



The Prayer Book Society of Canada
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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

As all but the very newest members of the PBSC will know, one of the most successful projects ever undertaken by the Prayer Book Society of Canada has been the production of the Common Prayer Canada app, which allows users to pray the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer with all the necessary readings, collects etc. displayed automatically for any day of the year on their desktop computers or mobile phones. Our records indicate that this app has been downloaded close to 900 times since it was first launched, and we are thankful that people are rediscovering the joy of engaging in the discipline of daily common prayer. Needless to say, we have not rested on our laurels with the current success of the app. The app is now available in Inuktitut for those who speak that language, and one of our most watched videos on the PBSC Facebook page has been that of Nick Kigeak singing the *Venite* in Inuktitut using the Common Prayer Canada app.

We are now well advanced in producing a French version of the app as well. The 1962 Canadian BCP was published by the Anglican Book Centre in French in 1967 as *Le Recueil des Prières*, but apparently it had only one printing and copies are extremely hard to find. There have been a number of requests sent to our website asking us to add *Le Recueil des Prières* to the app, and we are happy to report that it should be available early in the new year. We are very grateful that the Dean of Montreal, the Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier, agreed to translate the new prayer "For Reconciliation with the Jews" into French, and thus this can be added to the app as well. This prayer, whose production was spearheaded by the PBSC (see the 2018 and 2019 newsletters archived on our website, prayerbook.ca) will receive second reading at General Synod this summer, and is expected to be formally approved for use at that time.

It is with all this activity in mind that we take this last opportunity to appeal to your generosity before this year ends and the next one begins. Each new language version of the app cost about \$2,500 to produce, so your help is always appreciated. Anything that you can give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied to our ongoing mission.

I wish all of you God's blessings during the Advent and Christmas celebrations this month, and hope and pray that the good Lord will grant you a prosperous New Year.

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