Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar

June – September 2020

presbyterian.ca/worship
God is in love with the world. And Christ came into the world calling us to come, follow, to love our neighbour, to seek reconciliation, to continue his ministry and to participate in God’s mission in and for the world.

Through action and prayer, the church lives in continual hope for creation and for the suffering who seek justice, the anxious yearning for comfort, the vulnerable in need of protection, the pained who long for healing, the wronged striving for reconciliation, leaders discerning the Spirit’s guidance and the joyful who celebrate new life.

Hope is the conviction that God is still at work in the world. Mission and prayer are ways of enacting that hope and participating in the work God is doing.

The new format of the Prayer Partnership resource, which integrates Mission Moments—stories highlighting mission projects The Presbyterian Church in Canada helps to facilitate through Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development—is one way the church can participate hopefully in God’s mission.

The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald
General Secretary, The Life and Mission Agency
imcdonald@presbyterian.ca
**A Long Journey for a Rohingya Family**

Polio left 20-year-old Kafietula and his 10-year-old sister Shohita unable to walk. One day, arson and killings in their neighbourhood forced these Rohingya children to flee their home. For a week, Kafietula’s family members carried him and his sister until they reached safety in Bangladesh. There are many families like Kafietula’s who, after brutal journeys, are far away from home and without food or proper shelter. Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is providing food vouchers so that families can shop at local markets. With diversified foods to help them stay healthy, many Rohingya people can begin to dream again. “Shohita is able to go to school and is learning English. She has a dream of being a teacher and wants to help others.”

*PWS&D helps people who have fled their homes*

**JUNE 2020**

**Monday, June 1** Let us pray for an abundance of grace and kindness at this difficult time for communities and people.

**Tuesday, June 2** We thank God for worship and music leaders who give their time and gifts to support the worship of God.

**Wednesday, June 3** We pray for graduating students of our theological colleges, asking for guidance as they seek to serve in the ministries to which God has called them.

**Thursday, June 4** We thank God for the faithfulness of congregations as they continue to support Presbyterians Sharing with their financial gifts and their prayers.

**Friday, June 5** We pray for Ecumenical Shared Ministries in which a variety of denominations share buildings, worship and serve together in Christian unity.

**Saturday, June 6** We pray for the Rev. Jonathan Baird and the ministry at Living Waters. May this new ministry touch the lives of many in the Peterborough, Ont., region.

**Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar • June – September 2020 • presbyterian.ca/worship**

---

**Enelesi’s Field**

When Enelesi Daniel’s house collapsed because of Cyclone Idai, she and her four children were forced to seek shelter outside a school for three months. They lost their entire harvest for the year, along with ducks and chickens. At the camp, Enelesi heard about a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project and decided to register. Through the project, Enelesi’s family received maize, beans and oil. With the food assistance, the family could eat twice a day, enabling the children to go to school and Enelesi to work her fields. “The project has made a difference because I could actually farm in my own field. I am so grateful because I could do my own farming,” shared Enelesi.

*PWS&D responds to natural disasters*

**Sunday, June 7**

**MISSION MOMENT**

---

**Monday, June 8** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand, and their three children. May their transition to life back in Canada after serving three years in Malawi go well and be filled with many blessings.

**Tuesday, June 9** We pray for and give thanks to God for those who would have been commissioners to the 2020 General Assembly, which has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Wednesday, June 10** We pray for seminary students in their rural and remote summer placements. May this be a time of joy and learning.

**Thursday, June 11** During National Indigenous History Month, we give thanks for Indigenous leaders of all ages and nations who are contributing to their communities, and to Canada, and pray for their well-being.

**Friday, June 12** We pray for stewardship committees working on plans for fall stewardship campaigns.

**Saturday, June 13** We pray for Captain Steven Filyk, who serves as a reserve force military chaplain in Kamloops, B.C., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

---

**Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar • June – September 2020 • presbyterian.ca/worship**
World Refugee Day (June 20)

No one chooses to be a refugee. Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) envisions a world where no human has to fear for their life or liberty. Refugee sponsorship has enabled refugees from all over the world to find peace, encouragement and stability in a new home. This World Refugee Day, we are thankful for the congregations and groups across Canada who, with support from PWS&D, make refugee sponsorship possible. Together, in 2019, we were able to welcome 77 people. Hand-in-hand we will continue to welcome those in need who are trying to find security and safety.

