

COMMUNITY

Prayer Guide



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

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As the days lengthen and spring draws closer, we look to the promised restoration of all things (Acts 3:20-21).

Body of Christ

- God of compassion, make a way for those seeking a place of physical, spiritual or emotional belonging.
- Lord Jesus, as a *city on a hill cannot be hidden* (Mat 5:14), may your Body in our city be *the light that shines in the darkness* (Jhn 1:5). Let us *not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good* (Rm 12:21).
- 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.

Family

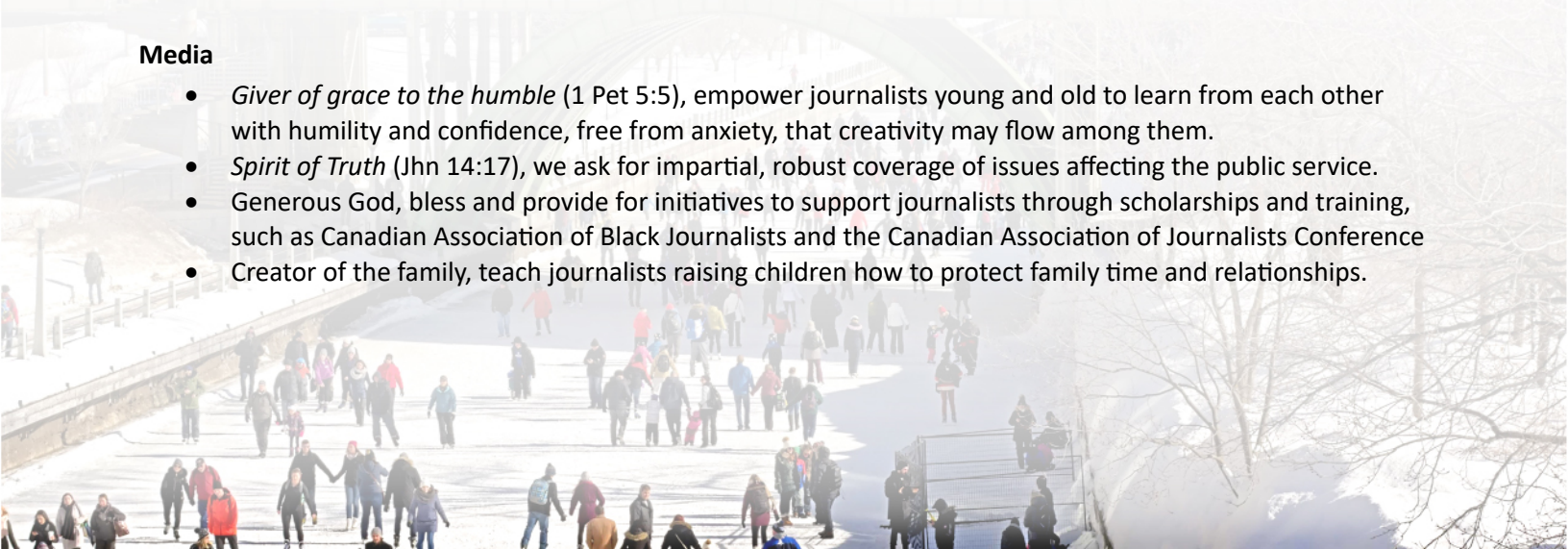
- Mighty and holy God, you *work in all circumstances for the good of those who love you* (Rom 8:26). Strengthen breadwinners facing job loss. May they receive guidance and faith for new opportunities.
- *God of peace* (Jdg 6:24), we pray for families that have sustained sickness over the winter months. Grant them resilience and peace as they continue to care for their own or for extended family members.
- *God our fortress* (Psa 91:2), impart strength to believing families that they may strengthen those around them, pointing the way to long-term stability and hope.
- *God of all comfort* (2 Cor 1:3), draw the lonely to Yourself. May they choose You over worldly comforts.

Health Care

- *God, you instruct us to honour our elders* (Ex 20:12). We lift up those in long term care, that they may be treated with dignity, and that partnerships may arise with local schools and churches to end isolation.
- *God of compassion* (Psa 116:5), thank you for those serving in allied healthcare services (drivers, nutritionists, therapists, pharmacists, social workers). Help them do their work with excellence and care.
- *God who sees* (Gen 16:13), stretch the capacity of hospital emergency rooms, raise up urgent care clinics.
- *God of endurance and encouragement* (Rom 15:5), grant godly leadership with wisdom and endurance to life-affirming healthcare institutions and agencies, that Your precious gift of life may be honoured.

Media

- *Giver of grace to the humble* (1 Pet 5:5), empower journalists young and old to learn from each other with humility and confidence, free from anxiety, that creativity may flow among them.
- *Spirit of Truth* (Jhn 14:17), we ask for impartial, robust coverage of issues affecting the public service.
- Generous God, bless and provide for initiatives to support journalists through scholarships and training, such as Canadian Association of Black Journalists and the Canadian Association of Journalists Conference
- Creator of the family, teach journalists raising children how to protect family time and relationships.





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 all business owners and workers who joined in *Workers on Our Knees* (Jan 21). May they follow Your calling, blessing their community as they walk in faith and serve others through their work.
- 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

- *Covenant-keeping God* (Jer 34:31-34), where politeness has dulled true connection, forgive us and knit our hearts together in covenantal love. May our collaboration with artists and leaders reveal Your glory.
- Creator God, bind the arts community with joy, generosity, and a spirit of collaboration over competition. Make Ottawa a city of beauty and care where creativity flourishes and Your unity is made visible.
- *Fountain of living water* (Jer 2:13), we pray for upcoming athlete retreats, that all present will connect deeply with You, will be strengthened and encouraged, and will hear and heed Your call on their lives.

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.
- All-wise God, grant a workplace culture marked by humility, leading to collaboration, mutual respect, appreciation and trust, where staff *treat one another as they would want to be treated* (Mat 7:12).
- May many first responders put their hope in You, transforming their lives and hearts with Your salvation.

Government

- *God of shalom* (Jdg 6:24), grant increasing *shalom* in our city. May its people, services, and leadership flourish, and all who live and work here see your peace and provision, that hearts may turn towards You.
- *God of miracles* (Deut 29:5), in mercy, let our current bus fleet run reliably without breakdowns or added maintenance while we await new buses, so all routes can operate fully and without cancellations.
- *God our shelter* (Isa 25:4), protect all snow clearing operators. May they find needed rest in You, and *strength* (Php 4:13) to continue serving. In wisdom, guide planners to sane, timely, achievable targets.

Education

- *Giver of wisdom and understanding* (Prv 2:6), teach educators to help one another improve through supportive and intentional community, that they may lead and guide their students with excellence.
- Help students entering a new semester to move forward with confidence, building on past learning.
- May all students who are struggling be drawn to You, and receive the strength, courage and resources that they need in order to thrive. In mercy, *draw near to them* in their need. (James 4:8)

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

Answered Prayer

In July/Aug 2025, we continued to pray for creative solutions to Ottawa's homelessness crisis. Partial and interim answers are seen in conversion of unused office space to interim housing for asylum seekers (ottawa.citynews.ca 2025-07-03), and reports on Mark Sutcliffe's LinkedIn page (Aug 2025) that 2025 housing starts in Ottawa were well above the national average