ask Him for the courage to confess and restore to others you have wronged? Your conscience must be clean before both God and man if you want to know true freedom. You cannot stand for God with a dirty past in the eyes of others; memories of failure in their eyes will drive you deeper into bondage each time you remember them. When you have not asked their forgiveness, your guilt will kill your faith and rob you of direction and purpose.

You will not, of course, have to confess every sin to everyone; just the sins committed against the ones you know you have wronged. The RULE: The circle of CONFESSION should only go as far as the circle of COMMITTAL. Those sins against God alone you have left with His loving forgetfulness (Psalm 103:8-13; Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34). Those sins against God and man must be put right with both God and the person(s) wronged.

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Restitution should only go as far as you can humanly repay. You will never be able to undo all your wrong, but God expects you to do all in your power to restore that which you have taken from others; no more and certainly no less. God asks of you the willingness, if need be, to go to a hundred people to restore a relationship. True, total repentance is to do that which is right up to the full limit of your ability. It concerns only that which is KNOWN and RECOGNIZED to be sin by the repentant one. Often those who see your sincerity may make exceptions to any claims they have to restitution, but you will have to trust your case to the hands of God, who does all things well.

Getting Right With Others

Name the basic sin! You can never really undo the results of your sin; no one can really forgive you for these. However you can always (and must!) right the sin itself, by naming it and asking forgiveness for it. Confess the sin that caused your words or actions; God will show you what it is. What was your real wrong? Write it down so you can see it. Are you sure that was what it was?

Make sure the way you ask is right. Such half-hearted "confessions" as the ones below show false or incomplete repentance and are usually worse than useless:

- I'm sorry – but it wasn't all my fault!
- Forgive me – if I have wronged you ...
- I was wrong – but so were you!
- Alright – I'm sorry. I apologize.

Full blame must be taken; the sin must be named; pride must be crucified.

- Do you know the basic sin you must get right?
- Have you thought through what you are to say?
- Is the time convenient for the other person?
- Can you be alone when you see this person?

Do you have a truly repentant attitude? If you have trouble getting the proper feelings, think of all the hurt and loss your sin has caused. What did your sin cost Christ (Luke 22:39-44; John 15:8-14)? The Holy Spirit convicts by recalling from your memory in detail all the results of your wrong. Go over your sin in specific detail; never in general. As you think deeply about the effect of your sin, feelings will come equal to your guilt.

Is the other person in a mood to forgive? If they get angry when you arrive, wait quietly in a repentant manner until their temper is under control. Then acknowledge

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your sin and ask forgiveness. Pray for help before you go (Proverbs 22:24; Matthew 5:43-48). Don't use words taking the blame off yourself. Don't involve others who may have also sinned. Don't try to witness as well, unless specifically asked why you are making this thing right. Don't underestimate your guilt or their hurt. And don't wait too long to go and get it right!

The elements of these three sentences must be in any truly effective confession:

1. God has convicted me of something I did (have been doing) against you ...
2. I've been wrong in ... (name the basic sin: envy, pride, stubbornness, etc.)
[The only exception to this is a moral offense. Say, "I have not set a decent standard."]
3. I know I've wronged you in this, and I want to ask: Will you forgive me?

Excuses From Pride: When it comes to getting right with others, our minds supply many "reasons" why we need not do what we know we must. Be brutally honest with yourself. Deal with each excuse. Determine to do what is right. It's your life!

When you have gone through your list as thoroughly as if you were about to meet God before the throne of Judgment and determined to get right everything you can, you may burn your list and leave your sins forgiven and forgotten forever! Wrongs may not be wiped out completely from your mind, but they can be exchanged for memories of the joy of forgiveness! Should Satan try to recall a dark past shadow, you will be able to think instead of the bright memory of confession and forgiveness. The word of pardon from those who accept our confession will put wings on our hearts and move us mightily to praise God for His forgiveness.

Many millions are jailed in their own guilt this very day in your world, not knowing what to do or who to turn to. To some, the last road of suicide seems the only possible escape. Minds are snapping from the terrible load of guilt of a filthy past. It is up to you now to put into practice what you know must be done. Your testimony will be a ray of hope to any you come in contact with. Don't just read this. In His Name, go and DO IT!

