

PRAYER FOR OUR CITY



September 9

For what God has Done

Psalm 136: 1-9

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

His love endures forever.

To Him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

Who by His understanding made the heavens.

His love endures forever.

Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

His love endures forever.

Who made the great lights.

His love endures forever.

The sun to govern the day.

His love endures forever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night.

His love endures forever.

Pray: Father, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from your hand. We thank you for the abundant blessings you have showered on our city. Would you continue to bless and prosper our community in every way.

September 2

For Connection with Neighbours

Mark 12: 30-31

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these.”

Pray: Give us your heart for our neighbours. Interrupt us with opportunities to get connected more deeply with those we live near. Give us practical ways to serve and love our neighbours, as you have loved us.

September 3

For God's Love to Grow

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Pray: Shape our communities to be places where people grow to love you God, above all else. Cause our love for you to be contagious, that we might be signposts pointing people to the generous love of God.

September 4 **For the Underemployed**

Matthew 6:9-11

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.”

Pray: O Lord, many families struggle to find employment that meets the costs of living in our city. Bless our community with strong businesses that pay workers a living wage. Bless social agencies and churches that fill the gaps. Move us to be generous towards others in need.

September 5 **For Students and Children**

Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Pray: Our Father in Heaven, You care so deeply for our children, youth, and young adults. Bless them in this new and often challenging season of going back to school. Please grant them courage, patience, wisdom, and protection.

September 6 **For Schools and Their Staff**

Galatians 6:9

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Pray: We pray a blessing on our school staff: teachers, administrators, custodians, bus drivers, and support workers. Replenish them in this often challenging profession. Make their encounter with students be life-giving. Pour out your blessing on each school in our neighbourhood. our relationship with the schools around us.

September 7 **For Safe Streets**

Psalms 5:11

“But let all those who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them that those who love you may rejoice in you.”

Pray: Bless every inch of asphalt in our city. Set your angels on every street corner to protect those who work at night, or walk alone, or are in vulnerable situations. Shine your light into every dark corner.

September 8

For Food Programs

Proverbs 19:17

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord. And He will reward them for what they have done.”

Pray: Father, have mercy on hungry people in our community. Use us to help feed the hungry. Bless school food programs and student outreaches. Continue to prosper our partnership with Share Food Bank. Let our church property be known as a place where the hungry receive food.

September 9

For Courageous Christians and

Churches

Romans 12:11-13

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Pray: Lord, reveal your strength in our weakness. By your Spirit, help us be joyful, hopeful, persevering, and faithful. Give us boldness to do your will by serving our neighbours and standing firm in our faith.

September 10 **For Health Care Workers and
Hospitals**

Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Pray: May the souls of our health care workers find rest in you, Lord. Bless the hands and hearts that touch the bodies of our ill and injured. Replenish their hearts. Grant them strength and stamina, restful sleeps, and protection from sickness.

September 11 **For Lost People to Find Jesus**

Acts 2:21

“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pray: We long to see all our friends and neighbours walking in the light of salvation, coming to know personally the healing and hope of Jesus.

September 12 **For the Holy Spirit's Work of**

Revival

Ephesians 6:12-13

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Pray: Heavenly Father, open the heavens and pour out your Spirit upon us. Holy Spirit, sweep revival over our city so that every heart will know and love the Lord. When light shines, darkness disappears. Help us O Lord to walk in the light of the Spirit.

September 13 **For Those Who Are Lonely**

Psalms 68:4-6a

“Sing to God, sing in praise of His name, extol Him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before Him— His name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families.”

Pray: Father provide the feeling of family for all of your children. Bless the lonely with deep friendships and community. May our own loneliness draw us closer to you and to others. Teach us how to welcome and include others into our lives.

September 14 **For the Incarcerated**

Matthew 5:43-45

“You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I tell you , love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteousness.

Pray: Father, we ask you to be with all those who are incarcerated. Let Your Spirit bring peace, comfort, and your healing presence. Pour wisdom and integrity on the staff of legal institutions. Bless the Christian ministries who do visitation and outreach in the prisons.

September 15 **For First Responders/Law**

Enforcement

Isaiah 40:31

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Pray: Thank You, Father for raising up Fire Fighters, EMTs, Paramedics, and Police who respond to crisis and serve our communities, while caring for the vulnerable. We ask for safety for those who put themselves in harm’s way to protect us. May they put their hope in You and find their strength renewed.

September 16

For Those Experiencing Fear, Guilt, Shame, Hopelessness

Matthew 11:29-30

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Pray: So many of us Father, struggle with powerful internal forces that keep us from reaching out for help. Pour out your loving and healing presence upon people, releasing them from all bondage. Open people’s eyes to your mercy and grace, and grant them your freedom.

