

COMMUNITY *Prayer Guide*



“I urge, then ... that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people” 1 Tim 2:1 NIV

January 2026

Thank you for praying with One Church-One Day! *“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us!” (Psa 67:1)*

Body of Christ

- Lord Jesus, like a *city on a hill* that *cannot be hidden* (Mat 5:14), may your Body in our city be *the light that shines in the darkness*, which the *darkness cannot overcome* (Jhn 1:5).
- Mighty God, You are able to *turn the hearts of rulers wherever you will* (Prv 21:1). Rise up in power and defend liberty, justice and freedom of conscience for those in our land who seek Your face.
- Father God, we are *your children by faith* in Your son’s name (Gal 3:26). May we find our identity in Him.

Family

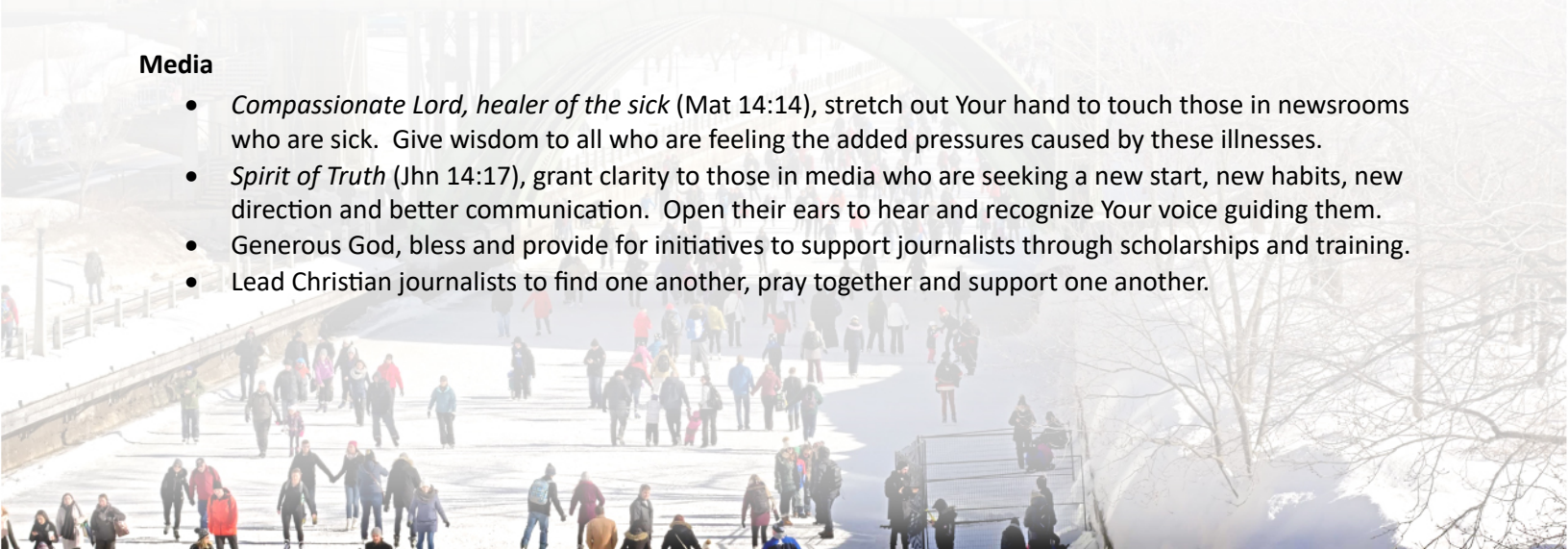
- *Shepherd of Your people* (Psa 80:1), as heads of families look to the future, seeking a fresh start and considering new commitments, may they *acknowledge You, that you may direct their steps* (Prv 3:6).
- Sovereign Lord, grant boldness to believing families as you did to the apostles (Acts 4:29-30), that they may hold to their faith without apology, making courageous choices and being a witness to others.
- God of hope, may all those facing financial strain or job insecurity turn to You, *seeking you with all their hearts* (Jer 29:13), and find that You are near, listening to them and leading them by Your wisdom
- Jesus, teach busy families to walk with You, and learn from You how to walk with each other. (Mat 11:28)