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Prayer Strategies

Let Us Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest incapable of sympathizing with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we need help. (Hebrews 4:14-16, NET Bible)

Praise and thank God for who He is and for the privilege of cooperating with Him in this exciting ministry. (Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:13-16; Colossians 4:2)

Pray for an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)

Declare God's faithful promises. (Psalm 145; 136)

Persist in intercession. (Hebrews 10:19-24)

Avoiding hindrances by:

- Waiting on God. (Psalm 62:1; 40:1)
- Having no presumptions. (Psalm 25:5; Isaiah 55:8-9)
- Having reverent fear of the Lord. (Psalm 123:2; 37:9)

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Prayer Profiles

The Prayer Profiles are to be used at corporate church prayer meetings.

If my people, who belong to me, humble themselves, pray, seek to please me, and repudiate their sinful practices, then I will respond from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14, NET Bible)

Week 1 – Body of Christ (Ephesians 3:14-19; Isaiah 62:6-7; Ephesians 6:18)

- Unity: with God, with all believers, with purpose, in understanding the ways of the Holy Spirit
- Identifying with the sins of the people
- To see that obedience is key for the Christian life
- Fear of the Lord and a passion for holiness
- For God to send labourers into the harvest field
- For spiritual awakening and compassion for the lost

Week 2 – Family (Psalm 127; 128)

- For the spiritual head of the home take their responsibility
- For the children and youth
- For deliverance and healing to the abused and neglected
- For the impact of the Indian Residential Schools and 60s Scoop

Week 3 – Leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 1:11; Philippians 1:19)

- Spiritual leaders
- National leaders
- Promote righteous leaders in every area of leadership

Week 4 – Justice (Micah 6:8; Proverbs 11:1)

- Just laws based on God's Word
- Moral standards and behaviours
- Upholding Aboriginal rights
- Reconciliation

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Prayer Calendar

The Prayer Calendar is to be used in personal or family prayer times.

June 1

Truth & Reconciliation Commission

Closing Event | Ottawa, ON | May 31 – June 3, 2015

For more than 120 years, tens of thousands of Aboriginal children were sent to Indian Residential Schools funded by the federal government and run by the churches. They were taken from their families and communities in order to be stripped of language, cultural identity and traditions. Canada's attempt to wipe out Aboriginal cultures failed. But it left an urgent need for reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

Events are being held in Ottawa to mark the closing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

- May 31 – “We are all in this together” – Walk for Reconciliation
- June 1 – “We still have lots to learn” – Learning Day
- June 2 – “Reconciliation is about respect and change” – Final Report
- June 3 – “The ending is just the beginning” – Ceremonial Day

Prayer Request: for the Commissioners, staff and those who have written the TRC final report; for those whose experience and testimony shaped it; for those who will receive the report; for those who will help to shape the path forward; for reconciliation.

June 2

Alert Bay

Glad Tidings Church

Pastor(s): Rick & Poula Ivens

In February 2015, Rick & Poula Ivens we installed as pastors.

Prayer Request: a fresh move of God's Spirit; salvation of souls; a “calling” to former attendees of Glad Tidings to “come home.”

June 3

Bella Bella

Bella Bella Pentecostal Church

Pastor(s): Glenna Hunt

The gospel came to Bella Bella through Bella Coola; Johnny Moody, Clarence Elliott, their wives and Mary Brower were the first to come and speak to the village elders about the Bible in 1952. They held home services. Mary Brower remained

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to hold services and establish the church; John Nygaard came to build the church building.

Vision: For the church to continue to grow spiritually and in number, for believers to be enabled through the Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be equipped to serve the community, mature ministry helps.

Prayer Request: that we would continue seeking God's guidance; that we would grow and work together in unity; that we would continue to walk before people with God's love and be effective ministers of the gospel.

June 4

Bella Coola

Bella Coola Pentecostal Assembly

Pastor(s): Lay Leadership (interim)

The church continues to meet together regularly while searching for a pastor.

Prayer Request: for the lay leadership as they carry on the church ministry during this time of transition; for discernment, wisdom and patience for God's timing; for the congregation to continue to trust in Jesus Christ, the head of the church; for the next pastor whom God has prepared.

