

May, 2011 - Diocese of Saskatoon Calendar of Prayer

WEEK OF MAY 1

2nd of Easter

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

New Guinea Islands, The - (Papua New Guinea), Bishop Allan Migi, the clergy and people of Papua New Guinea.

The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - Bishop Barbara Andrews and the clergy people of the Central Interior of British Columbia.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
St. James' Parish Church, Saskatoon and Dianne Mesh;
Honorary Assistants to St. James', Glen Ash and Karen Sandell
St. John's Cathedral Parish, Saskatoon and Terry Wiebe, Tom Morgan and Lillian, his wife, Shawn Sanford Beck, and Janis, his wife;
Honorary Assistant to St. John's, Howard Green, and Jean his wife, Reg Wickett and Marlene, his wife.

Almighty God, we praise you for the good news of Jesus Christ your Son as told by the evangelists Saint Mark and St. John, and the apostles Philip and James.

Teach us through their lives and writings the secret of victorious living, and deepen our faith in your redeeming love and power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEK OF MAY 8

3rd of Easter

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Diocese of Newcastle (AUS) - (New South Wales, Australia) Bishop Brian Farran and Suffragan Bishop Peter Stuart, the clergy and people.

The Diocese of Niagara - Bishop Michael Bird, the clergy and people.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
Vocational Deacon, Walter Majola and Olga, his wife, Lay Readers of all our parishes, interim Hospital Chaplain, Jessica Latshaw; *Members of clergy who are on leave:* Karen Heath, Charles Irish, with Anna, his wife, David Kellett, Michael Lawson and Sheila Martin.

The work for World Development in its mission for justice, peace, and development in the world.

Grant to your afflicted children, Lord God, patience and courage under their sufferings, with hope and peace in their hearts; and grant to us who have enough of this world's goods to share

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and use our skills, that we may see all children, women and men enter fully into the inheritance which is theirs; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEK OF MAY 15

4th of Easter

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

North Dakota - (Province VI, USA) Bishop Michael Gene Smith and South Dakota - (Province VI, USA) Bishop Creighton L Robertson, the clergy and people.

The Diocese of Ottawa, Bishop George Bruce, the clergy and the people.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

Michael Stonhouse and the people of the Parish of Lloydminster;

Peter Coolen, Associate Editor of the Sask Anglican;

For our archdeacons and all volunteers throughout our diocese who generously give of their time and gifts.

Almighty God, you have called us into fellowship as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place, and you have blessed us and enriched our lives through your Holy Word and Sacraments. You strengthen us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of mutual love and service in the world. For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation, we give our heartfelt thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord. For those who lead and those who follow; for officers and council, vestries and committees, ushers and greeters, for assisting ministers and readers, for acolytes and servers, for musicians and choirs, for teachers and preachers, for those who visit and for those who call, for cleaners and dusters, for maintainers and fixers, for those who cook and those who eat, for administrators and helpers, for counters and record keepers, for bulletin folders and envelope stuffers, for those who give and those who pray, for those who plan and those who guide; for those with wisdom and those with inspiration, for youth workers and youth, for parents and grandparents, and for all your sisters and brothers in Christ. Amen.

WEEK OF MAY 22

5th of Easter

In the Anglican Communion, we give thanks for:

Northern Argentina - (South America), the clergy and the people.

The bishops, clergy and people of the Council of the North.

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In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
Biggar Parish, the people and interim priest, Ron Baerg, with Cathy, his wife.

We pray for the challenges of travel, language, isolation, and training for the people and clergy of the north. God be with each of them as they share the Good News of Jesus Christ in their communities.

Collect for the Council of the North

Almighty God, giver of every perfect gift; we remember before you, our brothers and sisters who live in the part of our Church served by the Council of the North. Where your Church is poor, enrich and empower it; where there is need for clergy, call them forth; where it is spread thin by geography, bind it with cords of love; where there is conflict, bring reconciliation. Give to us, with all our brothers and sisters, that due sense of fellowship in your Kingdom, that you may be glorified in all your saints, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

WEEK OF MAY 29

6th of Easter

In the Anglican Communion, we give thanks for:

Norwich - Lynn and Thetford (Canterbury, England) Bishop Graham James and Bishop David Atkinson, the clergy and the people.

Our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and General Synod Staff.

we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
Battle River Parish and those of the church St. George's, Battleford and St. Paul's, North Battleford, Peter Norman, with Debbie, his wife.

For all in the agriculture industry. For all those who grow what we need from seeds whether in gardens, farms or commercial growers. May their hard work be blessed.

Rogation tide - *the fruits of the earth*

Heavenly Father, as you have taught us to pray for our daily bread and to recognize our dependence on your bounty, so we ask your blessing on the sowing of the seed and the labours of those who work on the land; that the earth may yield its full harvest and the needs of all be supplied; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.