

To the Members of the Diocese of Yukon:

Each of our parishes have been sent the prayer challenge called CANADA PRAYS. This program asks us each day from Thanksgiving to Advent to pray. We are asked each week to pray using a special emphasis on those prayers. Then we are asked to share these prayers of Social Media. The 7 emphasis of prayer are Thanksgiving, Petition, Penitence, Oblation, Intercession, Praise and Adoration. As I believe that prayer can and does move the hands of God, this is my commitment in this regard. Using The Diocese of Yukon Facebook Page as well as my own account and the Diocese of Yukon website I will each day follow this pattern of Prayer and will list as short prayer regarding our Diocese, each day for the 7 weeks. They will be short, only 2-3 sentences long. You are welcome to share them as you wish.

My challenge to you is that you do the same praying for your Church and family. It would be good if you would share your prayer on the Diocesan Facebook page so we may all pray together. There is true power in prayer. I will then try to get these prayers up on our Webpage. The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, one of the Sponsors, has given us the guidelines below as a help along with the appropriate hashtags. They also suggest the first few words of the prayer is you care to use them.

CANADA PRAYS

October 9th:	Prayers of Thanksgiving	<i>God of grace, I give thanks</i>
October 16th:	Prayers of Petition	<i>God of the ages, I ask your help</i>
October 23th:	Prayers of Penitence	<i>God of forgiveness, I am sorry</i>
October 30th:	Prayers of Oblation	<i>God of vision, I offer to you</i>
November 6th:	Prayers of Intercession	<i>God of compassion, I pray for</i>
November 13th:	Prayers of Praise	<i>God of glory, I praise you</i>
November 20th:	Prayers of Adoration	<i>God of love, I adore you</i>

This sounds exciting. This may mean that you will have to like the Diocesan page and be able to follow it. We still have 2 weeks before this starts so it gives us time to learn what we need to know to participate.

Again I will focus my prayers on the Diocese and events around it. It would be good to have prayers for each of the parishes and families. It would be good to have one or two who use social media to commit to this as part of their ministry and commitment in the parish.

If you have any questions, please connect me by email or Facebook as I am on holidays and will not be returning home until October 20.

The saying goes "The Family That Prays together, Stays Together".

Blessings

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