June 5

Burns Lake

Living Waters Christian Fellowship

Pastor(s): James Kim

Prayer Request: for a youth pastor to come minister to the young people; plans are underway to plant new churches in the Lakes District.

June 6

Reconciliation

PAOC & Aboriginal Communities

In recent years, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) have been working together with the Aboriginal church leaders to make progress towards achieving a meaningful reconciliation. In 2012, the PAOC made the public declaration in a reconciliation ceremony that we will be reconcilers and do the work of reconciliation with the Aboriginal churches and Aboriginal peoples. In 2013, the PAOC BC & Yukon District reaffirmed this with a reconciliation ceremony at District Conference. To further this initial step of reconciliation, our desire and prayer is that each PAOC District will do the ministry of reconciliation to promote understanding and healing, and to renew relationships based on mutual respect.

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Prayer Request: that we may listen with respect and understanding; that we may speak words of peace and forgiveness; that we may bring wholeness to the broken-hearted and dissolve the barriers of division.

June 7

Lord, Make Us Empowered by Your Spirit

Prayer: Romans 1:8-13 (NIV)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. I long to see you **so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong**—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

June 8

Chilliwack

Chilliwack Native Pentecostal Church

Pastor(s): Gary & Patti Victor

Andrew & Melanie Victor (children: Annelyn, Michaela, Elijah, Nikola)

Planted in February 1996 by Gary and Patti Victor. They started with a vision to reach Sto:lo Nation and other nations within Chilliwack. Currently we meet in a rented facility Sunday mornings for teaching, preaching and fellowship, and outreach to the community. Weekly events are held in different homes: Kids Club, Discipleship Training, Prayer Meeting and family fellowship. Annual events are: Christmas program and dinner, National Aboriginal Day celebrations, family camp, and Firestarters conference.

Vision: We see Jesus Christ radically transforming individuals, families, communities and cultures within a growing family church.

Prayer Request: greater opportunities for outreach for all generations; growth and maturity with disciples making disciples; finances to form, develop, train and send out ministry teams; resources for discipleship training.

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June 9

Fort St. James

Church Plant

Pastor(s): Samuela & Inise Bale Tamanivalu

In Summer 2015, Samuela & Inise Bale, missionaries from the Assemblies of God Fiji, will move to commence outreach to the First Nations communities in and around Fort St. James. They will be working with the Zion Chapel Pentecostal Church. This partnership is with AOG Fiji, Global Fijian Assemblies of God in Surrey, and the PAOC BC & YT District.

Prayer Request: solid godly relationships established with church leadership and First Nations communities; wisdom to establish plan to reach out; good healthy adjustment to culture and environment.

June 10

Haisla

Haisla Pentecostal Assembly

Pastor(s): Danny Martin

Prayer Request: that we would see growth and peoples' lives changed.

June 11

Kispiox

Kispiox Pentecostal Assembly

Pastor(s): Annie & Leonard Gawa

Prayer Request: that we would see growth and peoples' lives changed.

June 12

Nanaimo

Nanaimo Native Victory Chapel

Pastor(s): Per & Chris Knudsen (interim)

Mission: To love the people of this Band and their immediate families; to love the First Nation people of this land into a relationship with Jesus Christ and give away to the world what God has given us.

Vision: We are a vibrant Christian Pentecostal church that exists to give glory to God in Jesus Christ. We see ourselves as a centre for Christian renewal in the lives of individuals and families of the Suneymuxw Band of Nanaimo and congregations.

Prayer Request: that the Lord will place the right person to serve the church and community; that we will see God do great things here.

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June 13

Camps, Seminars & Conferences

For All Generations

There are various discipleship events hosted by our Aboriginal churches.

- Skee-Nass Kids Camp & Teen Camp, Terrace – June 29 - July 9, 2015
- Nanoose Bay Native Youth & Family Camp – August 21-25, 2015
- Aboriginal Ministries Leadership Summit – September 2015
- Firestarters InterGenerational Conference, Chilliwack – Spring Break 2016
- Native Leadership Seminar, Terrace – Spring Break 2016
- Men's & Women's Conferences – various locations

Prayer Requests: for finances; for volunteers and the speakers; for a move of God.

