



## Community Prayer Guide – May 2025

**“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!” Psalm 113:3 ESV**

Thank you for praying! As you use this Guide, our prayer for you is that you enjoy a personal encounter with Jesus, asking Him how He wants you to pray for its content. Please also feel free to share with us anything you are sensing as you pray. You can send it via the contact form at [onechurchoneday.ca](http://onechurchoneday.ca).

### Body of Christ

- “This is the confidence that we have before him: if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” (1 John 5:14) Author of faith, increase our faith and trust in You in the midst of our circumstances.
- Grant peace that the world cannot give, that those around us would be drawn to You.
- May many youth come to faith, grow deeply as disciples, and become leaders among Your people.
- 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

- Creator of marriage, lead couples newly married or preparing for marriage to treasure the marriage covenant and understand the wisdom of your ways.
- Amidst storms of uncertainty, reveal your peace to parents and children, and teach them to walk in it.
- Give parents of young adult children wisdom to know when to listen, and grace to speak words of life.
- Holy God, strengthen parents to lovingly instruct their children in Your wisdom, and children to honour their parents, that all would receive the promised blessing of a long and fruitful life.

### Media

- All-wise God, reveal the way to restored trust between news media and the public.
- Grant news coverage that gives ordinary people a voice and brings unity to our nation.
- As journalists cover transitions in government, give them wisdom to choose guests and plan stories that help audiences engage with the issues and the democratic process.
- Thank you for all positive changes in Canada’s news media. May this trend continue.

### Health Care

- God who heals, strengthen and protect our front-line health workers in spirit, soul and body.
- Grant great wisdom and courage to believing health care professionals whose deeply held convictions sometimes conflict with current policies.
- Empower them to serve with compassion and skill in the midst of an overburdened system.
- We pray for those who set health care policy and allocate funding. Lead them by Your wisdom.

## Business

- Lord of all creation, grant faith to business leaders to entrust their businesses to you. Teach them to be wise stewards, using profit for the purpose of generosity.
- Amidst a rapidly shifting political landscape, may business leaders put their trust in You.
- May Your presence guide believing business owners. Reveal to them the paths that align with Your purposes. Let their faith, words and actions reveal Jesus to others.

## Arts, Culture, Sport

- As some college level arts courses are cancelled due to lack of funding, let us ask the Lord to grant sufficient funding and appropriate opportunities for those called to pursue such training.
- Generous and creative God, thank you for opening the door to an art residency in Italy for an Ottawa woman. Protect her health, bless her finances, and make a way for others to pursue such opportunities.
- God of beauty, thank you for Doors Open Ottawa (June 7-8, 2025), a free annual architectural event. Draw those whose spirits would be inspired by such an event, and grant protection and favour.
- As Ottawa Redblacks training camp begins, providing a ministry opportunity for Athletes in Action, we pray for favour on their work, and that the hearts of many players would turn to the Lord.

## Police, Fire, EMS

- Praise God for His protection over our firefighters. During several major fires in recent weeks, there were some close calls with minor injuries that could have been much worse, but no major injuries.
- Continue to ask God to protect all first responders from harm and give them wisdom for each situation.
- Pray for staffing of specialty rescue stations, and for more firefighters to receive this specialized training.
- God of healing, restore the hearts and minds of first responders who are burnt out from serving marginalized groups including the homeless. Renew their ability to serve with grace and compassion.

## Government

- Sovereign Lord, in mercy, guide the government that will soon take office in our nation. Grant excellent communication between this new government and the city of Ottawa.
- May the 16,000 city of Ottawa employees know that Your eyes are on them and their work. Enable them to trust You for the future, and to do each day's work well and faithfully.
- Grant success to those responsible for the launch of the upcoming light rail extension.

## Education

- God of wisdom, grant wise counsel as high-level decisions are made for Ontario's education system.
- We ask for strong, lifegiving connections between students and staff, and healthy interactions among students, that all may find a sense of belonging in their school or campus.
- Strength of the weary, grant fresh endurance, energy and reliance on You to educators and students.
- You promise your people a sound mind. Please open up pathways to better mental health for students.

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

### Answers to Prayer

**Government:** We have prayed for short- and long-term housing solutions. Recent zoning bylaw changes allow existing single-family properties to be redeveloped for additional living spaces. Also, the city recently transferred eight properties for use as affordable housing. We thank God for these constructive measures.

**Body of Christ:** A congregation that involved children in making and distributing care packages reports enthusiasm among the children, and positive responses from recipients, with one family stating their intent to return to church for the first time since the COVID pandemic. We thank God for the power of acts of kindness.