

August

Sat 1st Eric Phinney, Regional Director.

Sun 2nd Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and sustainer of the universe! We give you praise for calling us to be your servants at the Mission to Seafarers in the Port of Halifax .We give you thanks and glory for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us for the last one hundred and fifty years of ministering to seafarers in this place. Guide our efforts as we strive to care for the spiritual and practical welfare of seafarers of all races and creeds who visit our port. May we be filled with compassion and love for these men and women that go down to the sea in ships. Let your Holy Spirit teach us to serve in humility, and to praise you by our work and worship. All glory is yours, Father, through Jesus your Son in the communion of your Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

Mon 3rd Marsha Clyne, Regional Fundraising Manager.

Tue 4th Port Welfare Committee in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Pray for their success in opening the newest MtS station in Canada in St. John's.

Wed 5th Station Manager, Helen Glenn, Halifax.

Thu 6th Assistant Manager/Ship Visitor Joseph Loot, Halifax.

Fri 7th Staff and volunteers at Roberts Bank, Vancouver
Rev Peter Smyth, Team Leader, Vancouver, BC.

Sat 8th Success in finding needed personnel in Halifax.

Sun 9th Thank you Lord for watching over us all or our lives. Even when life is difficult you walk with us, as you do

with our families far away. Help us to keep watch with others, with our families, with our colleagues, and even with those we find hard to like. For such is the love and care to which you call us for Jesus sake. Amen.

Mon 10th Volunteer Team in Halifax.

Tue 11th Provision of a new Chaplain for Saint John, NB.

Wed 12th ED Anthony Dickinson, MtS Saint John, NB.

Thu 13th Success in recruiting new volunteers for MtS Saint John.

Fri 14th Success for all fundraising in Halifax and Saint John stations.

Sat 15th Ship Visitors Jill Wyllie and Capt. David Nickerson MtS Oshawa.

Sun 16th Heavenly Father we pray for those who feel lonely at sea. Help those who are lonely to know that while they might feel alone, you are with them. In Christ you have known our loneliness and can come alongside us and be our comforter and friend. Thank you for being wherever we are. Amen.

Mon 17th Pastor Dan Phannenhour, MtS Hamilton.

Tue 18th Deacon Annette Hoare, MtS Port Colborne, Welland Canal.

Wed 19th Alicia Hamming Navarrete, Team Leader MTSSO.

Thu 20th Recruitment of new volunteers for the Toronto Mission.

Fri 21st Rev Judith Allstree, Team Leader, Toronto, ON.

- Sat 22nd Provision for a new Rector/Station Manager, Windsor.
- Sun 23rd We pray for those who are at sea and feeling tired and worn out through hard work and lack of sleep. Please grant rest, sleep and renewed strength to those who are struggling, knowing that their safety and the safety of all those who sail with them requires all onboard to be well enough to do their jobs. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.
- Mon 24th The board and ship visitors of MtS Windsor.
- Tue 25th Ven. Gord Simmons, Arnold Vanderhelm and Larry Moore MtS Sarnia.
- Wed 26th Rev. Canon Ed Swayze in Thunder Bay.
- Thu 27th All ship visitors, drivers and Watch Keepers in Thunder Bay.
- Fri 28th Morgane Sheppard, Team Leader at Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Sat 29th Rev. Peter Smyth, Senior Chaplain, MtS Vancouver.
- Sun 30th The Ministry Team at the Vancouver MtS Station.
- Sun 31st Staff and volunteers at Vancouver Station.

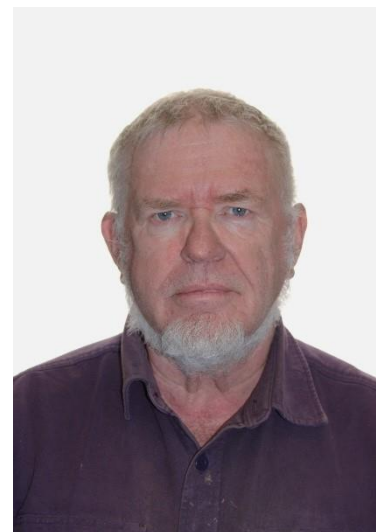
Please pray for all seafarers in these troubled times who are onboard ships in conflict waters, especially those in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and transiting the Bab al-Mandab Strait into the Red Sea. May they all be safe and know that our thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones always. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer. Amen.

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CANADA REGION

Regional Director: Eric Phinney

Welcome to the August 2026 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the work in the Canada Region. The Regional Director for Canada is Eric Phinney. He became an MtS chaplain in 2015 and has been regional director since spring 2025. Please pray for Eric and his team. MtS Canada is now truly represented from the East coast to the West Coast, with our newest station coming online last year in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, the furthest eastern port in the country. Our Canadian maritime stations in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Saint John, New Brunswick continue to welcome thousands of cargo and cruise ship Seafarers throughout the year. Our Great Lakes stations serve the middle of the country on the largest fresh water lakes in the world in Oshawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Port Colborne, Windsor, Sarnia, and Thunder Bay. These ports are open from March through December as the lakes freeze in the winter. Vancouver, one of our oldest and largest centres, continues to serve the ever expanding ports of Vancouver in the Fraser River Valley, as well as the terminals in Roberts Bank, on the far west coast of the country.