

Paul exhorted the church at Thessalonica as follows:

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.<sup>1</sup>

We rejoice because we know who is in control of the universe, we pray continually because of our dependence on God, we give thanks in all circumstances because God is in charge of our lives. We invite you to pray as we together come before God With thanksgiving, praise, worship, and petition.

#### **Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship**

1. We come to God with thanksgiving being grateful for who he is and for what he has done.
2. Reflect on God's goodness in your life and take time to give thanks to God.
3. Reflect on God's goodness for our nation and be thankful.
4. November 7 we will hold a BCBC celebration to show our gratitude to God for what he has been doing in our churches. Please pray that this event will go well. Remember your local church and BGC in your thanksgiving.

#### **Pray for the Canadian Government Leadership and for Canada**

1. Pray for Canada as the government deals with many cultural issues that are represented by varying views. May God's peace, unity and love prevail in the nation.
2. Pray for the B.C. provincial leadership, that they will lead with wisdom and the fear of God.
3. Pray for the economy of our nation so that we may have God's provisions to do ministry in Canada and abroad.

#### **Pray for Your Family**

1. Spend time to pray for your family both immediate and extended.
2. Surrender to God all your fears and other concerns.
3. Pray for God's hand to be on your family and that God will be glorified.

#### **Pray for your Church and for BCBC/BGC**

1. Continue to pray for the Gospel, that we will speak in love and the power of the Spirit.
2. Pray that many people who are immigrants and non-Christians may hear the Gospel of Christ in Canada.
3. Pray for God to sustain your church and the leaders through this challenging time. There has been Covid19 fatigue.
4. Pray that those who have walked away from the Christian faith in Canada may come back.
5. Pray for a renewal in our churches so that they will be multiplying faith communities. We can reach Canada for Christ as each church plants one church at a time and Christians reach one person for Christ yearly.
6. Pray for BCBC as we continually innovate and depend on the Holy Spirit to lead us in this new season of church planting and nurturing churches to spiritual health.

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<sup>1</sup> *The New International Version* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), 1 Th 5:16–18.