

# COMMUNITY Prayer Guide



**“The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God”. Rev 8:4 NIV**

**April 2026**

We belong to a God who hears the prayers of His people. Thank you for praying with One Church One Day!

## **Body of Christ**

- *God of new birth* (1 Pe 1:3), breath life on the words spoken during this season of resurrection, that your truth may penetrate the hearts of those who hear the message, and give them enduring hope.
- We pray for all who attend Easter services in our city, especially those who are invited as guests. May they meet the risen Lord through the spoken word and in every aspect of these special services.
- God of light, as a *light set on a hill* can be seen far and wide (Mat 5:14), shine Your light through churches and ministries serving our city’s downtown core, that many may praise Your name.

## **Family**

- *Father of the fatherless, You set the lonely in families* (Ps 68:5-6). Help those who have no children of their own to be a blessing to the children of others. So may they also receive joy and comfort.
- Lord Jesus, lead families to talk about Your sacrifice and what it means to be Your disciples (Gal 2:20).
- *Living God* (Psa 84:2), breathe on the hearts of those who attend church services at Easter but are distant from You. Awaken in them a renewed desire to turn to You, draw near to You and walk with You.
- As young adult children consider next steps after a college or university year or work experience, lead them in wisdom, and grant healthy, respectful, productive conversations between the generations.

## **Health Care**

- Sovereign Lord, who *knits us together in our mother’s womb* (Ps 139:13), safeguard all pregnant women, that the life within them would be valued and nurtured, and that they would receive the best of care.
- Lord Jesus, to whom *wind and waves bow down* (Mt 8:27), amidst global unrest may your *Spirit of power and love and a sound mind* (2 Ti 1:7) rule in your people, empowering us to impart your peace to others.
- Sustainer of the elderly (Ps 71:18), we ask You to reawaken a vision for palliative care in our health care system, and grant increased access to palliative care in hospitals and community care.

## **Media**

- *God of hope* (Rom 15:13), raise up journalists whose work stirs up hope, empowering many to make sound decisions leading to civic engagement, neighbourliness, productive living, and informed prayer.
- Grant journalism that breaks down barriers, helping us to see how we want the same things, and that grants insight into complex situations, with historical perspective that increases understanding.
- Raise up media leaders with wisdom, kindness, passion for truth, editorial excellence and moral clarity.
- *God of light* (1 Jn 1:5), blow away barriers that keep critical facts hidden. Make a way for timely access to information, thus preventing corruption and exposing darkness by the light of truth (Eph 5:12-14).





### Business

- God of righteousness (Prv 10:2-3), amidst economic pressures, give wisdom to business owners to prosper while honoring your standards of integrity. Show them the way in which they should walk.
- Faithful God, as you led Israel through the wilderness, reveal Your faithfulness to Christian business owners in a time of many pressures. May they lead their employees to the One who sustains them.

### Arts, Culture, Sport

- Father God, inspire artists to create works that reflect Your beauty and truth, that Your glory may be revealed across the earth, and many may be drawn to You, with hearts awakened to give you praise.
- Give all artists freedom and courage to practise their craft and walk faithfully in their God-given purpose.
- Giver of skill (Ex 31:1-5), may the work of Christian artists be a form of worship and genuine devotion.
- *God our Savior* (1 Tim 1:1), bless Athletes in Action's HS all-star football game (May 1). Grant wisdom in choosing coaches and teams, safety, good weather, and gospel conversations in practices (Apr 27-30).

### Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, as our first responders serve You, *let Your name be to them a strong tower* (Prv 18:10). Keep them safe, guard their minds, and lead them in sound decisions that protect human lives.
- 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).
- We continue to ask for a permanent professional development facility (OPS), also a second EMS facility.
- God of truth, may all policies and procedures be in line with Your principles for love and respect of life.

### Government

- *God of miracles* (Deut 29:5), we ask that Ottawa's bus and LRT systems would work at peak performance. Show those managing these systems effective ways of improving reliability and increasing ridership.
- Grant that the promised upload of LRT expenses from city to province would be quick and trouble-free.
- As councillors and staff head towards elections, help those serving the city to work well together amidst uncertain times and personal and ward concerns. May cooler heads prevail and Christ-like love rule.
- *Giver of wisdom* (Prv 2:6), teach Mayor Sutcliffe Your ways, resulting in ongoing wisdom to lead well.

### Education

- Ever-present Father (Ps 33:13-14), may the hope of Easter (Jhn 3:16) be prayed over every school and every student, from elementary to secondary to post-secondary, by a community of believers.
- *Lord of peace* (2 Th 3:16), grant peace and clear minds to post secondary students preparing for exams.
- *God of wisdom* (Jas 1:5), guide graduating students transitioning to post secondary education or work.
- *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.

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

### Answered Prayer (Police-Fire-EMS)

Request: In Nov and Dec 2025, we prayed for sufficient facilities for all first responder sectors.

Answer: *Land acquired for 2<sup>nd</sup> paramedic deployment facility on Strandherd Dr. Council approved. (Feb 2026)*

Request: In several 2025 CPGs we prayed for believing first responders to serve not-yet-believing colleagues.

Answer: *2 police cruisers showed up at Sunday service; one officer had led the other to Christ. (Dec 2025)*