

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ¹

We greatly appreciate all of you who take the time to join us in prayer, following these prayer points. This month, we invite you to pray with us:

1. **Thanksgiving:** Begin by thanking God for His goodness. Reflect on all the LORD has done. As BCBC, we are especially grateful for the many baptisms within our churches, as people have surrendered to the LORD.
2. **Praise:** Spend time praising the LORD for His greatness. Consider the majestic splendor of the LORD and offer Him your praise. We praise God that despite all the problems around us, He remains in control. Both history and destiny are in His hands.
3. **Worship:** Worship the LORD in the beauty of His holiness. Lift your hands to heaven and kneel before the LORD, our Maker. He alone is worthy of our worship.
4. **Guidance and Protection:** Pray that the LORD may lead you and deliver you from temptation and evil. Pray that believers in our churches will walk in God’s forgiveness and freedom.
5. **Theme Prayer:** This year’s BCBC theme is “Abide to Thrive.” Pray that as we gather in Vernon, BC, for the annual celebration, we will choose to abide in Christ. Only when we abide in Christ will we bear fruit.
6. **Church Planting:** In the past two years, we have focused on revitalizing churches. This year, we are planting new churches. Please join us in praying that existing churches will catch the vision of church planting and send teams to start multiplying churches through evangelism and discipleship.
7. **Provision:** We thank the LORD for providing funds for the BCBC ministry center. Please pray that the LORD will raise more people and churches to continue giving financially and for prayer partners to pray for BCBC churches and the work God has called us to do.
8. **Leadership:** Pray for BCBC pastors and leaders, starting with your local church pastors and leaders.
9. **Partnerships:** Pray for the BGC as we partner with the national body to reach Canada and the nations with the Gospel of Christ.
10. **Summer Programs:** As we enter the summer months, pray for summer church programs, that there will be spiritual fruit and protection for the workers and participants. Begin by praying for your local church. Also, pray for families traveling and on vacation.
11. **Pastors' Families:** Pray for BCBC pastors’ families. Some have children dealing with health concerns. Pray for God’s healing hand, so the pastors can continue serving, knowing that God takes care of their families.
12. **Unity:** Pray that the LORD will grant a strong bond among our churches and pastors, uniting us with the understanding that we are better together. Churches can accomplish more together than any one church can do alone.

¹ *The New International Version* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Jn 15:1–4.