PWS&D welcomes the stranger

A Light in the Community

Kenora Fellowship Centre is one of nine Indigenous ministries supported by generous gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing. Known in the community as “Anamiewigummig,” meaning House of Prayer in the Ojibway language, the drop-in centre offers basic essential services such as food, shelter, showers, clothing, laundry and transportation, in addition to offering skills training courses and health and wellness programs. Even more, the centre offers a place of hope, encouragement and safety for those who come through its doors, many of whom are displaced, living in poverty or struggling with addiction and mental health issues. Please pray that this ministry would continue to be a light in the community and a safe space where people can find the healing love of Christ.

Presbyterians Sharing reaches out with the love of Christ

Monday, June 15 God of new beginnings, we give thanks for the renewal experienced in congregations.

Tuesday, June 16 We pray for the Rev. Gavin Robertson who serves as the convener of the Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of Kootenay.

Wednesday, June 17 We pray that the Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, will be restored to full health as he recovers from a medical condition.

Thursday, June 18 We celebrate in prayer for the 525 latrines that have been constructed in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai by Presbyterian World Service & Development’s partner in Malawi.

Friday, June 19 We pray for Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, and the staff of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees as they work tirelessly to provide services to Palestinian refugees.

Saturday, June 20 (World Refugee Day) We give thanks for congregations and groups engaging in refugee sponsorship to help provide sanctuary for those fleeing conflict and violence.

Monday, June 22 We pray for families of those suffering from dementia, that they might find the strength to support their loved one.

Tuesday, June 23 We pray for Pauline Brown, former mission staff to India from 1951 to 2007. May she continue to enjoy good health and the company of good friends.

Wednesday, June 24 God of joy and laughter, give us hearts full of delight at the beauty and surprise of this wonderful world that you have made.

Thursday, June 25 We pray for ministers who are seeking to discern God’s call. May they have a clear sense of God’s leading and a willingness to be open to where God will lead.

Friday, June 26 We pray for Presbyterian church camps that had to close for the summer season due to concerns around the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Saturday, June 27 We pray for the safety and well-being of agricultural workers and all who process, transport, distribute and sell our food.
Keeping Connected in Nepal

When Dr. Nicholaus and Becky Bauman left Canada in 2017 for two years in Nepal, they were reviving direct connections with people after 20 years. The partnership between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the United Mission to Nepal began in 1974, and the last mission internship was in 2000. God’s mission in the world includes people who share their professional skills while learning about life and faith from co-workers and neighbours. The motto of Tansen Mission Hospital is “We Serve, God Heals.” Nepal is very poor, and Becky soon became involved in Tansen’s New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre, which cares for abandoned people with mental health issues. In January 2020, Becky and two of her children returned to Tansen to celebrate the Prayer Dedication of the new Centre, which receives support from Presbyterians Sharing. Although Becky lives in Canada, her deep commitment and partnership will continue. Praise God!

Presbyterians Sharing supports international partnerships

Monday, June 29
Merciful God, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that today we may be witnesses to your great love for the whole world in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, June 30
In Christ we are all one family. We give thanks for the work of KAIROS that brings together many denominations to work together ecumenically for justice and peace.

JULY 2020

Wednesday, July 1 (Canada Day)
We pray that Canada will be a just and fair country, and we pray for politicians and public servants who form our laws and for judges, lawyers, law officers and others who help keep them.

Thursday, July 2
We thank God for the diversity of age, gender, culture, experience and theological perspective that enriches the church. May our unity in Christ grow as we acknowledge our differences.

Friday, July 3
We pray and give thanks to God for Jo Morris, organizer of Canada Youth 2021.

Saturday, July 4
We celebrate in prayer as Presbyterian World Service & Development provides families in Malawi with the tools they need to start rebuilding their lives after Cyclone Idai.