June 14

Lord, Make Us Worthy of Your Calling

Prayer: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NIV)

With this in mind, **we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling**, and that by his power **he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith**. We pray this **so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

June 15

Port Hardy (Quatsino)

New Life Assembly

Pastor(s): Robert Nelson (children: Conrad, Chantel)

Church was founded in 1955 on the Fort Rupert Reserve and in 1980 moved to Quatsino Reserve. Pastor Robert does hospital visitation, street ministry and has Bible studies in his home.

Vision: To win people for God and to work together with all First Nation leadership.

Prayer Request: spiritual growth; youth workers; Lord, let us have a closer relationship with You; that we will be filled with God's love.

June 16

Prince George

All Nations Pentecostal Church of Prince George

Pastor(s): Larry & Sharron Pinchbeck

The church was founded 25 years ago as there was not a native church in Prince George. Co-located in their church is Prince George Healing Room and Youth for Christ.

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Vision: outreach, church planting and a Bible school for all peoples, with the main focus on native peoples of the land.

Prayer Request: that we would see growth and peoples' lives changed; plans are underway to plant a church in Williams Lake.

June 17

Salmon Arm

Five Corners Pentecostal Church

Pastor(s): Tina Spear (children: Lydia, Trice, Josephine, Caleb)

In July 2011, Tina Spear became Associate Pastor at Five Corners where her main focus is to reach the Shuswap Nation and worship within the congregation. While the gospel was initially introduced through Father Charles Pandosy in 1858, the Unrau's worked in the area some years ago and there is another fledgling ministry to the First Nations in this immediate area. However, there remains very little effective fruit of the gospel amongst the Shuswap Nation over all, which covers a vast region of the Southern Interior. It really has been an area resistant to the establishment of a community of First Nation believers.

Prayer Request: for Tina's health and continued healing from Lupus; for Tina's family and the continued inner healing from the wounds sustained from domestic violence and divorce; for the inner work of the Spirit in terms of release of gifts and inner healing in the Body; for unity, protection and favour for the church and leadership; for open doors for the "As One" hours of worship (Burn 24/7) into other locations within Shuswap territory; for continued favour in building relationships with the local Métis community; for opportunities to build relationships with the local Shuswap Nation bands.

June 18

Terrace

Waaps Nagwaadm

Pastor(s): Dan & Starlene Starlund (children: Nashira, Danica)

Jaron Starlund

This church started as a vision that God gave Dan and Star in 1989, but it was not until April 2002 that God said now it is time. On April 15, 2003 we planted Waaps Nagwaadm church in the city of Terrace. We now have our own building and have a congregation of about 50. Plans are underway to plant new churches in the Nass Valley and Upper Skeena. Also, Pastor Dan is a circuit pastor for some churches without a pastor.

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Vision: We exist to lift people to life in Christ, discipling them to maturity in Christ. We see God bringing us to a place of influence amongst the First Nations of the North.

Prayer Request: for the provision of a bigger church building; for more labourers as ministry is expanding; for the plans to plant new churches in the Nass Valley and Upper Skeena; for Pastor Dan as he travels to some other churches without a pastor; for Pastor Dan's health and continued healing from ongoing chronic physical issues from a past vehicle accident.

June 19

Vancouver

Vancouver Native Pentecostal Church

Pastor(s): Bruce & Adeline Brown

Church was established in 1985 by Randy Barnetson and students from Summit Pacific College (formerly Western Pentecostal Bible College).

Vision: To be a spirit-filled congregation of disciples called to carry the Gospel and Presence of Jesus Christ to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, communities across Canada and abroad.

Prayer Request: by God's grace, that the ongoing process of Reconciliation between the church and Aboriginal people will continue and flourish; for the kids clubs in Native Housing

June 20

Evangelism

Vision: "We will evangelize our First Nations people and establish and plant First Nations churches." (Aboriginal Ministries, PAOC BC/YT District)

Unreached Areas: Currently we have no PAOC Aboriginal churches in the Kootenay and Okanagan regions, none in the Yukon Territory, and a few in Northern BC.

