

# A GUIDE TO PRAYING FOR CANADA



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## 1. First Peoples:

- ▶ Pray blessing upon all First Peoples across Canada, that they and their land would truly be blessed by God.
  - ... “you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring” (Gen 28:14)
  - ... “and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (Rev. 7:9)
- ▶ Pray for their children and youth that the life and resurrection power of Jesus would dissipate all despair and darkness, through God’s hope for a good future!
  - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7).
  - “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (Jn 10:10).

## 2. Media and the Arts:

- ▶ Pray for the Lord to mightily use all media platforms which are sharing the Gospel message – that this freedom will continue in our pluralistic society. Pray for the Holy Spirit to breath creative life through art mediums and that media consumers who are seeking spiritual reality will “hear and see” Jesus as their personal Creator and Saviour. Pray especially for the daily reach of 100 Huntley Street across our nation, bringing Christ into the heart of society and of viewers!
  - ... “the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it...” (Isa 42:5).
  - ... “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word” (Heb 1:3).
  - ... “and has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills... (Ex 35:30).
  - “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge (Ps 19:1-2).

## 3. Government Leaders:

- ▶ Pray for the spiritual strength of the nation and that God will “keep our land”! Pray for God’s wisdom and sovereign direction for our Prime Minister, the Governor General, Cabinet, Senate, and all Party Leaders, that all would serve with integrity, humility and grace. Pray for a renewed sense of spiritual values, vigor and strength. See [www.nationatprayer.ca](http://www.nationatprayer.ca) for specific prayer points for all levels of government.
- ▶ “I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour” (1 Tim 2:1-2).

#### 4. Families and Marriages:

- ▶ Pray for the strengthening of Canadian families, that they would grow and experience greater levels of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Contend for reconciliation in families and pray for the flourishing of marriages, that there would be peace in the home as Christ is honoured as Lord in all things. May Christian homes be pillars of hope, help and life to their communities, reflecting the love of Jesus to their neighbours.
  - “May the Lord make you increase, both you and your children; May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth (Ps 115:14-15).”
  - “...we do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col 1:9-10).

#### 5. The Church in Canada:

- ▶ Pray for favour, protection and Holy Spirit empowering for the leadership and pastors of all churches in Canada. Pray for reconciliation, greater unity, harmony and deeper levels of fellowship of the Church across our land. Pray for revival and the flourishing of spiritual vitality in the Body of Christ. Cry out for a great harvest of souls from coast to coast! May Canada be a nation that God uses to bring spiritual life and healing to many nations – healing through the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
  - “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one” (Jn 17:20-22)

#### 6. Business and Cities:

- ▶ Pray for the Lord to bless those whom he has called to develop the Canadian economy through business and that workplaces would flourish the lives of employees, as well as offering hope, growth and vigor to their local communities. Pray for Canadian cities – for the restoration of healthy economic life in areas of barrenness and for the revitalization of communities that were once considered impoverished. Pray for God’s blessing upon the cities from coast to coast!
  - ... “the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”
  - “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...” (Col 3:23).
  - “...seek the peace and prosperity of the city...Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper” (Jer 29:7).

#### 7. Future Generations:

- ▶ Pray for the spiritual, mental, and physical health of Canadian children, youth and young adults, that they would be protected from all harm and danger and the enticing schemes of the evil one. Pray for Godly mentors to form deep relationships with the next generations and to be intentional in giving opportunities for discipleship and growth in areas of leadership, spiritual development and missional outreach into their communities and workplaces. May the next generations rise up to their full potential in Christ and his Kingdom purposes across Canada and around the globe, to God’s glory!
  - “Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come” (Ps 71:18).
  - ... “so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children” (Ps 78:6).
  - “Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation” (Joel 1:3).
  - “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one” (Jn 17:15).