

# November, 2011 – Diocese of Saskatoon Calendar of Prayer

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**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6TH**

**21<sup>st</sup> after Pentecost**

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

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Ughelli, Nigeria and Quebec

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

the Rev. Debbie Ramage as she begins her ministry among people of River Valley Parish.

Almighty Father,

We thank you for our faithful priests and bishop, whose spiritual guidance and example of self-sacrifice and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. Assist all our priests and our bishop, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13**

**22<sup>ND</sup> after Pentecost**

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

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Vermont and Labrador.

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

The Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist as it seeks a new rector and dean;

Almighty Father, lover of mankind

and giver of all that is good:

hear our prayers for your servant

whom you are calling to the charge of St. John's Cathedral.

Strengthen him or her, by your Holy Spirit

that as a faithful priest and true servant of your Son

he or she may preach your word,

minister your sacraments,

and shepherd your flock,

to the glory of your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20**

**23<sup>RD</sup> after Pentecost**

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

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Virginia, New Zealand, Washington and Brandon

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;  
the Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and our Locally Raised Clergy in training: Sharon Buchinski, Peter Coolen, Etta Marie Green, Alvena Oryszczyn and Jim Siddons.

Lord of the harvest, we pray for those training to become  
pastors and teachers in your Church.  
Give them a deepening assurance of your call,  
an increasing experience of your life-giving Spirit,  
a strong conviction of revealed truth  
and a holy boldness to make it known. Amen.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27**

**24<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost**

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

The bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Malaysia, West Texas, West Missouri and Caledonia.

**In our Diocese, we pray for:**

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;  
for the Examining Chaplains as they interview candidates for postulancy;  
for churches across the diocese who are facing financial challenges.

Heavenly Father, we pray that all who serve you in the ministry of your Church may fulfil their calling in dependence on your grace and in harmony with your will; that by the power of the Holy Spirit they may accomplish all that you would have them do. Amen.

November 30<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Andrew the Apostle**

Today we honour the memory of an apostle named Andrew. The Gospels say that he was a fisherman and the brother of Peter, and his name always appears near the top in the lists of the twelve apostles. The Fourth Gospel pairs him with Philip in answering the Lord's questions at the feeding of the five thousand and later in acting as an intermediary for some pagans who wished to meet Jesus. But that is all: Andrew's story is no sooner begun, then it is swallowed up in the greater story of Jesus.

The people of the Church later invented legends about Andrew, to give their memory more than just a name to honour and more than just a single episode to recount. These legends gave Andrew exotic adventures travelling and preaching in many different places until he was martyred, crucified on a cross in the form of an "X". Some of these legends may indeed be true, but biographical truth is not their purpose of function. So we come back to the gospels and their brief account of Andrew's calling.

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Andrew was a Galilean fisherman minding his own business, mending his own nets, when along came Jesus. The Lord called him, and Andrew got up and walked – he walked into the story of Jesus. From that moment on, his life was no longer his own; Andrew had no other story but the story of Jesus, the story that is told about Jesus, the story that Jesus himself tells.

And that is how we honour the memory of the apostle named Andrew: by remembering his name as we tell the story of Jesus, the One who called both Andrew and us into the story of salvation.

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### Readings

#### Readings – November, 2011

#### Book of Alternative Services

##### November 6<sup>th</sup>

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

##### November 13<sup>th</sup>

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

##### November 20<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

##### November 27<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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**The Diocesan Office did not receive Earthcare Connections Intentions for November at time of circulation of the prayer calendar.**