Health Care

- *Giver of life* (Acts 17:25), in your mercy, open the eyes of many in this city to value the gift of life and the blessing of caring for the weak, that the incidence of MAID deaths may be greatly reduced.
- *God who heals* (Psa 103:3), let there be fewer infectious disease cases during the winter months.
- *God of compassion* (Psa 116:5), give us more trained and gifted workers in child & adolescent specialties.
- *God of endurance and encouragement* (Rom 15:5), enable nurses to collaborate within teams, *building each other up* (Eph 4:29) with good communication. Raise up leaders who can model this approach.

Media

- *Compassionate Lord, healer of the sick* (Mat 14:14), stretch out Your hand to touch those in newsrooms who are sick. Give wisdom to all who are feeling the added pressures caused by these illnesses.
- *Spirit of Truth* (Jhn 14:17), grant clarity to those in media who are seeking a new start, new habits, new direction and better communication. Open their ears to hear and recognize Your voice guiding them.
- Generous God, bless and provide for initiatives to support journalists through scholarships and training.
- Lead Christian journalists to find one another, pray together and support one another.





Business

- Creator God, the desire to work and prosper comes from You. We pray for all businesses in Ottawa that are consistent with your good purposes. May they thrive as they walk in integrity, truth and generosity.
- Thank you for *Workers on Our Knees* (Jan 21) and all Christian business owners who gather to pray for their employees, clients, and workplaces. May all such initiatives grow, multiply and bear much fruit.
- We pray for believers who are learning to be faith-driven entrepreneurs and investors—that they would grow in courage, wisdom, and obedience as they integrate their faith with their work.

Arts, Culture, Sport

- Generous God, we ask for steady provision to remove the weight of financial strain from artists. Grant time, energy, and freedom to live out their creative callings, that their gifts may flourish and bless many.
- Father, protect and strengthen artists of faith as they *put on the whole armour of God* (Eph 6:11). May they stand firm in their identity in Christ, resisting the lies of the enemy regarding the nature of success.
- God of creativity, open up creative spaces led by believing artists. May they be welcoming, gracious, homelike places of belonging, compassion and refuge, where the love of Christ touches all who enter.
- We pray for Christian athletes on university and college campuses. May those competing radiate the light of Jesus to all around, and those in the off season remain strong in their faith and witness.

Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, safeguard first responders in all situations, leading them in decisions that are right and wise. *Give your angels charge over them* (Psa 91:11) that they may live under your sovereign protection.
- *God of all comfort* (2 Cor 1:3), we lift up the loved ones of the firefighter who lost his life in December, and all first responders touched by this tragedy. In their grief, fill them with peace, hope and courage.
- God of truth, may all policies and procedures be in line with Your principles for love and respect of life. Grant great wisdom to decision-makers to understand the concerns of all staff and care well for them.
- May many first responders put their hope in You, transforming their lives and hearts with Your salvation.

Government

- Triune God, as city staff and councillors return to work after the Christmas and New Years break, work among them a deep, Spirit-led unity, and watch over our Mayor with Your wisdom and protection
- *Rescuer of the needy* (Psa 72:12), we cry out to you for those in our city who need shelter from the extreme cold. May the 311 call system work effectively, and the shelter system be adequate to the need.
- *Jehovah Jireh* (Gen 22:14), we ask for the prosperity of our city, that its people have more than enough for their needs. Teach your people the wisdom of contentment, that we may live within our means.
- Grant grace to governing bodies to care well for the security of all citizens in unstable times.

Education

- God of peace, may Your peace, *which surpasses all understanding, guard the hearts and minds* of students and staff in our schools, and leading those who do not believe to the feet of Jesus. (Php 4:7)
- We pray for students who are struggling, that they would be drawn to You, and receive the strength and courage that they need in order to thrive. In mercy, *draw near to them* in their need. (James 4:8)
- Way Maker, make a way for schools to access the resources they need to support their students well.

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