

COMMUNITY Prayer Guide



“We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.”. Psalms 33:20 NIV

March 2026

As winter snows give way to spring showers, we seek an outpouring of God’s Spirit like sweet rain over our city.

Body of Christ

- *Glorious Father* (Eph 1:17), build your people into a house of prayer with You at the centre (Eph 2:22)
- *Creator of every nation* (Acts 17:26), we bless you for the diverse nationalities, perspectives and giftings in your church. Teach us to walk as one family where all who sincerely seek You may find a place.
- *God of encouragement* (Rom 15:5), empower your people to keep serving and *not grow weary*. (Gal 6:9)

Family

- God of wisdom, we pray for families facing large decisions. Prompt decision-makers to pause, wait and get counsel. May they *trust in You with all their heart, and not rely on their own understanding* (Prv 3:5).
- *Everlasting God* (Psa 90:1-2), we pray for families with aging members who are losing independence. Assure them of your merciful care, grant resilience and wisdom, strengthen them in hope. Lead their caregivers to reach out to others, and seek and receive the support they need.
- *God our fortress* (Psa 91:2), we pray for those who have set goals for this new year and are now fighting discouragement and shame. Help them fight these enemies with truth and patience, and win the battle.

Health Care

- Life-giving God, thank You for the saving blood of Jesus. May many join the 2026 Easter Blood Drive (easterblooddrive.ca, Mar 14 launch). May we, *Your workmanship, live for good works* (Eph 2:10).
- Thank you for Christian doctors who are meeting to pray. Give unity, encouragement, and guidance.
- *God of endurance and encouragement* (Rom 15:5), strengthen health care practitioners to persevere, rejecting complacency by choosing faith and hope. Grant wisdom and clarity amidst complex challenges.
- *Author of life* (Acts 17:25), grant increased focus on prevention and education for a healthier society and lower demand on the healthcare system. Cause many to value the gift of life by choosing healthful living.

Media

- *Generous God* (Jas 1:5), lead seasoned journalists to come alongside younger ones as generous mentors
- *God of light* (1 Jn 1:5), let your light and truth shine in newsrooms, that hope and joy may abound.
- *Giver of rest* (Mat 11:28) we lift up journalists who must cover difficult, controversial, catastrophic topics. May they come to you, and in you may they find rest, peace, perspective, and restorative sleep.
- Lord Jesus, may journalists seeking escape from the world and its troubles *draw near to You*. (Jas 4:8)





Business

- Holy and merciful God, in this Lenten season, draw business leaders to come away with you. *In a dry and weary land* (Psa 63:1), lead them to times of refreshing, prayer, confession, community and study
- 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.
- 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.

Arts, Culture, Sport

- *Creator God* (Gen 1:31), help newly trained artists find their place and purpose. Bring seasoned mentors alongside them, building strong pathways for learning, growth, and the sharing of wisdom (2 Tim 2:2).
- We praise and thank You, O Lord, for raising up God-fearing artists to positions of leadership in our city. Grant them courage, steadfast faith, wisdom, discernment, innovative ideas and a collaborative spirit, that together they may develop a unified vision and wise strategies for the arts in our city.
- *Fountain of life* (Jhn 4:14), as university Christian athletes go on retreats, open hearts to Your deep work. As they consider summer job opportunities, lead them into opportunities to serve, and so bless many.

Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, safeguard first responders in all situations, leading them in decisions that are right and wise. *Let Your name be to them a strong tower* (Prv 18:10); in Your presence may they find refuge and peace.
- All-wise God, grant a workplace culture full of humble collaboration, mutual respect and appreciation, where staff choose trust and goodwill, *treating each other as they would want to be treated* (Mat 7:12).
- God of justice, watch over investigations in local and provincial police services. Grant integrity leading to restored public trust. Give officers clear minds, courage and confidence to work well under this scrutiny.

Government

- *God our shelter* (Psa 27:5), may all levels of government, with other partners, receive wisdom to alleviate the housing crisis, that we may see a significant drop in the numbers of homeless people in our city.
- *God of miracles* (Deut 29:5), cause our city's current bus fleet to run reliably without breakdowns or added maintenance while we await new buses, so all routes can operate fully and without cancellations.
- Mayor Sutcliffe hosted a "City of Kindness" symposium in February. In line with this, God of compassion, we ask for the grace "to build a kinder, stronger, and more connected Ottawa together."

Education

- *Protector of the helpless* (Psa 10:14), spread your protecting wings over students, teachers and staff in our schools. Cause them to entrust themselves to You and find safety and security in Your presence.
- Lord Jesus, *giver of true rest* (Mt 11:28), mercifully lead teachers and staff into your rest during March break, and send angels to protect those who are travelling.
- God of provision, in your goodness point school counsellors to wisdom and resources that will support students and staff with what each one truly needs, according to Your design (Psa 139:14-17)
- God of wisdom and counsel, please guide the process of school planning for the wellbeing of students

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