Sharing in Mission and Ministry Together

Presbyterians across Canada share in the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. These gifts equip congregations, ministries and presbyteries; create and support new faith communities; embrace local, national and international mission; engage in healing and reconciliation, live out God’s call to justice; support biblical and theological reflection and dialogue; encourage and empower children and youth—and so much more! All of this is made possible by generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. When we work together, we can accomplish far more than we ever could individually. Together, we are making a difference.

Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action, in Canada and around the world

Monday, July 6
We give thanks for Annemarie Klassen and Anne Saunders who faithfully served on the Cutting Edge of Mission (E.H. Johnson) Committee for the past six years.

Tuesday, July 7
We pray for the Rev. James Pott who serves as the convener of the Committee on Ministry and Pastoral Care for the Presbytery of Ottawa.

Wednesday, July 8
We give thanks for those who have supported our theological colleges with the financial resources needed to educate and equip ministers and leaders for the church.

Thursday, July 9
We pray for families in Haiti who are learning how to combat malnutrition with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Friday, July 10
We give thanks for new ministries and congregations starting across the denomination.

Saturday, July 11
We pray for interchurch families in which couples are married across denominational divides and participate together in two Christian communities.
Meeting Milestones

In Haiti, more than half of the total population is chronically undernourished, the majority of whom are children. Drastic, unpredictable weather changes caused by climate change have left many families food insecure. Many are not able to produce enough nutritious food for their families to consume. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works with local partners to bring nutrition to those who are suffering from malnourishment. Life-saving mobile clinics have been established to detect and treat malnutrition. Since the project began, 3,400 children have been treated, giving them the chance to regain their strength, meet developmental milestones and lead a healthy life.

PWS&D supports healthy futures
Making Space for a New Generation of Believers

The Well Church in Mississauga, Ont., started with a group of only 13 people. They were drawn together by their deep love of Jesus and a desire to share that love with others. Inspired by a vision to become a welcoming space for second-generation immigrants, they developed a style of evangelism and worship that spoke to those they desired to reach. Since the congregation started worshipping together three years ago, their community has grown and has become a home for many young people who had strayed from the church. Please pray for the Well Church and the many other churches in The Presbyterian Church in Canada that are making space for a new generation of believers.

Keeping Communities Hygienic

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) helps ensure that countries affected by natural disasters have access to proper sanitation. In South Sudan, continuous rainfall that caused massive floods washed away homes and food supplies of hundreds of thousands of people. Waterways and latrines were also destroyed. Without proper sanitation, the chance of contracting deadly diseases like cholera and typhoid are much higher. With PWS&D’s support, 9,000 men and women are accessing clean water and adequate sanitation. Hygiene kits are distributed to families, along with training on improved hygiene practices. Ensuring cleanliness and sanitation is vital to keep communities as healthy as possible while allowing them to continue to thrive.

DAILY PRAYERS

Monday, July 27  We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Tuesday, July 28  We pray that our hearts may be open and generous so that we might make stewardship a way of life.

Wednesday, July 29  We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Thursday, July 30  (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons)  We pray for all victims and survivors of human trafficking. We give thanks for those who work diligently to end all forms of human trafficking.

Friday, July 31  We pray for the strength and commitment to protect the earth in all its beauty and wonder.

AUGUST 2020

Saturday, August 1  We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Sunday, August 2  We give thanks for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a guiding light on the path to justice and reconciliation.

Saturday, August 8  We pray for Indigenous women in Guatemala as Presbyterian World Service & Development works alongside them to improve empowerment and self-esteem.
**Building Healthy Communities**

(International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples)

In Guatemala, 30-year-old Marta Crisóstomo didn’t know what having a clean kitchen and a balanced diet had to do with her son’s development and her family’s health. But an unclean kitchen meant that Marta’s family could be exposed to diseases such as diarrhea and intestinal infections. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)-supported workshops are empowering Indigenous communities like Marta’s to improve their diets and health by sharing knowledge about cleanliness and how to prepare the nutritious food they are growing. The project has given Marta and the women in her community a sense of improved self-esteem. They now use the skills they have learned in their everyday lives—boosting their confidence and improving their families’ overall health.

