

## BGC Canada invites our churches to a season of prayer to start the New Year: January 5 - 12, 2014

*I will bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my **house of prayer**. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my **house** will be called a **house of prayer** for all nations” Isaiah 56:6-8*

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### Sunday, January 5, 2014

**John 4:35** *Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

Pray for your community today. Pray for wisdom and courage as to how you can be the presence of Christ in their midst. How will you bring light? How will you be salt? Who can you connect with in some way that would glorify your Father in Heaven?

### Monday, January 6, 2014

**Matthew 28:19,20** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

We are all in the process of becoming Christ-like. Pray for your own progress. How are you faring? Pray for the progress of those that are close to you—your family, your church friends, your young people. We all need to grow.

### Tuesday, January 7, 2014

**Acts 1:8** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Who do you know that has left the comfort and predictability of life to serve in a cross-cultural, cross-ethnic ministry (missionary work)? This is a good day to pray for them by name. How about the new immigrant family across the street? Around the block? Maybe you are the one to be an agent of God's love to them?

### Wednesday, January 8, 2014

**Psalm 23:1-4**

Could this be the day that you pray for the ones leading your church? Pray for courage, wisdom and renewal for them. Pray that they might know God's hand upon them as they try to guide your church. Why not send them a note to let them know that you prayed for them today?

### Thursday, January 9, 2014

**Acts 13:1-3** *Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

God wants His work to go on. It goes on when we commission the best of our best to do new work in a new location. We call it church planting. Some call it mission work. The goal is to see people come to Jesus and formed into new families of believers. Does your district need more churches? Does your church need to birth a new church? The question is not "where" but "who" senses this is God's call upon their life?

### Friday, January 10, 2014

**2 Timothy 2:2** *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

So, who will lead the church of tomorrow? Who is leading the church of today? Can you pray for them today by name, inviting God's help for them?

Who is preparing the leadership of the church of tomorrow? Pray for our Canadian Baptist Seminary and other schools, who believe that we need to pour into the next generation. Pray for our 2020 Leadership Summit in February inviting young adults between the ages of 18-28 to consider the leadership challenge in their life.

### Saturday, January 11, 2014

**Hebrews 13:7** *Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

Please keep the ones guiding the BGCC in your prayers. Ed Stuckey, the interim national leader, Bernard Mukwavi (BC), Roger Helland/Bob Shepansky (AB), Lorne Meisner (SK/MB/NW Ont.), and Scott Campbell (Toronto/Montreal/NS). Pray for the board of the national movement and the district boards guiding each province.

### Sunday, January 12, 2014

The BGCC is "building a network of churches that make disciples who live and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to their communities, Canada and the Nations."

Today, think of other sister congregations that are working together with you in the same direction. Pray for them by name. Think of other pastors who are part of the network of churches. Pray for blessing and fruitfulness upon them.