

May 2017

*46“And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.’”
- Luke 1:46-48 (NIV)*

Theme Prayers:

- ☐ Pray for every mother who is with child; for strength of faith in God's care and love for her and her unborn baby. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.
- ☐ Pray for mothers to have courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble.
- ☐ Pray for all the women who would love to become mothers, but haven't been able to yet. May they trust in God's love, and His timing!
- ☐ Praise God for the great privilege and responsibility mothers have of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide.

Around our BIC Canada churches:

- ☐ May 4-6 - Pray for the FLOW Intern Development Retreat.
- ☐ May 5-6 - BIC Canada events: Pray for Sheryl, Alex and other staff as they prepare and organize. Pray for the Theological Study Day and for all who will attend the AGM on Saturday.
- ☐ Pray for Bishop Shemlal from the BIC church in Nepal and his wife Hanna who will attend our AGM (May 6), share at the Pier (April 30) and Riverside Community Church (May 7).
- ☐ May 19-22 - Pray for the Pitch & Praise youth event.
- ☐ May 19-23 - Pray for the IBICA General Council Meeting.
- ☐ May 26-27 - Pray for a successful MCCO Relief Sale in New Hamburg, a remarkable community event and a beautiful expression of compassion.
- ☐ May 29 - Pray for the FLOW Development Day.
- ☐ Pray for the ongoing pastoral search at Trinitylife Church in Sherston.
- ☐ Pray for a BIC Pastor who is travelling to Sri Lanka May 7-June 4 for a very ambitious and intense mission trip.

Around the World:

BIC Canada Missionaries - Zambia:

- ☐ Joel & Julianne Percy (Micah, Caleb, Nathaniel)
- ☐ Jamie & Arja Sanfilippo (Kanah, Talya and Ranen)

BIC Canada Missionaries - Zambia [CONTINUED]:

- ☐ Amanda Schwartzentruber: Pray she will work willingly at whatever she does, as though she is working for the Lord rather than for people.

BIC Canada-Global Associates:

- ☐ Bruce & Merly Bundy (Spain): Pray for Janet and Naomi, a mom who has MS & her 10 year old daughter, who are currently living with the Bundys. They have no sustainable income and need a home where they are safe. Pray that God's love would be unleashed on them both and on the father who has caused a lot of pain as well.
- ☐ Mike & Lori Cassel (Guatemala): Pray for the new believers they have made contact with and for the ongoing outreach they are doing.
- ☐ Kris G (Thailand)
- ☐ D & M G (ME)
- ☐ Earl & Lois Hess (Malawi): Pray as they continue to endeavour to accurately sense God's direction on a day-to-day basis. Ask God to give wisdom to know when and how to address both normal and sensitive issues.
- ☐ Chris & Kara K (Spain): They are still awaiting a response regarding Kara's proposal for a choral program in the secondary school. Pray for them as they make decisions about how she will spend her time next year when both children are in school.
- ☐ T & S M (ME)
- ☐ Doug & Barb Miller (Malawi)
- Melissa S (Spain): Pray for boldness and wisdom as she has crucial conversations about her upcoming term in Spain, and for even greater joy and she would sense the Holy Spirit at work as she continues to seek God during this season of waiting.
- ☐ Jay & Judy Smith (England)
- ☐ John & Esther Spurrier (Zambia)

BIC Canada Partners:

- ☐ Zimbabwe BIC Church: District Councils are held during the month of May in preparation for their General Conference. Churches are also holding their annual general meetings. Pray there will be a spirit of unity among the churches during these times together and for wisdom for those who are newly elected to positions of responsibility.

Praises:

- ☐ Praise God for substantial attendance growth under a first-time pastor, and pray that the enthusiasm will continue and grow! (Malawi)
- ☐ Praise God for a successful first year of growing attendance and spiritual growth among participants in the Brantford Dismas Prison Fellowship.