Love Corps Outreach: a partnership of Christian believers from Aboriginal, Korean and other cultural churches which exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to First Nations People through word and action. Short-term missions trip to Aboriginal communities: July 20-31, 2015

Prayer Request: that godly evangelists and ministers would be equipped and released into ministry; that strategic plans would be implemented; that God's truth and love will be preached with integrity.

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June 21

Lord, Make Us Transformed by Your Word

Prayer: Colossians 1:9-12 (NASB95)

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, **we have not ceased to pray for you** and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power**, according to His glorious might, **for the attaining of all steadfastness** and patience; **joyously giving thanks to the Father**, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

June 22

Aboriginal Churches that Need a Pastor

We have Aboriginal Churches in our PAOC BC/YT District that need a pastor.

- Anahim Lake Chapel, Anahim Lake, BC
- Kitwancool Pentecostal Church, Gitanyow, BC
- Prince Rupert Native Pentecostal Revival Church, Prince Rupert, BC

Prayer Request: that the Lord will place the right person to serve the church and community; that we will see God do great things here.

June 23

Emerging Leaders

An emerging leader is someone who shows potential to grow into a leader and who has the aspirations to accept additional leadership responsibilities. Emerging leaders are not only found among the youth and young adults. Christians of all ages and all walks of life are awakening to the call of God on their lives.

Prayer Request: that they will have a strong relationship with God; that they will be students of God's Word so they can discern God's will and stay free from deception; that they will be devoted to prayer; that they will have a godly character and good reputation; that they will exceed their natural potential by working together with God.

June 24

PAOC Partner Churches

We have various PAOC churches intentionally and purposefully partnering with Aboriginal churches and the BC/YT Aboriginal Ministries.

- Chemainus Pentecostal Tabernacle, Chemainus, BC (Boyd & Sarah Tremblett)
- Hazelton Pentecostal Assembly, Hazelton, BC (Jerry & Annette Chiasson)

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- Gateway City Church, Kamloops, BC (Gail & Colum McDonnell)
- Christian Life Assembly, Langley, BC
- The Potter's Academy, Vancouver, BC (Deborah Chien)

Prayer Request: that we would give thanks for and rejoice with our "partners in spreading the Good News about Christ"; that we would "defend and confirm the truth of the Good News"; that our partner churches would "keep on growing in knowledge and understanding," "live pure and blameless lives," and "be filled with the fruit of their salvation" (Philippians 1:3-11).

June 25

PAOC BC/YT Aboriginal Ministries

Vision: We will evangelize our First Nations people and establish and plant First Nations churches. We will bring the message, ensure believers will join a local church and mature, establish regional training centres, develop discipleship programs, train lay leaders, offer further training for pastors, facilitate church growth, plant churches, & promote intercessory prayer.

Sectional Pastor: Patti Victor

Regional Coordinators: Dan Starlund, Glenna Hunt, Robert Nelson, Larry Pinchbeck, Andrew Victor

Prayer Request: that they be clothed in righteousness; that they may honour God in everything they do, both in their official roles and in their personal lives; that God will give them strength to resist temptations to sin; that they may live out our faith in the world with integrity and humility.

June 26

PAOC National Aboriginal Guiding Group

Vision: To impact First Nations, Inuit and Métis People with the gospel and to empower Aboriginal leaders to provide leadership to current and emerging leaders.

National Coordinator: Patti Victor

Guiding Group: Bruce Brown (BC/YT), Edgar Lapeciros (BC/YT), Simon Clarence (AB/NT), Doug Lancaster (SK), Delores Netmaker (SK), Kyle Mason (MB/NW ON), Robert Linklater (W. ON), Dan Collado (E. ON/NU), Johnny Dixon (QC), Jim Malloy (Maritimes), Brian Egert (National Office)

Prayer Request: that they be clothed in righteousness; that they may honour God in everything they do, both in their official roles and in their personal lives; that God will give them strength to resist temptations to sin; that they may live out our faith in the world with integrity and humility.

