

COMMUNITY

Prayer Guide



“The Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name” Luke 1:49 NIV

December 2025

We live between Messiah’s coming in obscurity as a babe, missed by many, and His coming again when *every eye will see Him* (Rev 1:7). So we pray *Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.* (Mt 6:10)

Body of Christ

- *May God, the source of all hope, fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Rom 15:13)
- During this Christmas season, may all who search in darkness find the hope that Christ’s birth brings.
- In Your mercy, bring healing and restoration to hearts that have been damaged, and relationships that have been strained or fractured, due to tensions stemming from the war in the Middle East.

Family

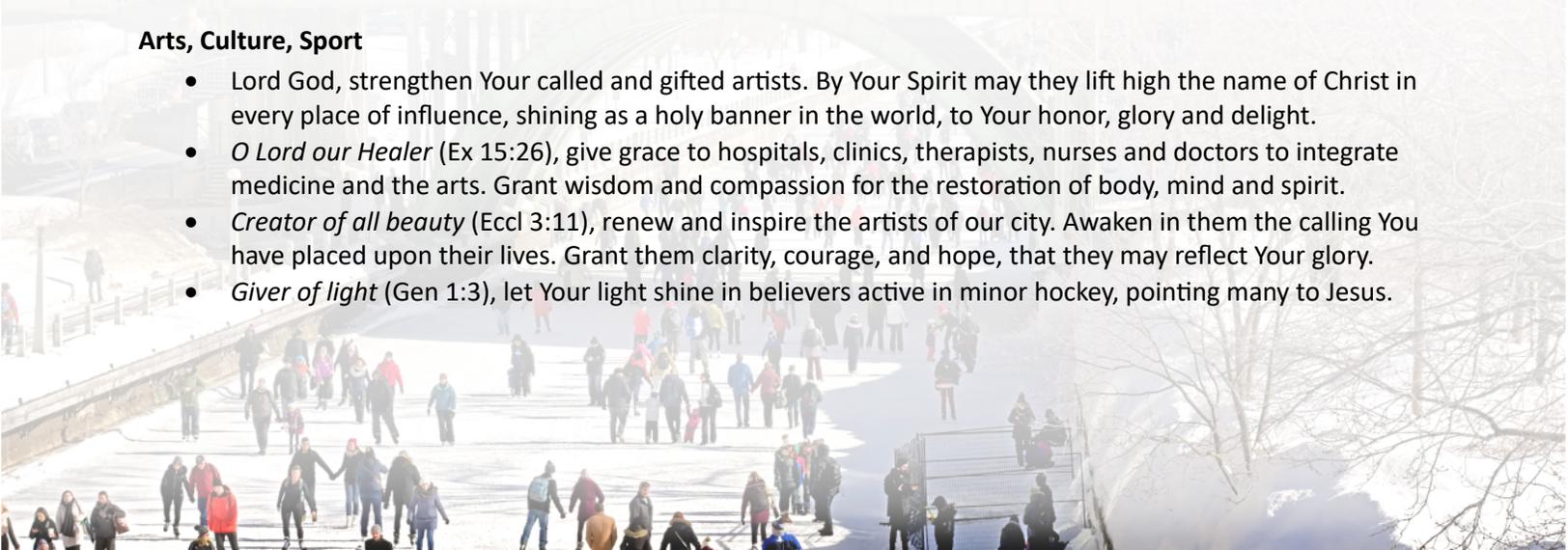
- *God of the lonely* (Ps 68:6), we cry to You for homeless youth estranged from their families during winter. By Your mercy may they find shelter under Your wings, and open doors to places of safety and provision.
- *God of all comfort* (2 Cor 1:3), draw into Your embrace those who are grieving the loss of loved ones as others celebrate. Protect them from self-harm; surround them with those who embody Your wise love.
- Grant wisdom to parents and heads of families to resist the temptation to overspend, and lead families to the satisfaction that comes from receiving and embracing Your best gift – the Messiah, our Saviour.

