

City on our Knees 2018

Lord, Your Kingdom Come

Sunday Jan. 14

God, we pray that those in authority will carry out their duties with mercy and justice.

Those in Authority (Officials and Civil Servants)

Mayor & Ottawa City Councillors

- Pray that God will grant wisdom and courage to our mayor and city councillors.
- Pray that they not be distracted from governing by the lure of money, power or fame.
- May they always stand for what is right and faithfully serve those who have put their trust in them.
(Ecclesiastes 8:1-5)

Courts, Judges

- Pray that God gives wisdom to those who preside in our courts of justice.
- Let all judges and those who work in our court system seek to preserve justice in a fair and impartial way according to God's statutes. (Proverbs 2:6-8)

Police, Prison Officials

- May God give them supernatural wisdom, insight and intelligence to uncover and lead them to people and organizations that are sources of wickedness, criminal activity and perpetration of evil in our cities.
- May they have compassion, humility and skills to help people who need support and guidance
- May they recover spiritually, emotionally and physically from traumatic events they encounter in their jobs

Monday Jan. 15

God, we pray that the generosity, mercy and provision of your kingdom be manifested in our communities.

Community

- Pray that God will save and encourage those caught in cycles of poverty, sickness, addiction, homelessness, brokenness and despair. (Isaiah 58:12)
- Pray that refugees and recent immigrants will adjust well to our city and that they will find jobs.
- Seniors and senior care
- Pray that God will provide them with loving care.
- Pray that they will have adequate financial and family support
- Youth
- Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on our sons and daughters. (Joel 2:28)
- May the Great Shepherd, teach the youth of Canada His ways and the fear of the Lord.
- May healing and deliverance break out over the land and the peace of heaven fill our youth. (Isaiah 54:13)

Tuesday Jan. 16

God, we pray that the love, healing and generosity of your kingdom be manifested in our families.

Families

Children

- Pray for children to be raised in love, wisdom and security
- Pray for children to know they are loved by God and to love him in return
- Pray that kids obey and respect parents and authority

Husbands and wives

- Pray for husbands and wives to resolve their problems and make their marriages stronger
- May husbands and wives seek unity and love, honour and respect each other
- Pray that God will return the state of marriage to a place of honour in our country
- Let hope and healing now come to those marriages that are strained and breaking (Hebrews 13:4)

Mothers and fathers including single parents

- Let our earthly fathers look to our heavenly Father as the ultimate spiritual head of the family, and serve their families by carrying their responsibilities for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of their wives and children
- May absentee fathers come to faith in God and radical life-change
- Let godly character be clearly seen in the lives of all fathers (Ephesians 6:4)

Families on welfare and social assistance

- Pray that there will be adequate program and resources available to lift families out of poverty so that they may be self-sufficient members of society

Wednesday Jan. 17

God, may the workplaces of the Ottawa region be channels of your grace, love, creativity and flourishing life.

Workplaces

- Pray for leaders to be raised up in workplaces who seek to serve, fostering trust, integrity, courage, and care for one another
- Pray that employees be treated justly in their workplaces
- Pray that followers of Christ offer themselves daily as living sacrifices to God in our work at home or outside the home
- Pray that we help those who need assistance
- May we always be ready to explain why we love Christ and love others
- Pray that we will bear adversity without complaint

Thursday Jan. 18

God, we pray that the creativity of your Kingdom be manifested in our schools.

Schools

- Principals, teachers, school boards
- Pray that God gives discernment, knowledge and wisdom as they teach and nurture their students
- Schools, Universities, Colleges
- Pray that God will make our schools a place where our children can learn in physical, emotional and spiritual safety
- May our children have godly teachers who encourage them and are dedicated to them
- May our children have support at home and at school that will enable them to achieve great things in God's Name (Luke 6:40)

Friday Jan. 19

God, we pray that the love, healing, and mercy of your kingdom be demonstrated to those addicted to drugs and to those who have suffered sexual abuse.

Drug Addiction, Sexual abuse

- Pray for the current Fentanyl crisis in our city
- that the production of drugs laced with fentanyl will decrease
- that drug users would have deep revelation of their worth, and love themselves enough to choose not to risk overdose
- for more detox beds in Ottawa
- for strength and grace for workers such as police, frontline workers at shelters and drop-ins, paramedics, medical personnel, good Samaritans
- that people will somehow reach out to Jesus for supernatural help

- Pray that God will bind up the wounds, proclaim freedom and release from oppression those affected by:
 - Sexual abuse and physical abuse in families
 - Suicide and mental illness
 - Sex trafficking, prostitution
- Pray that God would rescue them from bitterness and refresh them with His Love (Psalms 9:9)

Saturday Jan. 20

God we pray that the love, generosity, mercy of your kingdom be manifested in our churches.

Churches

- Pray against gossip, negative criticism, false expectations, unhealthy burdens, strife and weariness that will seek to invade our church family (Psalm 91:5-6, 11; Luke 10:19; Eph. 4: 17, 32-5:1)
- Pray God will heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregations, and between denominations
- Let our nation see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom Jesus has come to save (John 17:21)
- Pray for a revival in our churches
- Pray that churches will be a positive witness of God's love
- Pray for healing, forgiveness and reconciliation for any misplaced expectations, criticism, ungrateful attitudes, flawed thinking, grief, hurts, and abuse that was caused by the Church (Isa. 61:3; Mark 11:22-24, 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 4:32-5:1; Phil. 4:19)
- Pray for pastors and church leaders to have a God-sized concern for Ottawa (Jonah 4:10-11)
- Pray that churches give genuine hospitality to all who comes through their doors (Rom. 15:4-6; 2 Thess. 2:16-17)
- Pray for openness to the gospel in our city