



GOVERNMENT PRAYER SUNDAY

PRAY FOR ALL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

- That Canada will be a Country whose Elected Representatives 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



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Government Prayer Sunday



*Joining Across Canada
to Lift
All Elected Representatives
in Prayer*

RESPONSIVE READING

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.

**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.**

READING: Psalm 19: 7-9

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.

Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. (NIV)

What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance. (NLT)

2 Chronicles 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.

OFFICIAL LYRICS OF O CANADA

O Canada (English version)

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada (French version)

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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O Canada (Bilingual version - non official)

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command,
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits,
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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LORD OF THE LANDS

(Tune: O Canada;

(Words: Albert D. Watson, 1917)

Lord of the lands, beneath Thy bending skies,
On field and flood, where'er our banner flies,
Thy people lift their hearts to Thee,
Their grateful voices raise:
May our dominion ever be
A temple to Thy praise.
Thy will alone let all enthroned;

Refrain

*Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own:
Lord of the lands, make Canada Thine own!*

Almighty Love, by Thy mysterious power,
In wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower;
Be ours a nation evermore
That no oppression blights,
Where justice rules from shore to shore,
From lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;

Refrain

Lord of the worlds, with strong eternal hand,
Hold us in honor, truth and self-command;
The loyal heart, the constant mind,
The courage to be true,
Our wide extending empire bind,
And all the earth renew.
Thy name be known through every zone;

*Lord of the worlds, make all the lands Thine own:
Lord of the worlds, make all the lands Thine own!*

Prayer of Confession

Our Father God

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

WE confess that too often we have forgotten that You are indeed God Almighty and that there is nothing in this world or our lives over which you cannot have full dominion and power.

WE confess that You have created us for Your purposes beyond our comprehension, expectation or comfort level and that You promise to equip us for any task to which You call us.

WE confess that too often we have focused too much on our own limitations for the task and too little on Your transforming power.

WE confess that You call us first to be One with You, to follow You and to align our wills with Yours.

WE confess that too often we have followed our own idea of what You would have us do and have asked You to be one with us and to align Your blessings with our wills.

WE confess that You have promised that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed that we will move mountains; that if we ask we will receive and our joy will be complete.

WE confess that too often we see the mountains and lack the faith and that we pray with a question mark and not in certain faith.

WE confess that You have called us to share our food with the hungry, to provide shelter, clothing - whatever is needed - and that if we do, You promise that our joy will break forth like the dawn.

WE confess that too often we have been complacent, lacked the eyes and the will to see and serve You in the needs of others and have wearied ourselves in good works attempted in our own determination, strength and resources.

WE confess that You have called us to be Your light in this world so that others will bring glory to you.

WE confess that too often we have indulged our own egos, sought our own glory, built barriers rather than bridges and hidden Your light.

WE confess that You are the Resurrection and the Life, that You call us to take heart because You have overcome this world.

WE confess that too often we allow this life and our circumstances to overcome and overwhelm us and we listen to our fears rather than Your call to let You overcome through us.

WE confess that You have promised that if we confess our sins You are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

WE now confess our sins, claim Your promise of forgiveness with thanksgiving and go forward renewed in the cleansing power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ.

AMEN.