Health Care

- You are the One who *hears the cry of the poor* (Job 34:28). We ask for grace, stamina, compassion, skill and all needed resources for healthcare workers serving those in poverty or distress in a difficult season.
- Look from heaven on those in need of hospital Emergency Rooms in winter. Bring in the needed workers, and anoint them by Your Spirit to carry the light of hope with skill and compassion to struggling people.
- May those hospitalized, caught in a web of emotional and spiritual darkness, *see a great light* (Isa 9:2). Give light also to healthcare workers serving those who grieve. May they receive and give Your comfort.

Arts, Culture, Sport

- Lord God, strengthen Your called and gifted artists. By Your Spirit may they lift high the name of Christ in every place of influence, shining as a holy banner in the world, to Your honor, glory and delight.
- *O Lord our Healer* (Ex 15:26), give grace to hospitals, clinics, therapists, nurses and doctors to integrate medicine and the arts. Grant wisdom and compassion for the restoration of body, mind and spirit.
- *Creator of all beauty* (Eccl 3:11), renew and inspire the artists of our city. Awaken in them the calling You have placed upon their lives. Grant them clarity, courage, and hope, that they may reflect Your glory.
- *Giver of light* (Gen 1:3), let Your light shine in believers active in minor hockey, pointing many to Jesus.





Business

- *Rock of refuge* (Ps 71:3), thank You that in uncertain times we are assured of Your faithfulness. Impart boldness to Your people in the marketplace to share their hope *with gentleness and respect*. (1 Pe 3:15)
- Righteous God, You test every heart and mind. Let *the integrity of the upright guide them* (Prv 11:3) when pressured to go along with dishonest dealings. Empower Your people to live by a higher standard.
- *Light of the world* (Jn 8:12), shine in the hearts, minds and lives of Your people in the workplace, that by their encouraging attitude, hard work, joy, compassion and perseverance, others may be drawn to You.

Media

- God of truth, quicken the consciences of journalists to aim for accuracy and precision in their work. At the same time, we ask You to impart an attitude of humility and mutual support in every newsroom.
- As editors consider what content to prioritize, cause them to *hunger and thirst for righteousness* (Mt 5:6)
- Sovereign God, cause even secular media to *herald Your good news* (Isaiah 40:9) to a needy people.

Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, safeguard first responders in all situations, leading them in decisions that are right and wise.
- We ask for full staffing, and sufficient training resources and facilities, for all first responder sectors.
- Guard the minds of first responders at work and at home. *Keep them in Your perfect peace* (Isaiah 26:3)
- Grant first responders compassion and patience when responding to difficult calls in a stressful season.

Government

- As the City of Ottawa council votes on its 2026 budget (December 10), followed by implementation, we ask for Your wise and merciful oversight over the entire process, for the well-being of our city
- *Merciful God* (Dnl 9:9), help our Mayor and Councillors to work well together while holding differing views on important matters. Show mercy to their families; lead them to the manger and the cross.
- As snow removal operations ramp up, protect those who serve our city by keeping roads and sidewalks clear. May they *find strength in You* (Php 4:13) to endure the long days with joy and a sense of purpose.
- Give wisdom to federal decision makers engaged in the Comprehensive Expenditure Review. Establish peace in the hearts of Your people, to shine Your light to all affected by these changes in this season.

Education

- *Judge of all* (Gen 18:25), all leaders must give account to You. We pray for those in leadership in school boards. Grant them wisdom, humility and integrity to lead well, that *Your will may be done* (Mt 6:10)
- We give thanks for every opportunity for staff and students to share their joy and hope because of Your coming in Bethlehem. May such opportunities continue and increase.
- *Strength of the weary* (Isa 40:29), empower weary students and staff to finish their term well. Give them joy and rest as they celebrate the birth of the Christ child with their loved ones and faith community.

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

Answers to Prayer

- [Education sector] In November we prayed that *students who feel on the margins would find safe places in which to find a welcome*. Our sector experts report that they have seen an increase in the creation of groups that students can join to encourage a sense of belonging, including Alpha.