



Community Prayer Guide – April 2025

“They all joined together constantly in prayer.” Acts 1:14a NIV

Thank you for praying! Since our soft launch in January, we have gradually added new people to the Strategic Teams who provide these prayer requests. There is new content about sports under **Arts and Culture**, and about pastoring Ottawa’s large online community under **Body of Christ**. Please pray for wisdom as we grow the Community Prayer Guide in this development stage.

Body of Christ

- Father, grant Your people hope and revelation of the risen Son through Holy Week and Easter services.
- Lord, we pray for love and boldness to scatter our seeds of faith with people of other faiths or belief systems as You prepare "good soil" in many more hearts that have yet to know You.
- We pray for digital missionary workers who serve in the online community, that congregational pastors would learn how to walk and work with them in this new mission field.
- We ask You to raise up effective and fruitful Christian outreach to Ottawa’s large gaming culture which is mostly without church connection.

Family

- From April 20-26 (Canadian Fertility Awareness Week), we pray for the 1 in 6 people in Canada impacted by fertility, and for more universal and equitable access to fertility care throughout Canada.
- May all ministries that support families be well resourced and reach families that need to be reached.
- God of resurrection hope, bless and strengthen families this Easter season with your joy, love and grace.

Media

- Lord of all, raise up strong and wise leadership for journalists in turbulent and uncertain times.
- Grant much wisdom to journalists covering elections and transitions in government, to choose guests and plan stories that help audiences engage with the issues and the democratic process.
- Creator God, grant a healthier relationship and restored trust between journalists and the public.
- May Your will be done for Canada’s public broadcaster and private news media.

Health Care

- Father, we ask You to bring together human resources necessary to provide life-affirming community health care services.
- We pray for comfort for those who are sick and for their caregivers (naming those in our own lives).
- Lord, we pray for those in leadership positions, for encouragement, new strength, wisdom, clear vision, courage and good health.
- We also pray for health care trainees, for protection and strength to persevere and learn their profession well.

Business

- God of wisdom, give resilience, provision, and creative solutions for businesses struggling due to economic shifts.
- Author of faith, give business owners and staff open eyes and ears to listen to the needs of their clients, and open eyes and ears to see You answering and responding to those needs.
- Jesus, this Easter season, let awareness of your complete forgiveness penetrate the hearts of Christians in the marketplace, that they would share this Love with their coworkers.

Arts and Culture

- God of community, You set the lonely in families. May your artists find their unique voice and place both inside and outside the Church.
- Empower artists to join the *missio dei*, using their creative gifts to highlight Your redemptive purposes.
- God who lifts up the humble, raise up Christian artists as instruments of change in our city.
- Grant courage and faith for artists who are held back by anxieties and other hindrances.
- Bless Ottawa's 51st Annual *Athletes In Action All Star Game* on April 26th, and the preceding week of practices, that the high school students who participate will encounter Your love and truth.

Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, as our first responders serve You, keep them safe, guard their minds, and lead them in decisions that are right.
- God of comfort, shepherd the families and loved ones of those serving in dangerous places. Enable them to trust You, and establish peace in their hearts.
- May first responders dealing with stress and trauma seek the supports available.
- Prompt Christian first responders to reach out with care when colleagues are in need.

Government

- All-wise God, grant wise oversight to the process of finding short- and long-term solutions for homelessness. We ask you to release funding for local programs for the marginalized.
- God of order and justice, raise up a voice for the city of Ottawa at Queen's Park, leading to stronger ties between the two levels of government.
- Amidst the shaking that is taking place in various transitions of government, may Your will be done by those who hold positions of power.
- As Christians celebrate Holy Week and Easter, we pray for those who hold elected roles as well as their staff. Open their hearts and arrange opportunities for them to receive Christian witness and turn to You.

Education

- Strength of the weak, remind Christian educators that they are precious and beloved by You. Empower them to rely on Your strength, not their own.
- Grant peace and focus to college and university students as they write exams and finish their semesters. Bless them with good success, and lead them to acknowledge You as their helper.
- As we remember Your cross and celebrate Your resurrection, grant opportunities for conversations about Your love and redemption, and may those who don't believe see their need for a Saviour.

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