

COMMUNITY *Prayer Guide*



“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!” Psalm 103:1 ESV

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The faithfulness of God is the foundation for our prayers. Thank you for praying with One Church One Day!

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Body of Christ

- *Shepherd of your people* (Psa 23:1), as summer visitors attend services, lead them to green pastures of rest and renewal. May they find in your church a place of welcome, acceptance and belonging.
- Empower pastors and leaders to be humble and audacious witnesses of the truth of the gospel.
- Author of unity (John 17:21-23), where combined services take place this summer, may all who gather from different churches honour each other (Rom 12:10), that all may be built up in faith and love.
- Bless all Christian summer children's and youth programs with genuine impact leading to changed lives.

Family

- *Giver of peace* (Col 3:15), as family heads consider the cost of summer camps or child care during the summer months, lead them in peace and wisdom that they may receive your guidance and provision.
- God of covenant (Mat 19:4-6), lead parents to model committed love as a foundation for family life.
- *God of Sabbath rest* (Heb 4:9), help families rest well this summer. Lead the electronically addicted to choose to disconnect electronically and connect emotionally, enjoying simple, relaxed times together.
- Help Christian families maintain or rediscover lifegiving spiritual rhythms during this summer season.

Health Care

- *God our healer* (Exo 15:26), as new medical graduates begin their year of residency (July 1), watch over patients in their care, give them wise mentors to guide them, and good opportunities to hone their skills.
- We give thanks for reports of reduced wait times for those in need of mental health care, and more available beds with reduced wait times in some area hospitals.
- *Restorer of our souls* (Psa 23:3), as hospital staff take vacations, may they find renewal for spirit, soul and body, and return with fresh strength and energy. May all in need of care have reasonable wait times.
- Sovereign God, who *made all things in wisdom* (Psa 104:24), we thank You for the gift of our bodies, their amazing capacity to heal, and the benefits of exercise, fresh air, sunshine and nutrition.

Media

- God of hope, give wisdom and hope to newsroom leaders and journalists navigating structural changes
- God, you tell Your leaders to lead with humility and a servant heart (Mat 20:26). Help newsroom leaders understand their staff and serve them well. Help them communicate vision clearly to those they serve.
- Give insight and direction to journalists to find and follow through with stories that need to be told.





Business and Workplace

- Father, as Christian entrepreneurs do business, give them generous, servant hearts like yours (Mat 7:11). May they not only seek their own good but the good of others, contributing to the community at large.
- Help isolated or lonely Christian business owners find opportunities for fellowship and mutual support
- As entrepreneurs try to sort out what they want to do, remind them of their dependency on You (James 4:13-15). Teach them to trust You, submit to You, put their hope in You and get their direction from You.
- *Author of work* (Gen 2:15), we pray for all workers, whether believers or not. 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

- 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 refuge, we ask You to watch over all children playing sports across Ottawa this summer. By Your Spirit, pour out wisdom and encouragement to coaches and team leaders as they shape young lives.
- Thank You for the Redblacks Bible study. Stir up hunger for You, leading to growth in numbers and depth. May those attending grow strong in faith, with lives that reflect Your goodness at home and on the field.

Police, Fire, EMS

- Mighty God, safeguard first responders in body, soul and spirit. Let Your wise guidance lead to sound decisions and good outcomes. In Your presence may they find refuge and peace.
- *Giver of peace* (Col 3:15), bring order to the troubled emotions and thoughts of first responders walking through dark situations. Protect those struggling from isolation. Lead them to seek the help they need.
- *God of order* (Rom 13:1-7), in the summer season of public protests, give wisdom and grace to assigned police and EMS, and send angels to bring self-restraint, peace and respect to demonstrators.
- *Faithful God*, as Ottawa's paramedics suddenly find themselves without charting software, we ask for a reliable new source of quality software, and grace for the interim as they return to paper charting.

Government

- *Faithful God*, help federal public servants facing layoffs to trust you in the face of uncertainty (Job 1:21). *Shepherd of your people* (Psa 23:1), direct their steps in your ways (Prv 3:5-6)
- *Giver of wisdom* (Jas 1:5), guide those working on the rollout of the upcoming new light rail line. Help them work effectively despite the pressures, discovering problems and finding solutions quickly.
- God, You *lift up one and bring down another* (Psa 75:7). As municipal elections approach, help sitting councillors and all candidates stay calm, guard their hearts and speech, and trust you for the outcome.

Education

- *Giver of peace* (Phil 4:7), may those tasked with planning for the new school year turn to You in humility, that Your overarching peace may surround staff, students and leaders at all levels of education.
- Giver of wisdom (Jas 1:5-8), as Ontario's public school system undergoes a sweeping review, grant wisdom to decision makers that the changes may lead to lasting benefit for students and staff.
- Giver of rest, thank You for a quieter pace during the summer school break. May students keep growing in wisdom and love. Watch over all who are travelling, strengthen families with good relational times.

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