



Community Prayer Guide – July-Aug 2025

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

If you have seen answers to prayers offered over the last few months, we would love to hear your story. By sharing your testimony, you stir up faith in others. Go to <https://onechurchoneday.ca> and click **Contact**.

Body of Christ

- “Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my request to you and wait expectantly.” (Ps. 5:3 NLT). Lord, teach your people to pray faithfully, listening attentively and waiting expectantly.
- Faithful God, thank you for your good work in all who have adopted new patterns of prayer and devotion over the winter months. May they continue in these lifegiving ways during the summer season.
- God of restoration, thank you for the leadership of the NCR Church Refugee Task Force in providing guidance for the work of serving newcomers in our midst. Raise up people of faith to fill the identified roles, offering generous, compassionate, impartial care to those who are starting life over in a new land.

Family

- Creator of the family, give wisdom and peace to parents as they plan summer activities for their children. Help them find a good balance between structured activity and freedom to play.
- We lift up families near crisis. Grant improved emotional health and safety in the home. Bless SafeFamiliesCanada.com with expanding reach, sufficient funds, and great volunteer families.
- As runaway children arrive on the streets of Ottawa this summer, please send protecting angels and Spirit-led people to help them find resources and take the next right steps to safety.

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.
- As journalists present emotion-laden issues (such as government responses to economic pressures, and the upcoming hockey sexual assault decision), grant wisdom and discernment for impartial reporting.
- God of truth, work in journalists the desire and the ability to foster mutual understanding leading to true unity, by giving a voice to ordinary citizens and by ensuring that different perspectives are heard.

Health Care

- As new medical and nursing grads enter the health care system, bless them with encouragement, keep them teachable and help them work well with existing staff, that patients may receive quality care
- We lay before You the need for better access to community health care. Raise up strong, collaborative, caring leaders, both bureaucrats and medical professionals, to resolve the roadblocks
- We ask you to watch over the weakest and most vulnerable of our city when air quality, extreme heat and allergies cause them distress. Give us eyes to see and hearts to care for our vulnerable neighbours.

Business

- Grant business owners grace to serve their team with authenticity and humility. May they be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry (James 1:19 NIV).
- Grant grace to clients as they interact with businesses on timing, communication, and service. May both sides communicate clearly and consider each other's needs and well-being.
- Lord of all creation (Ps 24:1), may business owners seek and trust You, the Sovereign over all.

Arts, Culture, Sport

- Creator of beauty, we pray for Ottawa Innercity Ministries' Strokes of Hope event (Aug 28). May many be drawn deeply into Your transforming work through engaging with the art on display.
- In mercy, work deeply in the hearts of Christian creatives, and may that good work spread far and wide.
- Pour your blessing on Christian art, drama and music camps this summer. May there be much good fruit.
- We pray for all other 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

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

Government

- Creator of the people of this city, let your merciful hand of protection and blessing be on road and infrastructure crews, city camp and pool staffers, and all who use these services.
- All-knowing One, we lift up Ottawa's homelessness crisis. Reveal solutions to municipal staffers and stakeholders for the provision of housing, and for ways to help new arrivals gain necessary skills.
- God of justice, we ask for impartiality and skill for those overseeing the application of human resources policy to federal public servants, especially in regard to special accommodations or return to work.

Education

- 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.
- God of peace, grant Your peace to students transitioning from one year (or school) to the next
- As plans are laid for the new school year, grant wisdom and insight leading to a positive learning environment. Please oversee the hiring of suitable staff, and the matching of teachers to students.
- Generous God, bless staff and students with safety, rest and rejuvenation during the summer break.

Answers to Prayer

- We prayed for couples to value the marriage covenant ([Family](#), May 2025 CPG). A church in the city is running a pre-marital course using Timothy Keller's book, *The Meaning of Marriage*, a truthful and realistic guide to marriage, both its challenges and its blessings. May there be more such answers.
- We prayed for the mental health of students ([Education](#), May 2025 CPG). The Ottawa Catholic School Board is sending mental health workers to visit classrooms, teaching students about mental health, and working in small group settings for students needing mental health care.