

PRAYERS

For the Nation: Almighty God who led our fathers into this land and set their feet in a large room: Give your grace, we pray, to us your children, that we may approve ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from lawlessness and discord, pride and arrogance and fashion into one godly people the multitude brought hear out of many lands and tongues. Give to all the spirit of service, love and mutual forbearance. In prosperity make us thankful towards you, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in you to fail. So that, loving you above all things, we may fulfill your gracious purpose in this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

For national unity: O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudices, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth all be of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

For the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of the Provinces: Lord of all power and mercy, we pray you to assist with your favor the Prime Minister of this nation, and the Premiers of the Provinces. Cause them, we pray, to walk before you in truth and righteousness, and to fulfill their office to your glory and the public good; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

For the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of the Province: Most gracious God, the author of all good things, we ask on behalf of the Parliament of Canada and the legislature of this province that you would be pleased to direct and prosper all their counsels to the advancement of your glory, the good of your Church and the safety, honor and welfare of our people. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Savior.

Before the Election: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, guide and direct, we pray you, the minds of all those who are called at this time to elect fit persons to serve in the Parliament and Government of this country of Canada. Grant that in the exercise of their choice thy may promote your glory, and the welfare of this country. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

For the Armed Forces: Lord of Hosts, stretch forth your mighty hand to strengthen and protect the forces of our nation in every peril of sea, land and air; shelter them in the day of battle and ever keep them safe from all evil; fill them with loyalty and courage and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

For Agriculture: Almighty God, who blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly, whatsoever is needed for the life of man, we pray over the work of the farmers of this nation. Grant seasonable weather to them, and fruitfulness to their labours so that with joy and thanksgiving we can proclaim the richness and bounty of this land, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

For Fisheries: Lord God, maker of all things, who made the seas and waters and all that moves therein, we ask that you bestow blessing on the harvests of the waters. Let the work of our fishermen be safe and yet abundant, even as Jesus blessed the disciples with nets bulging near to breaking. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

For Industry: Lord God, who gave us minds to imagine and hands to craft in imitation of you, we pray and declare prosperity and good will within the industry of this land of Canada. May those who work together find means to work without strife but rather to the glorification of you and in the spirit of brotherhood. May our prosperity be a means by which the message of the Gospel can be spread, and may we not squander or despise the wealth we make, having mindfulness towards the poor and needy. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

For Education: Grant, Lord God, all those who teach in our schools the spirit of wisdom and grace, that they might lead their pupils to reverence truth, desire goodness and rejoice in your creation, so that by some means all will come to know and worship you, Father in Heaven.

For Health: In the name of Jesus Christ, who healed the sick and through whose stripes we are all healed, we pray for a continuance of his good works among the people. May our hospitals and clinics be places which cheer, heal and sanctify the sick. Grant to physicians, surgeons, nurses and all caregivers the wisdom, skill, sympathy and patience to alleviate suffering. Lord God, we pray over the confusion of issues over health in this nation. May the differences and vanities of those in contention be laid to rest in favour of earnest desire to heal and assist the sick and wounded. We pray for wise decisions over this issue in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Foreign Relations: Lord God, maker of nations, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we bow before you as our supreme and almighty ruler, and pray that in like spirit our nation will be able to bring blessing to other nations or if need be to withstand the evil of those who are steadfast in it. May we find inspired in our land wise judges who look to your wisdom and are not vain in their human understanding who will guide our nation among the nations, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.