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PRAYERS FOR OUR CITY

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PRAYING FOR SEVEN STRATEGIC AREAS

- 1. Political Leaders
- 2. Business & Marketplace
- 3. Family, Youth & Community
- 4. First Responders & Healthcare
- 5. Education
- 6. Media, Arts & Entertainment
- 7. Clergy & The Church



POLITICAL LEADERS (Theme: Wisdom & Direction)

Scripture Focus – "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)



POLITICAL LEADERS

- Our God and our Father, we recognize that nothing takes you by surprise, so today we ask for your guidance to navigate these challenging times
- We pray for our mayor, city councillors and all our political leaders who serve our city
- Given the unprecedented U.S. tariffs imposed today, grant our leaders wisdom to take appropriate and measured action as a nation and city, guide them as they deliberate on strategies to support affected industries and workers
- We pray for rational thinking and a spirit of cooperation to prevail among the trading partners, to achieve equitable outcomes on an expedited basis, for the common good of all people



POLITICAL LEADERS (cont'd)

- May our political leaders serve with humility, dignity, and accountability, recognizing that all authority is from you, and it is the hand of God that blesses and sustains any city or nation
- We are grateful for their commitment and ask you to give them good health, strength, and protection for their families
- As they serve our city, empower them with your grace, compassion and a heart to lead, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



BUSINESS & MARKETPLACE (Theme: Success & Stewardship)

Scripture Focus – "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)



BUSINESS & MARKETPLACE

- Gracious Father, we come before you lifting up leaders in business and the marketplace
- In the midst of an uncertain economic landscape and the potential for recession, give them the right strategies to adapt, thrive, and navigate disruptive trade policies
- Those that are on the verge of giving up, reignite their faith to embrace that all things are possible to them that believe
- Strengthen their resolve and continue to bless and expand their endeavours



BUSINESS & MARKETPLACE (cont'd)

- Provide support and employment opportunities to help families affected by layoffs, housing affordability challenges, food insecurity, and rising costs
- Touch the hearts of those in the marketplace, making them conduits of your blessings as they extend compassion, kindness, and generosity to others
- As they operate with integrity and moral excellence, empower them to achieve good success, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY (Theme: Love & Forgiveness)

Scripture Focus – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34 (NIV)



FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY

- Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance in strengthening the bonds within our homes
- We pray for deeper love, respect, and peace to fill our families, neighbourhoods, and First Nations and Aboriginal communities
- Give parents and guardians the patience, wisdom and fortitude to nurture and train their children to become upstanding members of society
- Restore family altars of worship and let our homes be sanctuaries where children are shielded from harm, and free from all forms of abuse



FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY (cont'd)

- Let forgiveness be the foundation of our relationships and bring healing to those who carry deep wounds, pain, trauma, depression, and anxiety
- Help our youth recognize they are the leaders of tomorrow, and ignite a
 passion in them to develop the gifts you have given them to make their
 unique mark in the world
- As we honour the diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds within our communities, empower us to love one another as you have loved us, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



FIRST RESPONDERS & HEALTHCARE (Theme: Love & Forgiveness)

Scripture Focus – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)



FIRST RESPONDERS & HEALTHCARE

- Dear Lord, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the dedicated men and women who faithfully serve our city
- Continue to protect our police officers, firefighters, paramedics, other first responders, & healthcare providers who selflessly face danger with courage
- Guard their hearts, encourage their spirits, as their bravery and dedication transform the lives of families in our city
- We ask that your Holy Spirit give them compassion, that they would serve all people with empathy, without bias, and that their actions and words would offer hope and encouragement



FIRST RESPONDERS & HEALTHCARE (cont'd)

- While they care for others, we ask that you surround their loved ones with your peace, comfort, and strength
- Father, help us all to honour and appreciate the sacrifices and selfless service of these everyday heroes
- As they serve and protect, let them feel your presence, empowering them to save lives, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



EDUCATION

(Theme: Instruction & Inspiration)

Scripture Focus – "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

Psalm 32:8 (NIV)



EDUCATION

- Abba Father, today we give thanks for the dedicated teachers and all who work in the education sector of our city
- We are grateful for the patience, understanding, and passion you've placed in their hearts to guide and nurture the minds of tomorrow
- Give them wisdom, not just for the subjects they teach, but in the moments when they need to encourage, counsel, and guide students through the challenges of life



EDUCATION (cont'd)

- We pray that the Holy Spirit will help them to recognize the unique needs of each student and give them the grace to meet their diverse academic, psychological, and physical needs
- Let their classrooms be safe spaces for idea generation, informative discussion and self-discovery
- Help us do our part to honour and appreciate our educators who are integral to the success of the next generation
- As you are the greatest teacher, give them your heart and your mind to engage and empower our students, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



MEDIA, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT (Theme: Truth & Authenticity)

Scripture Focus – "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)



MEDIA, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Gracious Lord, we lift in prayer today everyone you have gifted in the media, arts and entertainment industries
- As they endeavour to inform and engage, let them never compromise the truth, but act responsibly and in good faith
- Guide them to use their platforms to inspire and give light to untold stories of injustice, ingenuity, compassion and hope
- Encourage those who feel overlooked and underappreciated; help them find peace knowing they are using their gifts for a greater purpose



MEDIA, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT (cont'd)

- As we navigate a new world of artificial intelligence, we pray that we would never lose genuine authentic expression, but recognize that you are the author of creativity
- Provide funding, resources and partnerships to turn their dreams and visions into reality, including more faith-based content that speaks truth, love and hope
- As they continue to work diligently, may they never devalue their contributions and empower them to touch our hearts and soul, by your Spirit
- In Jesus name we pray, Amen



CLERGY & THE CHURCH (Theme: Spirit & Power)

Scripture Focus – "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)



CLERGY & THE CHURCH

- Most Holy God, we lift in prayer ministers, pastors, clergy, and all spiritual leaders
- We are grateful for their selfless sacrifice, commitment and dedication to you, their calling and to their congregations
- We pray that you renew the strength of those who are weary, discouraged and facing challenging circumstances
- Guard their hearts and minds from distraction and temptation, and bless their families



CLERGY & THE CHURCH (cont'd)

- Lord, empower our faith leaders to proclaim the truth, and to stand for righteousness, without compromise or impure motives
- We are not a perfect church, we are not a church without faults; but make no
 mistake, we are not a dead church or a timid church, we are still the bride of Christ,
 the salt of the earth and the light of the world
- Help us to build platforms not to sell products, but for the preaching of the undiluted gospel of Jesus Christ, for your presence to dwell and for the demonstration of your power to transform lives
- As your ministers' lead with integrity and the heart of a shepherd, let us never forget, it's not by our might, its not be our power, it is still by your Spirit we will prevail
- In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) - 1988 Version

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Amen.



NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Verse 1)

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land, glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



NATIONALANTHEM

(Verse 4)

Ruler supreme, Who hearest humble prayer,

Hold our Dominion, in Thy loving care.

Help us to find, O God,

in Thee, A lasting rich reward.

As waiting for the better Day,

We ever stand on guard.

God keep our land, glorious and free.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

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