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June 27

Aboriginal People

216 First Nation communities throughout BC & Yukon

59% of BC/Yukon Aboriginal people live in Urban Centres; 14% live in Rural areas Off-Reserve

Generations: The median age for the national Aboriginal population (27 years) is 13 years younger than that of the non-Aboriginal population. About a third of the Aboriginal population was made up of children under age 15. Elders represent only 5% of the Aboriginal population.

June 28

Lord, Make Us Attentive to Your Will

Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-22 (NASB95)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, **that He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God**. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

June 29

PAOC Prairies Districts

Alberta & Northwest Territories District

- Edmonton, AB – Building Bridges
- Edmonton, AB – All Nations Fusion Church
- Fort Good Hope, NT – Fort Good Hope Pentecostal Chapel
- Fort Resolution, NT – Pentecostal Church
- Fort Simpson, NT – Calvary Chapel
- Fort Smith, NT – Fort Smith Pentecostal Church
- Hay River, NT – Dene Pentecostal Mission
- Kugluktuk, NT – Kugluktuk Pentecostal Mission
- Tulita, NT – Tulita Pentecostal Mission

Saskatchewan District

- Air Ronge, SK: Air Ronge Pentecostal Church

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- Canwood, SK: Chief Cornerstone Pentecostal Church
- Cumberland House, SK: Christian Fellowship Centre
- Pierceland, SK: House of Faith
- Prince Albert, SK: Full Gospel Outreach Center
- Southend, SK: Southend House of Prayer
- Sturgeon Lake, SK: House of Prayer

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario District

- Berens River, MB: Berens River House of Prayer
- Berens River, MB: Revival & Restoration Church
- Dauphin River, MB: Pentecostal Church
- Easterville, MB: Easterville House of Prayer
- Fairford, MB: House of Prayer – Pastor A Wilfred Bruce
- Gods Lake Narrows, MB: Wasahahk Gospel Church
- Grand Rapids, MB: Grand Rapids House of Prayer
- Island Lake, MB: Garden Hill Pentecostal Church
- Jackhead, MB: Miracle Chapel of Jackhead
- Koostatak, MB: House of Prayer – Rev Lawrence Murdock
- Lac Seul, ON: Kejlck Bay Community Church
- Little Grand Rapids, MB: House of Prayer
- Moose Lake, MB: Moose Lake House of Prayer
- Norway House, MB: Central Pentecostal Church
- Norway House, MB: Rossville Pentecostal Church
- Oxford House, MB: Oxford House Pentecostal Church
- Peguis, MB: House of Prayer
- Poplar River, MB: Pentecostal House of Prayer
- Shamattawa, MB: Shamattawa Pentecostal Assembly
- Skownan, MB: Skownan Pentecostal Assembly
- Waasagomach, MB: Pentecostal Chapel
- Winnipeg, MB: Blessings Church
- Winnipeg, MB: Chief Cornerstone Pentecostal Church

June 30

PAOC Central & Maritimes Districts

Western Ontario District

- Attawapiskat, ON: Attawapiskat Pentecostal Church
- Burlington, ON: Pentecostal Assembly
- Cat Lake, ON: Pentecostal Faith Temple
- Deer Lake, ON: Pentecostal Harvest Church
- Fort Albany, ON: Fort Albany Pentecostal Church

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- Kashechewan, ON: Faith Temple
- Kingfisher Lake, ON: House of Prayer
- Mattagami, ON: Mattagami Full Gospel Centre
- North Spirit Lake, ON: Harvest Time Church
- Ohsweken, ON: Six Nations Pentecostal Church
- Sachigo Lake, ON: Emmanuel Pentecostal Church
- Sandy Lake, ON: Thomas Harper Memorial Pentecostal Church
- Timmins, ON: Crossroads Church Fellowship
- Toronto, ON: Aboriginal Believers' Church
- Weagamow Lake, ON: New Life Pentecostal Assembly
- Wunnimun Lake, ON: Lighthouse Pentecostal Assembly

Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District

- Deseronto, ON: Mohawk Pentecostal Church
- Iqaluit, NU: Iqaluit Pentecostal Church

Maritimes District

- There are no PAOC Aboriginal churches and only a handful of workers in Aboriginal ministry in the Maritimes District.