*PWS&D empowers Indigenous communities*

---

**40 Years of Partnership in Mauritius**

In September of 2019, the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius (PCM) celebrated a milestone: the 40th anniversary of their autonomy from the Church of Scotland. The Presbyterian Church in Canada’s partnership with PCM began in 1981 with the appointment of the Rev. Brian Crosby and continued through the years with 11 Canadian Presbyterians serving as ministers and music consultants. Today, our partnership continues through annual grants sent to Formation Biblique et Théologique à Maurice (FBTM), a theological training program for over 1,700 Christians. FBTM’s director, the Rev. Maurice Davantin, gratefully acknowledges that, “Due to the generosity of the PCC, FBTM has been able to continue its ministry in spreading the study of God’s Words among Christians in Mauritius.”

*Presbyterians Sharing works with mission partners around the world*

---

**Monday, August 10** We pray for evangelism coaches, the Revs. Andrew Campbell, Jonathan Hong and Ross Lockhart. May they be blessed with wisdom as they guide congregations to share the good news.

**Tuesday, August 11** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent.

**Wednesday, August 12** We give thanks for all of the people who generously give their time to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

**Thursday, August 13** We pray for Lieutenant-Navy Mike Rundle, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Kingston, Ont., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Friday, August 14** We pray for Dorica Nkhata, leadership development grant recipient, as she prepares to return to Malawi College of Medicine to continue her studies after the summer break.

**Saturday, August 15** We give thanks for Project Ploughshares and their advocacy for policies that promote peace and disarmament.

---

**Monday, August 17** We pray for members of the advisory committees that support the work done in the offices of the denomination.

**Tuesday, August 18** We pray for the Rev. Rick Warne who serves as the convener of the Students and Colleges Committee for the Presbytery of Hamilton.

**Wednesday, August 19** (World Humanitarian Day) We celebrate in prayer as families in Somalia receive necessary nutrition support through a Presbyterian World Service & Development project.

**Thursday, August 20** We pray for Cindy Stephenson, convener of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

**Friday, August 21** We pray for all who are sick, that they may find healing; for all who are without homes, that they may find shelter; and for all, God’s love and peace.

**Saturday, August 22** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Central Alberta.

---

Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar  •  June – September 2020  •  presbyterian.ca/worship
In only three years, the Presbyterian Connection newspaper has become a much-loved resource for the national denomination. The newspaper is distributed four times a year to churches and individuals across Canada. The mission of Presbyterian Connection is to equip leaders, connect congregations and missions, facilitate communication, and highlight denominational work. Sharing our successes and celebrating our ministries through stories, reflections, interviews and articles not only keeps congregations and Presbyterians continually informed and connected, but also strengthens our denominational ties across the country. Support from Presbyterians Sharing helps to ensure this important ministry continues.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the good news

World Humanitarian Day (August 19)

Ravaged by almost three decades of conflict as well as recurrent droughts, Somalia’s population suffers from chronic food insecurity. Lacking access to basic necessities, many are vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing vital humanitarian assistance to those in need. Pregnant and lactating women, as well as children under five, are being screened for malnutrition and receiving supplementary feeding. Additionally, the project is empowering vulnerable women with lessons about how to prevent further malnutrition, eat a balanced diet and maintain nutrition, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to live a life full of nourishment.

PWS&D supports food security and nutrition

Monday, August 24
We pray that we catch a glimpse today of God’s reconciling love so that we may not lose heart but get caught up in your mission for Christ’s sake.

Tuesday, August 25
We thank God for Canada’s fresh lakes and running rivers.

Wednesday, August 26
We pray for the PCC Archives staff as they endeavor to organize, preserve and make available the rich historical collection held in the archives, all of which serves to provide vital information to those within the denomination and also the general public.

Thursday, August 27
We thank God for ecumenical ministerials and councils. May the diverse gifts of the Body of Christ enrich and strengthen our ministry and mission.

Friday, August 28
We pray for congregations embarking on the New Beginnings congregational renewal process.

Saturday, August 29
We pray for The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Que., as it goes through a time of transition in leadership. May those involved be guided by the Spirit of God.

