The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda **Territorial Monthly Prayer Focus**

February 2017 Territorial Prayer Focus

This month is marked with themes of love. As a territory let us ask God to help us grow in our love for Him. Our Father in Heaven help us to love you above all, with our whole heart and soul because you are worthy of all our love. Help us, as well, to love our neighbours. You have asked us to continue to love one another, for love comes from You. Anyone who loves is Your child and knows You. Those who do not love do not know You, for You are love. You have shown how much You loved us by sending Your one and only Son, Jesus, into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love – not that we loved You, but You loved us and sent Your Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life for ours. We confess our desire to love You with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

This month is also marked with themes of self-denial; which is a tangible way to show our love. Our territory has pledged to exercise the spiritual discipline of self-denial in order to raise \$2.25 million. Let us pray that God will move our hearts to give generously thus strengthening our relationship with God and our Partner territories (Germany, Lithuania and Poland; Latin America North; Liberia; Malawi; and Zimbabwe). Prayerfully read through the self-denial spiritual discipline resources available at saspirituallife.ca.

Please pray for the Territorial Soldiership Campaign *Calling the Courageous*. The target for the territory is 20,000 soldiers by 2020 which is a 10% net increase. Commissioner Susan McMillan in the October Salvationist reminds Salvationists that we need soldiers. She states, "Our mission is grand, our mission field is huge; therefore our need for workers is enormous."

We are reminded in the following verse that God gives the increase, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Let us pray that we will fulfill our part. Pray for faith to believe in God's increase. Pray for strengthened spiritual health, evangelism, discipleship and stewardship which are all part of our planting and watering work.

Please pray for Candidate and Commitment Sunday which will be emphasized this month across the territory. Pray that people hear and respond to God's call upon their lives.

Please pray for Officer and Leader Retreats taking place this month in the Bermuda, Maritime, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario Central East, Ontario Great Lakes and Quebec Divisions. Ask God to refresh our leaders as they share fellowship and the ministry of God's word.

Please pray for the Ontario Central East Division as they continue to work on Strategic Planning. Ask God to guide our territory in understanding and implementing His purposes.

Please pray for Divisional Youth Events, particularly the Junior High Overnighter being held this month at Jackson's Point Camp. Pray God's blessing for all Youth events across the territory.

Pray for ministry units currently experiencing struggles of various kinds. Ask God to use struggles to strengthen our faith, unite us in love and make us more like Christ (Hebrews 5:7-9).