



## Community Prayer Guide – June 2025

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

In thinking about the well-being of our city, some aspects don't fall neatly within the nine sectors on the Prayer Guide. Since the church is called to pray for all people, prayers for other faith groups may sometimes be included in “Body of Christ”. This month, we have included an important prayer for our Jewish neighbours.

### Body of Christ

- “If you listen to these commands of the LORD your God and carefully obey them, the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always have the upper hand.” (Deut. 28:13 )  
Grant faith and courage to stand united in obeying all the direction You are giving us to do, without fear.
- We look to Your generous provision for everything the Body of Christ needs. Make us generous like You.
- May many youth come to faith, grow deeply as disciples, and become leaders among Your people.
- God of Israel, as threats of harm against the Jewish people intensify worldwide and in our city, send mighty angels to protect them, give courage and wisdom to law enforcement officials to restrain this evil, and stir up love and prayer in the church for the protection and salvation of the Jewish people.

### Family

- Grant patience, perseverance and peace to families adjusting to the end of school term.
- Creator of marriage, grant fresh hope and full reliance on You to couples struggling in their marriages.
- Cause your light to shine brightly from Christian families, drawing others to Christ and inspiring them.
- Lead those who care for families to go to you for their own needs and the needs of those they serve. May their counsel spring from the overflow of Your loving wisdom.

### Media

- Grant wisdom, peace and good judgment to technical and support staff facing multiple demands.
- God of peace, we ask for healthy and respectful work relationships among those who work in media.
- We pray for Your work in the hearts and minds of those placed in new roles. May they become the people You want them to be, embracing and welcoming every change you desire to bring about in them.
- This summer, may media workers have courage to rest in You, enjoy family, and gain fresh perspective.

### Health Care

- God of abundance, we look to You to provide for every need in our healthcare system, and to stir up generosity within the community that You may multiply what is offered.
- Help us see those who are isolated, and to be good neighbours to them, blessing their overall wellbeing.
- Thank you for *The Big Give* (June 7<sup>th</sup>). May those in need be richly blessed as their needs are met.
- We praise You for recent developments in cancer care. May our city's quality care be well stewarded.
- Help us be salt and light in health care settings. Grant open doors, boldness and courage to share faith.

## **Business**

- Amidst many pressures, teach business leaders to get their bearings from listening to You.
- All-wise God, grant wisdom, guidance and clear vision to business leaders, that they may prosper with integrity and compassion. May their workplaces be environments of peace, productivity, and purpose.
- Grant courage to practice justice and integrity in the workplace
- Enable business leaders to be excellent employers, caring for the wellbeing of their employees.
- For business leaders who are also heads of families, show them how to lead well in both areas.

## **Arts, Culture, Sport**

- God of light, let Your light break through to artistic communities and facilities, and so touch our city
- Open eyes that are closed to Your light, among artists and art enthusiasts. Cause your light to dispel the darkness throughout our city.
- We pray for the continued development of Renew Arts + Theology, an Ottawa-based community of Christian Artists, to be conduits of Your light in the art space in Ottawa.
- We ask You to bless the newly elected ministers responsible for Arts and Culture (Stephen Guilbeault - federal, and Stan Cho - provincial). Grant them wisdom and discernment. Soften their hearts to You.
- We pray for Christian camps, church camps and Christian sports camps operating this summer. Grant safety, protection, and clear communication of the message of Jesus to receptive hearts.

## **Police, Fire, EMS**

- God of peace, lead the hearts of first responders and their families, that they may learn to trust You, and that You would establish Your peace in their hearts.
- Impart wise guidance and strong protection to first responders in every circumstance. Keep them safe.
- Grant integrity and sound decisions to senior leaders and those facing daily on-the-ground emergencies.
- 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**

- Great and-mighty God, cause our leaders to seek and find Your wisdom amidst rapid change.
- Enable those in all three levels of government to work well together for the blessing of our city.
- Clear away obstacles and grant ongoing progress toward workable solutions for the homelessness crisis.
- We ask You to direct the thinking of Ottawa city council towards legislation that will mandate a culture of safety for peaceful, respectful, hate-free civil demonstrations in Canada's capital city.

## **Education**

- Strength of the weary, as the school year ends, enable students and teachers to rely on You, leading to fresh endurance and energy to finish well.
- Grant wisdom, sound judgment and safety to those celebrating their prom.
- You promise your people a sound mind. Please open up pathways to better mental health for students, especially those for whom summertime is isolating.
- Lord, You are able to place Your people into positions where they may serve You and others. Raise up Jesus loving educators to fill open positions. May they be salt and light, bringing solutions into schools.
- God of abundant provision, we ask You to release sufficient funding for schools, colleges and universities. May students in need find good summer jobs and grants to pay their tuition.