

# WORLD WIDE PRAYER MEETING

May 24, 2018

## The Netherlands & Czech Republic & Slovakia Territory



*'Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.'* (Psalm 86:6)

Commissioners Hans & Marja van Vliet & Chief Secretary Colonel Henrik Anderson provide leadership in the Netherlands & Czech Republic & Slovakia Territory of The Salvation Army.

- There are 120 active officers, 15 cadets, 63 corps, 11 outposts, 169 Institutions, 3694 senior soldiers, 1249 Adherents & 357 junior soldiers represented by this Territory. In Slovakia, where the work began in September 2015, there are 4 officers, 4 cadets, 1 envoy, 2 employees, and 13 senior soldiers. The main ministry here is for Roma people who suffer from poverty, abuse, addiction & prostitution.
- Last year's commissioning weekend welcome 8 newly commissioned lieutenants, the highest number in recent years. This year, 15 cadets anticipate being commissioned.
- A new endeavor is Scouting in the Netherlands, with a concentration on groups in multicultural and socially deprived districts.
- To address different needs, the Army operates ReShare, a recycling company. There are plans to open 20+ high quality second hand stores over 3 years, in all 3 regions. This gives jobs to the designers of the stores, volunteer positions for working there, and recycling of goods to help the communities at large.
- The Army in this territory has responded well to a great need for homeless supports, mother and child supports, life skills training and a farm project.

Please pray:

- for the leadership transition both in the Netherlands and in Czech and Slovakia this summer. Please pray for the people involved and for a smooth continuation of the work.
- that we might have resources for the work in Slovakia as new opportunities are developing.
- for wisdom and boldness as we explore starting new faith communities through existing social work expressions.
- for new officers and new corps members: adherents, soldiers and young soldiers.
- for the youth work as we are exploring new avenues of ministry.

May 24, 2018 - Cycle of Prayer for the Canada & Bermuda Territory:

- Mrs. Lt. Colonel Rhoda Searle, Retired in Norfolk, England
- Majors Stephen & Gayle Sears—CO's at Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, ON
- Captains Royal & Donna Senter, CO and Community & Family Services Officer, York CC, Toronto, ON

Canada & Bermuda Territorial Prayer Concerns:

- IHQ has asked for prayer for Indonesia, after hearing from a British envoy serving in Bandung, who writes: "No doubt you will have picked up on the suicide bombings in Surabaya last Sunday on the 3 Christian churches and the loss of life and then the follow up next day bombing of the police station again in Surabaya where 4 terrorists were shot dead. There is a lot of concern around this escalating and particularly as we approach elections next year. Delicate times in some ways - prayer support around this would be appreciated."

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy; all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be!*

*Holy, holy, holy; though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity!*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise the name in  
earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

**'...teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.'**

**Psalm 86:11**