September 17 **For The Arts**

Psalms 96: 11-12

“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea respond, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”

Pray: Thank you for the gifts of creativity and beauty evident in our community. Continue to inspire artistry and creativity in your people. Cover this city with expressions of joy, hope, peace and love, through colour, movement, texture, and song.

September 18 **For Strong Families**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Pray: Almighty God, strengthen and flourish families in our city. Cause marriage and family relationships to thrive in every way. Protect families from evil and its influences. Thank you for social agencies that assist vulnerable families including Pregnancy Concerns, Shelters, and Foster Homes. Provide for them in their very good work.

September 19

For the Love of Scripture and Truth

2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Pray: Remind us Heavenly Father, that every time we pick up your Scriptures, we are holding treasure disguised as paper. These are the very words of life for everyone in our city. Open our ears, and the ears of our community to hear the Gospel and become thirsty for the Word of God.

September 20 **For Those With Mental Illness**

Jonah 2:5-6

“The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But You, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.”

Pray: Look with tenderness on Your children, O Lord. Pour out Your love and power and healing on those who suffer from any form of mental illness. You have the words of life O God, where else can we go? Throw open the doors of your church to welcome the hurting. Thank you for doctors, counsellors, and therapists. Encourage and renew them in their work. Equip our first responders to deal tenderly with the mentally ill.

September 21 **For Our Municipal Government**

Jeremiah 29:7

“Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because when it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Pray: Thank you Father for the people you have put in place to give leadership to our communities. Give them wisdom to lead justly and fairly, while caring for the vulnerable. In the challenges that they face as leaders, grant them insight and courage.

September 22 **For Pastors**

Jeremiah 3:15 “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”

Pray: Thank you God for the pastors you have given the Church of our city. Continue to empower them in their kingdom work. Protect them from the evil one and his schemes. Replenish them and renew their faith. Prosper them in their marriages or their singleness. Remind us to pray for the pastors in our church and our city. Strengthen the unity of the church in our city.

September 23 **For the Unhoused**

James 2:15-16

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?”

Pray: Father God, give us your vision for the vulnerable and needy in our community. We lay before you the challenge of affordable housing in our cities and we ask for your intervention. Give wisdom to our municipalities. Guide the Tri-City Homelessness Task Force as they advocate and resource the homeless. Bless the Cold Wet Weather Matt program starting in Tri-City churches this October. Release generosity and hospitality in our community towards those struggling to find adequate places to live.

September 24 **For New Canadians**

Ephesians 4:1b-6

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Pray: Inspire us, Lord to make room in our hearts and in our calendars to welcome and love the new Canadians who now call this place "home." Pour out your grace on these newcomers as they forge a new life in our community. Help them in what can be a very painful and lonely transition. Bless Journey Home in the work they do to welcome and serve newcomers and refugees.

September 25 **For the Blessing of our City**

Deuteronomy 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Pray: We call on Your name, O Lord, to bless our city. May Your love and mercy flow like rivers upon the peoples. You have been faithful and you have been good. You never change. You hold our cities in your hands and we trust You.

September 26 **For Those with Addiction**

Psalm 73:26

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

John 8:36.

“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Pray: Lord Jesus set us free from all that keeps us from making You King in our lives. We open our fellowship to those who struggle with addiction. Shine your light upon those in addiction and pierce the darkness. Deliver us from evil.

September 27 **For Stewardship of Resources**

Psalm 24:1-2 “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”

Pray: Creator God, this region is blessed with bountiful natural resources, abundant clean water, fresh air, and tree covered hills all around us. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us and help us be faithful stewards to all you have given.

September 28 **For God's Will to be Done**

Matthew 6:9-10

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Pray: King of Kings, what we need more than anything else is for Your kingdom to break through and shine in our city. Holy Spirit, make us as bold in the way we live out the ways of Jesus. Enable Jesus followers to surrender and yield to your direction and leading. Draw those who do not yet know you, into the light.

September 29 **For Indigenous Peoples**

1 John 3:18

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Pray: Father we thank you for the indigenous peoples in our regions. Pour out your blessing Father on the Kwikwetlem First Nation. Give us your heart O Father for indigenous people. We pray for you to continue to bring healing and reconciliation with our first peoples.

September 30 **For the Praise of the Lord**

Psalm 150

“Praise the Lord.

Praise Him in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His acts of power;

Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the resounding of the trumpet,

Praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing,

Praise Him with the strings and pipe,

Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.”

Pray: O God of Gods, what a beautiful noise it will be when everyone in our city shouts Your praise. Teach us to praise you, and give you glory, renewing us in worship.