



## Community Prayer Guide – February 2025

**“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2**

Thank you for joining the “One Church - One Day” movement in our city! We have just had a wonderful first month since we started, punctuated by the “City On Our Knees” effort which happened simultaneously. When you pray for the city, please be led by the Holy Spirit as you consider these specific prayer requests. Please pray for your own congregation, as well.

### **Body of Christ**

- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest field in the Ottawa region.
- Pray that Jesus meets the needs within churches including poverty, mental health, and homelessness.
- Pray that we walk in humble dependence on our God as a people chosen by God, holy and dearly loved.
- Pray for the whole Body of Christ to be quick to forgive, strong in love and unified in Christ.
- Pray that we have courage when discouragement comes, keeping our eyes on Jesus.

### **Family**

- Pray for families experiencing poverty to be able to access the resources of education, health care, community and spiritual support to break the poverty cycle.
- Pray for lonely and isolated individuals and families to be set into friend and faith communities where they can connect with others for support.
- Pray for God to strengthen and empower marriages and families in the Ottawa region.
- Pray for children who have not recovered post-Covid to adapt to being back in school.

### **Arts and Culture**

- Pray for greater diversity and welcome of creative expression, art forms, and instruments in the church that God may receive the fullness of the glory he deserves
- Ask the Lord to grant wisdom to church leaders in preserving traditional art forms and welcoming innovative, modern expressions of art
- Pray for healing of old wounds and rifts in regard to the place of creative arts in church life
- Ask the Lord to grant collaborative opportunities for Christian artists

### **Health Care**

- Thank God for hospital leaders; bless them and pray that they will recognize the importance of spiritual care for patients, families, and staff in the role that this has in the healing of the sick.
- Pray for a culture of life to be respected, protected, and taught to the next generation of healthcare providers, especially in the realm of palliative care.
- Pray for increased supports and access to healthcare for patients with disabilities and chronic needs, and their families.

**Business**

- Ask the Lord of creativity to grant fresh ideas for the flourishing of small businesses amidst rapid change and many pressures.
- Ask the Lord to renew the minds of ordinary believers towards business owners. Show us practical ways to bless local businesses.
- Pray for grace for Christian business leaders to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in environments that are sometimes negative and hostile
- Pray for business owners to recognize opportunities for making disciples and sowing the seed of the good news of Christ as they conduct business.

**Media**

- Pray for journalists covering elections and transitions in government, for wisdom in choosing stories, guests, and programs that engage audiences with the stories and in democracy.
- Pray for wisdom for news consumers to choose diverse and accurate sources and to participate and disagree well in the public conversation.
- Pray that journalists would be fearless defenders of truth, having the courage to confront and correct misleading information from any side.
- Pray that politicians & government share with openness, honesty & transparency.
- Pray for a sustainable news industry in Canada in the face of dwindling revenue.

**Police, Fire, EMS**

- Pray for all our First Responder's safety in the public; and for peace for families and loved ones regarding their loved one's safety.
- Give thanks for more emphasis on member wellness from the Ottawa Police Service. Pray for officers to guard their minds and be intentional about their sound mental health.
- Pray for wisdom, that difficult decisions are guided by God, whose heart is always for justice and who gives wisdom freely.

**Government**

- Give thanks for short term relief via \$10.5M from the federal government for building shelters. Pray that these shelters are built quickly.
- Give thanks for a recent \$180M federal government commitment to transit in Ottawa.
- Pray that long term vision to solve homelessness remains on the table and solutions will be found.
- Pray that municipal and provincial powers collaborate in protecting vulnerable tenants from wrongful eviction through legislating and governing processes.
- Give thanks for a softening at council towards accommodating vulnerable people's needs. Pray that even when pressed by economic limitations, council will not forget people in poverty.
- As Ontarians go to the polls on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, pray for everyone involved in campaigning for the Provincial Parliament, that they will run with integrity and respect, and that God would raise up people of His choosing to serve as our next Provincial government.

**Education**

- (Please pray for the formation of the "Education" strategic team for One Church – One Day)

Thank you for joining many other congregations as we pray for a transformed city!