



## March-April 2019 Prayer Points

### John 15 4-9

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

In one weekend I heard two pastors speak from this passage of scripture. They both, in separate sermons and locations, without knowing, emphasized the idea of remaining in Christ. As we do this, we will be fruitful and effective in prayer. God wants to do great things in and through our lives, but the secret is for Christians to stay connected to him at all times.

1. Set aside time daily (minimum 10 minutes) to praise and worship God alone in your prayer closet. Praise relates to God's greatness (mention in gratitude, everything that reminds you of how great God is) while worship relates to God's holiness (think about how the Holy God allows you in his presence through Christ's sacrifice on the cross).
2. For the months of March and April, list things you are thankful for and spend some time just thanking God for each of those things daily, minimum 10 minutes. This relates to God's goodness in your life and that of your family, friends and many others.
3. We praise God for successful BCBC events that were held. Pastors' retreat, Improving Your Serve and Breakthrough Dessert and Worship Night.
4. Set aside time to pray for your family, friends and other people you know daily, minimum 20 minutes.
5. Set aside time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom, praying for those close to you who are not yet Christians, the community, the city, the province, the nation and the whole world. Minimum 20 minutes.
6. Pray for BCBC as we need God to provide \$105,000 for church planting in B.C. and abroad. That people will go to <https://bcbc.ca/make-a-donation/> to set up monthly donations to support this.
7. We have an opportunity to plant 4 churches in 2019/2020. Pray that God will make this possible and equip the church planters who have come forward to plant churches. They need to build core teams to launch the church plants as well as have mother churches to partner with them.
8. Pray for the upcoming Good Friday Service that will be held on April 19, 2019 at Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey that many will attend and that the word of God will be proclaimed in power for people's salvation and encouragement. Pray for all who will participate in making this happen.
9. Pray for BCBC annual Celebration and Leadership Conference that will be held in Port Alberni May 24-25, 2019 that many will find their way there and that everything will go well for the building of the body of Christ.

Pray regularly for all these items and watch what God will do in and through your life as well as in BCBC churches.

Thank you for your partnership in God's Kingdom.