

Saturday, September 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those living in conflict situations as PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank provide emergency relief.

Sunday, September 22 We pray for the PCC's relationships with partner churches around the world, weave us together in your love, Lord.

Monday, September 23 As a new academic year begins, we pray for Dorica Nkhata, a PCC Leadership Development Program grant recipient, who is entering her third year at the Malawi College of Medicine in Blantyre, Malawi.

Tuesday, September 24 We pray for the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the General Assembly, as she serves God's people and church.

Wednesday, September 25 We pray for the congregation and ministry of First Church (Regina, Sask.) as they share their minister serving as moderator of General Assembly this year.

Thursday, September 26 We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches, celebrating 75 years of ecumenism in Canada this year.

Friday, September 27 We pray that the guidance of the Holy Spirit will open eyes, minds and hearts during the upcoming meetings of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Saturday, September 28 As we mark one year since the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami, we pray for those who overcame challenging circumstances and rebuilt their lives with PWS&D support.

Sunday, September 29 Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday. We give joyful thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together.

Monday, September 30 Let us join with our Jewish brothers and sisters in prayer as they observe Rosh Hashana. May they be blessed as they reflect on the year past while looking ahead with hope.

Prayers are submitted by the colleges, committees, agencies and mission societies of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

— Galatians 6:9

Sunday, September 1 Instances of violence stemming from racism or religious-based hatred have been on the rise in many places. We pray for an end to violence and for a spirit of love and peace to move among us.

Monday, September 2 In 1894, Labour Day became an official holiday in Canada. We thank God for the skills and gifts of all people and for fair and safe working conditions.

Tuesday, September 3 We pray for all students as they begin a new year of study. May all youth who are bullied and hurting feel the presence of a loving God.

Wednesday, September 4 We remember in prayer those who have been appointed to General Assembly standing committees as they begin to focus on their various activities for this coming year.

Thursday, September 5 We pray for Steve McInnis and Nora Martin (Knox PC, Woodstock, Ont.) as they begin prison ministry in Blantyre, Malawi, with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

Friday, September 6 We pray for children and youth ministry leaders, that they will find creative and compelling ways to communicate God's Word.

Saturday, September 7 We pray that the Rev. Stewart Folster is blessed in this time of transition as he retires from his role as the director of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and that the community be served as they find a new and creative leader.

Sunday, September 8 We give thanks for the Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) program in Malawi that provides vulnerable children with uniforms and school bags to support their education.

Monday, September 9 We pray for students attending our theological colleges who are beginning or resuming their studies; may they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Tuesday, September 10 On this day in 1939, Canada entered World War II. We pray for peace and end of war, and lift up the honour and courage of those enlisted to serve.

Wednesday, September 11 In 1974, the Tayal (a Taiwanese Indigenous people group) New Testament was published, a project involving Canadian Presbyterian missionaries. We thank God for the work of Bible translators.

Thursday, September 12 We remember Stephanie Chunoo (Leaside PC, Toronto, Ont.) in prayer as she says goodbye to friends and colleagues to return home after completing a one-year internship with the Kalunba refugee ministry in Budapest, Hungary.

Friday, September 13 We pray that LGBTQI youth returning to school be protected from bullying and harassment. We ask that you give them strength and courage and that the Gay-Straight Alliance is a safe place of understanding and friendship for all.

Saturday, September 14 We pray for Major Charles Deogratias, who serves as a regular force military chaplain, currently on an exchange with the US Navy in Virginia, and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces and the US Navy.

Sunday, September 15 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet for their annual meeting in New Brunswick. May all who attend feel uplifted and renewed by this time of fellowship.

Monday, September 16 World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine As members of the World Council of Churches meet, we pray for a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Tuesday, September 17 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, which meets this month to discuss continuing education and approve grants to assist professional church leaders.

Wednesday, September 18 This month marks 35 years since Pope John Paul II's 1984 visit to Canada. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders to be blessed by wisdom and courage by the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, September 19 We pray for the staff at our theological colleges as they support the many facets of the life of the colleges.

Friday, September 20 We pray for the Rev. Herb Hilder who serves the Presbytery of Kamloops as clerk and in many other roles.