Sunday, August 30
Sharing the Good News with Each Other

In only three years, the Presbyterian Connection newspaper has become a much-loved resource for the national denomination. The newspaper is distributed four times a year to churches and individuals across Canada. The mission of Presbyterian Connection is to equip leaders, connect congregations and missions, facilitate communication, and highlight denominational work. Sharing our successes and celebrating our ministries through stories, reflections, interviews and articles not only keeps congregations and Presbyterians continually informed and connected, but also strengthens our denominational ties across the country. Support from Presbyterians Sharing helps to ensure this important ministry continues.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the good news
New Beginnings and Evangelism Coaches

The Apostle Paul, in his pursuit of sharing the gospel message, says that in doing so he is “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead” (Philippians 3:13). Looking ahead is not always an easy thing to do, especially in the rapidly changing environment that we live in today. For congregations, it can be a struggle to know how to continue to reach out to their communities and share the gospel in meaningful ways. The PCC has developed a network of coaches to help congregations and ministries to discover where God is calling them. Through programs like New Beginnings and the Evangelism Network, congregations can be connected with a coach to guide them into an exciting new era of ministry. Please contact Canadian Ministries at canadianministries@presbyterian.ca to learn more about the New Beginnings program and the Evangelism Network.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the gospel message

World Literacy Day (September 8)

In Afghanistan, cultural norms dictate that men often play a more central role in public life, while women and girls have more significant roles in the home. Because of this, many girls do not have equal access to education. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with the support of local partners, has been working to provide girls with access to high quality education. Through summer camps, girls are informed about human rights, gender, sex, and leadership and democracy. Sadaf and Nargi participated in this summer camp, where they were inspired and excited about the great things they could achieve in the future. For the two girls, access to fair and equal education is vital for their goals and dreams; it is also essential to allow their communities to flourish.

PWS&D supports equal education

Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar

Monday, September 7 We pray for members of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as they meet this month to further our relationships with others.

Tuesday, September 8 (World Literacy Day) We give thanks for a Presbyterian World Service & Development program that is ensuring girls in Afghanistan have access to quality education.

Wednesday, September 9 We pray for all of the students attending our theological colleges who are beginning or resuming their studies in September. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Thursday, September 10 We pray for an end to forced child labour and that the efforts of those who promote Fair Trade products across many industries can be supported and strengthened.

Friday, September 11 We pray for the Rev. Fr. Martin Kalimbe, Executive Director of Theological Education by Extension in Malawi (TEEM), as he provides leadership.

Saturday, September 12 We pray for the network of coaches serving in congregational renewal and church planting support programs.

Sunday, September 13 We pray for a just peace in Palestine and Israel so that all children may grow up in a safe place with equal opportunities to thrive.

Daily Prayer & Mission Moment Calendar • June – September 2020 • presbyterian.ca/worship
International Day of Prayer for Peace
(Spember 21)

Today, there are millions of people around the world living in conflict-affected countries. Many have been displaced from their homes and have limited access to basic needs. Children are unable to go to school. Families do not have enough food to eat. There is no telling when home might be safe again. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) continuously provides emergency relief in conflict-affected areas. By reaching out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and water and sanitation, as well as long-term needs, such as livelihood recovery, education and psychosocial support, we help to restore strength and hope for the future for the world’s most vulnerable.

PWS&D responds to conflict

Daily Prayers

Monday, September 21 (International Day of Peace) We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations around the world and that the call to be peacemakers and to speak out against forces of violence.

Tuesday, September 22 We pray for justice and safety of all the minority groups in India who are persecuted for their faith.

Wednesday, September 23 We pray for Cyclical PCC participants who are gathering to prepare to learn about and work towards starting new worshipping communities.

Thursday, September 24 We pray for peace for those affected by ongoing conflict around the world as Presbyterian World Service & Development provides emergency assistance.

Friday, September 25 We pray for campus ministries' chaplains and volunteers and the congregations that support these ministries that show God’s love and care to young adults facing many stresses and challenges.

Saturday, September 26 We give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

Presbyterians Sharing: Together we are making a difference!
(Presbyterians Sharing Sunday)

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today, on Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we celebrate the generosity of congregations across Canada who support our church’s mission and ministry. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the gospel, in Canada and around the world.

Presbyterians Sharing proclaims the good news of the Gospel

Daily prayers are submitted by the colleges, committees, agencies and mission societies of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
One Mission, Two Funds
Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC’s development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government grants—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development are making a difference!