

Floodgate

a call to prayer for the ministry of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute



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Dear Prayer Team,

The CLBI "IMPACT" teams have just returned from around the world and are telling their stories non-stop to all who will listen. It is a great reminder that 'we have a story to tell to the nations', just as the old hymn states. Our Lord gave us a mission before He ascended. Prayer is foundational to fulfilling the missional call.

1. Pray for workers for the harvest. Seeing the crowds, Jesus commanded his disciples to "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matt.9:38) Pastors, teachers, accountants, farmers, nurses, retail clerks, neighbours - no matter whether trained or not, God calls believers to intentionally share the love of Christ with those across the street or around the world. Some will be compelled by the Spirit to leave home and country, while for most, being a faithful witness next door is simply part of the Christian life.

2. Pray for open doors for the Word. "Devote yourselves to prayer...that God may open a door for our message." (Col.4:2-3) How vital for a gentle word of the Gospel to accompany deeds of love. Because it seems our culture is growing closed to open expressions of evangelical Christianity, we must become more fervent in our prayers for God to give His people opportunities to share the message of salvation with sensitivity and clarity. May we have eyes to see the openings God sets before us.

3. Pray for fruit that will last. As the Lord calls workers into the harvest, and open doors are provided to share the Gospel, we pray that family, friends and neighbours would respond in faith to Christ's invitation to receive life in Him. Jesus reminded His disciples, "You did not choose Me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." (John 15:16) We ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth enduring fruit as we go in Jesus' name.

4. Pray for a strong base of support for ministry in the harvest. "How can they preach unless they are sent?" (Rom.10:15) Sending willing workers to the ends of the earth is costly. Training students for God's kingdom is expensive these days, but a rewarding investment. We are always amazed and humbled at the great number of people who pray and give to the ministry of CLBI. We pray for the base to remain strong throughout the years to come.

May God move amongst His people to stir up new workers for the Gospel, like streams merging into a mighty river, bringing the water of life to the world.

Streaming together,

Rev. Harold Rust, President

Sunday - February 1

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself" Psalm 89:1-2

Monday - February 2

Father, we pray that You bless Dieta Schlein (1st year student), and Rob Lewis this day as we celebrate their birthdays. May You bless them with many wonderful surprises. Please show Your love to them this day.

Tuesday - February 3

Please be with Jeremy Osterwalder as he teaches Biblical Financial Principles to the first year students. Be with Paul Johanson as he teaches Spiritual Formations to the second year students. Fill each one with the will to learn and open their hearts to what is being taught.

Wednesday - February 4

Thank-you Lord for the sweet girl You have created in Avey Osterwalder (Jeremy's daughter). Bless her today as she celebrates her birthday. Continue to draw her close to You.

Thursday - February 5

Lauren Renner celebrates her birthday today. Thank-you Lord for the many giftings You have blessed her with. Encourage her today as she continues to process all she experienced in Guatemala.

Friday - February 6

Bless Trevor Loken today on his birthday. Thank-you for the many experiences he had in India. Please bless him with wonderful surprises today. Happy birthday Trevor!

Saturday - February 7

Lord, we ask that You would help the students to rest today. We pray that all kinds of sickness would leave the student body so that when Monday comes a fresh excitement for Your Word would prevail.

Sunday - February 8

"The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice." Psalm 97:1

Monday - February 9

Lord, would You work through Michael Peng as he begins to lead some students in the "Communitating the Christian Faith through Art" night class. May his teachings be clear and well received by the students.

Tuesday - February 10

Father we pray that the many truths contained in Proverbs would become real to the student body this week. Bless Rev. Jim Johnson as he teaches the first and second year students. Give him excitement and passion as he leads the students through Your Word.

Wednesday - February 11

Father as You call us throughout scripture to spread the gospel to all nations, we pray that we would respond as Isaiah, "here I am, send me." Give us boldness and grace as we spread Your good news to those around us.

Thursday - February 12

Lord we ask for Your blessing on Cameron West today as he celebrates his birthday. May his year be filled with a greater understanding of Your love for him.

Friday - February 13

Dear Lord, be with all the students as they are on the road travelling to be home with family and friends for Family Day Weekend. Bless their time together and grant them safety.

Saturday - February 14

Dear Lord, bless Tovah Vold (2nd year student) and Dena Rokos. Would You shower Your love on them today and let them know that they are loved by You and those around them.

Sunday - February 15

"Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You." Psalm 143:8

Monday - February 16

We ask again Father for Your travel mercies on the students as they return back to CLBI after a long weekend. May they be refreshed and rested for all upcoming events.

Tuesday - February 17

This week the students are studying the book of Job with Rev. Ed Skutshek. Pray that the first and second years will learn new and valuable lessons as they study.

Wednesday - February 18

Thank-you Lord for the opportunities the students and staff have to meet as discipleship groups each Wednesday. Bless each group as they meet tonight; may it be a time of encouragement and blessing.

Thursday - February 19

Lord we so often struggle to press on in our faith. Give us encouragement and perseverance to strive towards the goals to which You have called us.

Friday - February 20

Lord today we lift up to You all the unfairness of social injustice we see in our world. Would You walk beside the hurting, comfort those who grieve and help us to reach out from our abundance.

Saturday - February 21

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2

Sunday - February 22

God, we pray for Jeff Seaver as he teaches the first year students about Paul's letter to the Romans. May the students learn more about Your justice and grace.

Monday - February 23

Lord, please be with the second year students as they learn about the book of Acts. Bless Rich Iverson with knowledge as he teaches this week.

