

COMMUNITY *Prayer Guide*



“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”. Psalm 95:6 ESV

May 2026

May our prayers rise as an offering of worship to the risen Lord. Thank you for praying with One Church One Day!

Body of Christ

- 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.
- Even as *the joy of the Lord is our strength* (Neh 8:10), help pastors and church leaders find joy in You, in their ministry, and in relationships with their flock. *Give them wisdom* (Jas 1:5) for difficult situations.
- God of power and might, as churches celebrate Pentecost (May 24), pour out Your Spirit on your people for these challenging times. *Renew a steadfast spirit within us* (Ps.51:10).

Family

- *Shepherd of your people* (Psa 80:1), when rising costs and economic instability add stress on families, lead family heads in peace and wisdom. As they make spending decisions, teach them to trust You.
- *God of new beginnings* (2 Cor 5:17), as couples plan weddings and families celebrate graduations, fill them with lasting joy that comes from You, and help them plan wisely for the days to come.
- Author of marriage (Mat 19:4-6), help couples struggling in their marriages. Show them the way. Lead them to friends and counsellors who are filled with your wisdom and compassion.
- *God of truth* (Jhn 14:6), guard your people’s hearts from false expectations. Lead them in Your wise ways.

Health Care

- *God our healer* (Exo 15:6), we thank You for new medical and mental health clinics opening their doors in Ottawa. Please continue to draw gifted, caring, principled practitioners of health disciplines to our city.
- *Giver of peace* (Col 3:15), as stress levels rise for healthcare managers and workers, lead them to the One who can anchor their souls. Empower them to serve clients with excellence and treat one another well.
- As planned layoffs hit the Ottawa Hospital, may Your Spirit move among managers, staff and patients. Reveal Yourself as their provision, peace, wisdom, strength, and compassionate healer.
- As health care graduates transition into the workforce, be their strength and wisdom. Open doors for them into supportive, healthy peer and mentorship relationships.

Media

- God of justice, where workplace bullying exists in media networks, may it be exposed, removed, and replaced with a leadership style that is both just and kind.
- As journalists prepare and conduct interviews, enable them to practice their craft with curiosity and a fair-minded approach that allows for the expression of balancing views where appropriate and possible.
- Grant renewed favour in the media world for stories about the place of faith in our culture.
- Grant wisdom for balanced coverage of world or national events and local community life.





Business and Workplace

- Grant business owners grace to serve their team with authenticity and humility. May they be *quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry* (James 1:19 NIV).
- Grant grace to clients as they interact with businesses on timing, communication, and service. May both sides communicate clearly and consider each other's needs and well-being.
- *Lord of all creation* (Ps 24:1), lead business owners to seek and trust You, the Sovereign over all.
- *Author of work* (Gen 2:15), we pray for all workers. May they find satisfaction in doing honest, honorable work and doing it well. Birth in them a desire to honor You in their work.

Arts, Culture, Sport

- *Author of creativity* (Col 1:16), spark in leaders in education a renewed vision for the arts as essential to human flourishing, with wisdom to incorporate training in various arts in high school programs.
- 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.
- *God our Savior* (1 Tim 1:1), as Ottawa Redblacks training camp begins, empower new and returning players who are believers to shine their light clearly. Grant open doors for chaplaincy and gospel witness.

Police, Fire, EMS

- *God of order* (Rom 13:1-7), as warmer weather brings renewed public protests, send your angels to bring self-restraint, peace and respect to demonstrators, and grant Your wisdom to assigned police and EMS.
- *Sovereign God*, send angels to safeguard our first responders. Grant wisdom for sound decisions.
- We continue to ask for a permanent professional development facility (OPS), also a second EMS facility.
- *Spirit of God*, watch over our city in mercy. Quiet the hearts of those most vulnerable. Protect our streets from sickness, disease and crime. Send revival to transform our city so that public emergencies are rare.

Government

- *Giver of wisdom and prudence* (Prv 8:12-16), give wisdom, justice and fair-mindedness to those who must apply city bylaws, notably the bubble bylaw to protect vulnerable populations such as faith groups.
- Give wisdom for timely, wise decisions to those responsible for the East End Transportation network.
- *Eternal God*, all things are in Your hands (Job 12:10). Let this truth anchor the hearts of city councillors with peace and perspective regarding this election year and how they will engage.
- *God our Savior* (1 Tim 2:3), turn our mayor, council and city staff towards You for ongoing daily wisdom.

Education

- As school leaders discern best practices for emergency situations, give them Your wisdom (Psa 34:6-7)
- Empower all school staff with abundant endurance and overflowing grace for every aspect of school life.
- *God of wisdom* (James 1:5), guide graduating students transitioning to post-secondary education or work. Grant them faith to see your provision.
- *Father of human families* (Eph 3:14-15 NIV), thank you for those who have chosen to educate their children at home. Bless them with joy and courage for this sacred task.

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