

**GOVERNMENT
PRAYER
SUNDAY**

PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS

- *That Canada will be a Country whose Elected Leaders are*
 - . *Individuals of Integrity, Grace, & Conviction*
 - . *Willing Servants*
 - . *People of Vision, Perseverance & Character*
- *Wisdom and Discernment*
- *Endurance, Health and Protection*
- *Strong, Healthy Family Life*
- *Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Well Being*
- *That the Holy Spirit will Guide and Guard Their Thoughts and Speech*
- *Courage to Do What Is Right and Grace In Doing It*

*Joining Across Canada
to
Lift Our Government Leaders in Prayer*

*Government
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Sunday*



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn *“If My People’s Hearts are Humbled”*

Reading

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are sure
and altogether righteous.

Prayer of Confession *(next page)*

Hymn *“From Ocean unto Ocean”*

Prayer for Government Leaders

Hymn *“Lord of the Lands”*

Scripture

The Message

Hymn *“Lead on, O King Eternal”*

Benediction

Welcome

Special Presentation *“If My People Will Pray”*

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer

“O Canada” (sung in French then English)

Responsive Reading *(The congregation reads the words in bold)*

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD
**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
From the lips of children and infants
you have ordained praise.**
How awesome is the LORD Most High,
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The kings of the earth belong to God;
He is greatly exalted.
**The LORD reigns forever;
He has established his throne for judgment.
He will judge the world in righteousness;
He will govern the peoples with justice.
The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken
those who seek you.**

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all
creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven
and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers
or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for
him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Prayer of Confession

God, our Heavenly Father,

WE confess that You are God Almighty, Creator of All, the Only One worthy of our worship and our praise, Creator of life and Author of grace and forgiveness.

WE confess that you have given us a great country, with an abundance of clean water, blue skies, ample arable land to feed multitudes, cities that sparkle and gleam in the sunlight, and people from every country on the earth.

WE confess that we have treated Your gifts as matters of entitlement, that we have neglected our responsibilities to our neighbours, that we have ravaged the land and our natural resources.

WE confess that we have polluted our water and air with toxins and carcinogens and other deadly chemicals.

WE confess that we have built our cities with little thought for those who live in them, and manage our resources with little concern for the day after tomorrow.

WE confess that we have neglected our elected leaders, that we have been too quick to make our own judgments and too slow to call on You and to trust You to fill them with the wisdom, courage and grace to be Your instruments of leadership in this nation.

WE confess that on occasion we fail to exercise our duty to vote, and to become informed about issues affecting our community, our province, our nation, and the world.

WE confess that too often when we do express an opinion to our elected leaders, we do it in a vitriolic and hurtful way, and lack the grace that your Son Jesus commands us to show..

WE confess our sin before You, Father.

WE confess our need for Your grace and Your mercy.

WE confess our dependence upon Your Son Jesus Christ, and our acceptance of the forgiveness that is offered to us through Him.

Heavenly Father, strengthen us, that we might put forth the effort that is needed to actively participate in the affairs of our great nation. Fill our hearts with compassion and our minds with wisdom, that we may show Your grace to all.

Father, from Your throne in heaven, hear our prayer and heal our land. Use us as Your instruments in the lives of others, and in sharing our resources and good fortune with all nations.

And now, we go forward with thanksgiving, renewed in the cleansing power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

AMEN.