Tuesday - February 24

Today we pray for all who gather for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. May many be blessed and encouraged as they listen to the IMPACT teams share about their experiences in other countries.

Wednesday - February 25

Lord, as we begin the season of Lent prepare our hearts to hear Your voice. Help us to get rid of things in our lives that hinder our relationship with You, and help us to do things that would build up and encourage our faith.

Thursday - February 26

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations" Psalm 89:1

Friday - February 27

As high school students come for Welcome Weekend we pray that their minds and hearts would be open to the idea of attending CLBI. Help those who are leading the weekend to do so with enthusiasm.

Saturday - February 28

Our Lord, we pray that You would make Your presence known during Welcome Weekend. Help mould the minds of the current students and staff as well as all the youth in attendance.

Sunday - March 1

Almighty God, please bless Tim Olson (second year student) as he celebrates his birthday. Grant him wisdom and confidence as he lives to serve You.

Monday - March 2

Father of might, we ask that You be with all the students attending Winter Camp this week. Wrap them in a blanket of warmth as they are stretched physically and spiritually. Grant safety and wisdom to the leaders as they guide this experience.

Tuesday - March 3

Father we ask that You would lead and guide us as we strive to live lives that are honouring to You. Thank-you for Your promise that we will not be put to shame when our hope is in You.

Wednesday - March 4

We pray for Your continued blessing Father, as the students continue to camp in the cold. Build strong relationships between them, and help them to rely on You for strength.

Thursday - March 5

As the spring tour is quickly approaching, we pray that You would especially be with those leading and helping the students prepare for it. May this quiet week at the school be a good time of preparation.

Friday - March 6

Pray for Sam Howard and Michelle Georgieff (both second year students) as they share their birthday's today. May they each be surrounded by God's peace today.

Saturday - March 7

Today Darby Murphy celebrates his birthday. Pray that he will be encouraged by his friends and family.

Sunday - March 8

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits. Psalm 103:1-2 (NIV)

Monday - March 9

Lord, please be with Garnet Leach and the second year students as they study Lutheran Confessions. Lay on their hearts what You want them to hear and give them clear insight to what is discussed.

Tuesday - March 10

Father, bless the first year students as they learn about Post-Reformation Church History with Kirk Militzer. Speak through Kirk to the students and allow them to have open minds and soft hearts to what is being taught.

Wednesday - March 11

Father, please be with the future students of CLBI. We pray Your guidance over them as they may be unsure of what their future holds. Give them affirmation and fill them with peace as they send away their application forms.

Thursday - March 12

Bless each of the students as they are preparing for the upcoming tour. Help them to be diligent with their time and to find purpose in what they are doing.

Friday - March 13

As we begin to turn our heads toward the coming spring, help us to focus on the new life that we find in You. Thank-you for the hope we find in You.

Saturday - March 14

Father be with CLBI students as they grow together and have fun as friends on this Saturday. Please be with all the students and bless the relationships they have developed over this year.

Sunday - March 15

“Oh how I love Your teachings. They are in my thoughts all day, Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies because Your commandments are always with me.” Psalm 119:97-98

Monday - March 16

Dear Lord, bless Anika Nottveit today on her birthday and continue to wrap her in Your love day by day.

Tuesday - March 17

Heavenly Father, bless Glen Penner this week as he teaches about “The Persecuted Church”. Work in the students hearts, that they might learn and understand the struggle that their brothers and sisters in other countries face.

Wednesday - March 18

Lord please bless the students as they come together in their discipleship groups. Thank-you for each leader as they open their homes and their hearts to the students and bless their conversations.

Thursday - March 19

Dear God, we pray for the staff and students as they finish their last minute preparations for the spring tour. We ask that these last details can come together and run smoothly. Prepare the hearts of those who will come and watch the performance to receive what You have for them.

Friday - March 20

Today we pray for Stacey Adam (first year student) on her birthday. We ask that God would bless her and that she would continue to grow in all ways.

Saturday - March 21

Today is Buck Schaffrick and Danika Osterwalder’s (Jeremy’s daughter) birthdays. Pray that God would bless them today and that they would grow in knowledge and grace.

Sunday - March 22

““When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “”The LORD has done great things for them.”” The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126:1-3”

Monday - March 23

Father we lift up to You the Spring Ministry Tour. As the students and staff leave today we ask that You would provide safe travel and that all who see and hear it would be drawn closer to You.

Tuesday - March 24

Thank-you for Your grace God. Thank-you that when we come to You, You are so willing to forgive us and that You encourage us to continue even when we fail.

Wednesday - March 25

Today we lift up the CLBI staff to You, Father. We pray especially for those who are on tour with the students. Give them the rest and encouragement they need as they travel from place to place.

Thursday - March 26

We pray for Your continuing travel mercies for the ministry tour as they travel every day. Keep them safe as they go.

Friday - March 27

Heavenly Father, please shower Your blessings on Jessica Maier this day as she celebrates her birthday. May she continue to grow in understanding of Your ways.

Saturday - March 28

Pray for the student body of CLBI as they perform in the spring tour around Saskatchewan and Alberta. May it be a time of growth for the students and also impact those who attend the performance.

Sunday - March 29

Thank-you for Andreas Schwitter’s (a 1st year student from Switzerland) involvement at CLBI this year and his growth in Canadian culture. Bless him on his birthday and surround him with Your presence.

Monday - March 30

As the students and staff arrive back from tour today and give their last performance, may they be encouraged by what they have seen over the past week. We ask that You would also give them needed rest.

Tuesday - March 31

Father as the students enter into the last month of their school year, would You bless them. May this last month be full of opportunities for them to encounter You in real and profound ways.

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