

COMMUNITY *Prayer Guide*



"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!" Psalm 113:3 ESV

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If you have seen answers to the prayers offered over the last few months, we would love to hear it! By sharing you help us all to be watching for God's blessings. Go to onechurchoneday.ca/praise-form/ where we collect and edit them for posting in the blog. God bless you as you meet with Jesus on your turn to pray!

Body of Christ

- *God of hope* (Rom 15:13, Jer 29:11), as pastors reconnect with their community after the summer's rest and activity, we ask you to bless them with renewed strength and vision leading to fruitful service
- As churches relaunch fall programs for all age groups and needs, may these initiatives result in genuine community filled with Your lifegiving presence, leading many to either start or continue a journey of faith
- As pastors and leaders gather in various groupings to pray and plan, may they taste and see your goodness and experience the blessing of meeting together and supporting each other (Col 3:16-17)

Family

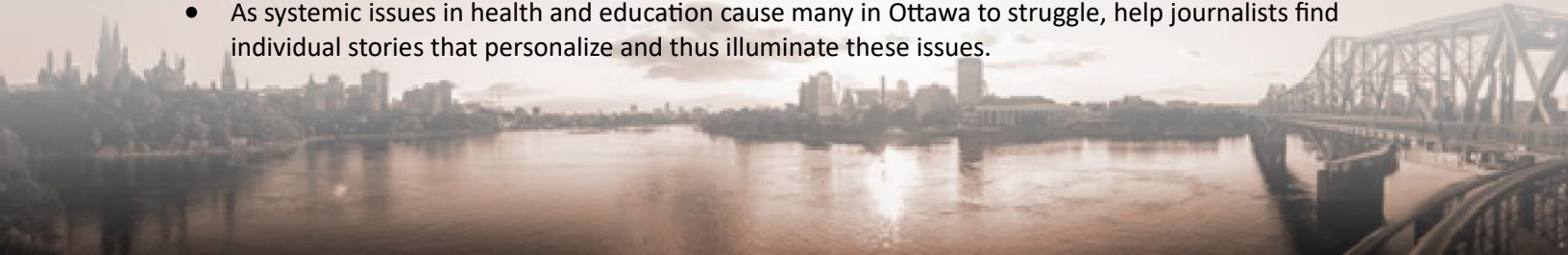
- *Giver of peace* (Col 3:15), as families return to work and school routines, grant patience, peace and calm.
- *God our provider* (Gen 22:14), give peace to families under financial pressure. Protect marriages and empower the parents to turn to You in humility and trust, modeling this for their children
- Strengthen grandparents who are parenting young children because the parents cannot or will not. Give them grace and stamina to carry this assignment with joy for as long as they are needed.
- Bring repentance, reconciliation, deliverance and healing to families struggling due to marital infidelity.

Health Care

- *Giver of wisdom*, give grace and wisdom to Dr. Melissa Forgie, the new Dean of Medicine at uOttawa.
- *Faithful God* (Lam 3:22-23), show your mercy to all affected by the closure of eight francophone palliative beds (*Hospice Care Ottawa*). Raise up care for those in need, show kindness to laid-off staff.
- As believing hospice and hospital staff deal with MAiD in their workplaces, grant wisdom, discernment, courage, perseverance and hope. As darkness increases, shine your light in and through your people.
- *God of righteousness* (Psa 4:1) we pray for the upcoming legal challenge to MAiD for the mentally ill. May your hand be on those who contend for justice and truth, and seek to protect the vulnerable.

Media

- *God of hope* (Rom 15:13, Jer 29:11), give wisdom and hope to newsroom leaders and journalists navigating structural changes, and place people in areas where they are gifted.
- Enable those covering electoral campaigns to provide engaging, insightful, fair-minded, helpful coverage.
- Help reporters learn their subject matter well, leading to in-depth coverage with balancing perspectives.
- As systemic issues in health and education cause many in Ottawa to struggle, help journalists find individual stories that personalize and thus illuminate these issues.





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

- *God our rock* (Ps 18:2), strengthen Christian artists struggling with their witness in a worldly arts culture
- *God of community* (Ps 68:6), help Christian artists form divine connections with established leaders in the arts community, both Christian and not Christian. May these connections lead to much good fruit.
- As Renew Arts and other Christian arts groups plan for the coming year, grant them capacity and vision
- *God of light*, enable Christian athletes at Carleton, uOttawa, Algonquin, and La Cité to be a beacon of light on their teams, that others may be drawn to know the reason for the hope that motivates them

Police, Fire, EMS

- *Giver of peace* (Phil 4:7), bring order to the emotions and thoughts of first responders walking through situations of darkness and conflict. Lead those far from God to come to know the peace of Christ.
- Mighty God, safeguard first responders in body, soul and spirit. Let Your wisdom guide their decisions.
- We pray for a suitable training and development facility for OPS, and for progress on a new HQ for EMS.
- We give thanks for progress on the new police station, and for all who have helped move this forward.

Government

- *Holy God*, help all city council and staff to work well together amidst the municipal electoral campaign.
- *Sovereign God*, we ask you to oversee the process and the outcome of the municipal election.
- Grant humble, competent, principled leadership to our city, and shepherd those who hope to govern.
- Grant wisdom, strength and grace to city manager Wendy Stephanson who carries a heavy load.
- In mercy, provide for city employees, and others, who were personally affected by the recent flooding.

Education

- *Faithful God* (Deut 7:9), bless the Sep 10 Ottawa Christian Educators & Administrators Network (OCEAN) event. May it bring together new and old members, motivating them to dedicate the coming year to You.
- *God over all* (Ps 115:3), strengthen staff and students to enter the new school year free from anxiety.
- Strengthen connections between educators and students, laying foundations for healthy learning.
- Watch over students as they travel to and from school (Psalm 121:8). May they put their hope in You.

Answered Prayer (Body of Christ)

Request: We prayed (July-Aug 2026) for mutual honour and upbuilding flowing from shared summer services
Answer: *On July 26th, 2026, on a soccer field in Barrhaven, over a dozen Ottawa South churches joined in an outdoor worship service followed by a picnic and attractions for children. Many have testified of being blessed by this gathering. Flowing from this event, pastors from several denominations have been inspired to pray and work together to address needs in their neighbourhoods (eg Barrhaven Food Cupboard, local refugee houses). Ward councillors and MP Mark Carney witnessed this expression of unity! To God be the glory.*