2025 Sunday Prayer Link

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January 5

A new year brings fresh opportunities for ministry and the chance to bring hope-filled Gospel transformation into our neighbourhoods! Pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in our churches, homes, schools, and communities. Pray for new relationships to form and for the Gospel to be shared with renewed passion. Lift up our church leaders, that they may be refreshed, Spirit-led, and filled with hope as they guide others in faith this year.

January 12

As a new semester begins, pray for students returning to their studies, especially those at <u>Acadia Divinity College</u> and <u>Crandall University</u>, that they would have energy, focus, and encouragement as they grow academically and spiritually this semester.

January 19

Pray that church ministries, Bible studies, and groups in local churches grow as hope-filled communities, deeply committed to intentional discipleship to Jesus, building meaningful relationships, and fostering partnerships with other area churches.

January 26

As the new year gets underway, pray for ongoing organizational renewal within the CBAC, that its team, structures, and systems would be strengthened and prepared for a hope-filled future through financial support, church budgets, faithful prayers, and dedicated volunteers.

February 2

As African Heritage Month begins, pray for the African United Baptist Association and its ministries. Ask for God's blessing on its leaders, pastors, and congregations as they continue to serve faithfully, and thank God for the ways they enrich the wider community through faithful witness and advocacy.

February 9

As we continue to honour African Heritage Month, pray that resources such as "Staring Into Our Own Eyes" will help churches in Atlantic Canada engage in courageous conversations to pursue repentance and freedom from the burden of racism. Pray for healing and reconciliation in areas where racism and injustice have caused harm. Ask God to raise up leaders who will champion equity and grace, and for the whole Church to be a model of inclusion and unity.



February 16

This week, as African Heritage Month continues, pray for the next generation within the Black community, asking God to provide opportunities for growth, education, and leadership. Pray for those discerning God's calling in their lives, that it would be accepted with obedience and gladness. Pray for young people to be inspired by their heritage and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a lasting impact for generations to come.

February 23

As African Heritage Month comes to an end, pray for a deepening awareness of the rich history, contributions, and resilience of the Black community. Thank God for the diversity within the Church and ask for God's continuing guidance in fostering unity and love across all cultures. Pray that God would bring fresh imagination and vision for a bright and hope-filled future, bringing renewal in our neighbourhoods through the Good News of Jesus.

March 2

Lent begins this week. Ask God to show us what we may need to surrender or let go of to be free for the greater good God has in store for us. Pray that our churches would be overflowing as hope-filled communities of disciples who walk in the way of Jesus intentionally, obediently, and joyfully.

March 9

Take time this week to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ and pray for hearts to be softened by God's grace. Pray for those who are struggling to find hope, that they would experience God's love in a tangible way. Ask God to deepen our commitment to repentance, renewal, and the practices that draw us closer to God's presence.

March 16

Pray for the ministry of the Board of Ministerial Standards and Education (BMSE) as it oversees standards and credentialling for CBAC ministers. Thank God for individuals who have willingly and obediently responded to God's call on their lives. Pray for insight and wisdom as the board members consider those candidates currently in the process of seeking ordination.

March 23

Thank God for the <u>Pension & Benefits Board</u> (and Pension & Benefits Manager, Karen Gunn) as they faithfully carry out their mandate to serve the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they manage retirement and insurance plans, ensuring care and support for those who serve in ministry or who have since retired.



March 30

Pray for churches to communicate faithfully and clearly as they share the message of God's love and hope with their communities. Ask God to guide their words and methods, ensuring that their outreach reflects God's truth and grace. Pray for creativity, authenticity, and courage as churches seek to connect with people in meaningful ways. Pray also for CBAC's <u>Communications</u>, led by Gordon Dickinson, in supporting the vision, mission, resources, events, and opportunities of the CBAC family.

April 6

Pray this week for university students as they approach the end of their semester. Ask God to grant them focus, clarity, and perseverance as they complete assignments and prepare for exams. Pray for rest and renewal in the midst of their busyness, and for a sense of peace as they navigate this important season.

April 13

On this Palm Sunday, pray for a deeper understanding of God's humility and love as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross. Ask God to prepare our hearts throughout Holy Week to reflect on the passion, sacrifice, and victory of Christ.

April 20

On this Resurrection Sunday, celebrate the power of Christ's victory over death! Pray for hearts to be filled with gratitude and joy as we proclaim the hope of the risen Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to use this message of life and redemption to draw many into God's transforming love. Pray for churches in Atlantic Canada to clearly announce the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

April 27

This Sunday we reflect on the faithful love of God expressed in over 400 churches within the CBAC family. Praise God for a rich history of ministry and a lasting impact that extends well beyond Atlantic Canada. Pray for continual renewal and vibrant new expressions of the Good News of Jesus within CBAC churches, furthering God's mission in our neighbourhoods.

May 4

Pray for graduates and schools as they celebrate the achievements of this convocation season. Thank God for the hard work, dedication, and support that have brought students to this milestone. Ask for God's guidance and blessing as graduates step into new chapters of learning, careers, and calling.



May 11

Give thanks to God for mothers and maternal figures who nurture, love, and inspire. Pray for joy, patience, and strength for mothers as they navigate the challenges of parenthood. Remember those who may grieve the loss of a mother, long to be a mother, or feel strained in their relationship, asking for God's comfort, grace, and peace in their hearts.

May 18

Next weekend marks InterMISSION, the annual <u>Atlantic Baptist Women</u>'s conference. Pray for this special gathering, that it will inspire and equip all who attend as they partner in ministry. Ask God to make this a time of spiritual renewal, growth, and encouragement, as participants discern God's gather together.

May 25

This week students and leaders from across Atlantic Canada will gather in Moncton, NB for the <u>One Conference</u>. Pray for the young people attending, that they would encounter God in transformative ways. Pray for open hearts, meaningful worship, and impactful teaching that inspires them to live out their faith boldly. Ask God to strengthen the leaders and volunteers as they guide and care for these students.

June 1

This week we focus on hope-filled conversations for the future. Thank God for the next generation already rising and for many new believers to join them in finding faith in Christ. Pray for CBAC's <u>Future Church</u> ministry (directed by Kevin Vincent) as it encourages courageous conversations and action. Pray for churches to discern God's leading and respond in creative new ways, such as church plants, partnerships with other churches, or mergers, that result in fruitful ministry.

June 8

As the school year draws to a close for many, pray for those graduating high school. Ask God to guide them as they step into a new season of life, providing clarity and courage for the path ahead. Pray for wisdom in their decisions, strength in challenges, and a deep sense of His presence as they navigate this exciting transition.



June 15

Thank God for the fathers and father figures in our lives who have guided, protected, and supported us. Pray for wisdom, strength, and encouragement for dads as they fulfill their unique and vital roles. Lift up those who may feel the absence of a father or carry pain in their relationship, asking for healing and the assurance of God's unfailing love as our perfect heavenly Father.

June 22

National Indigenous People's Day is celebrated each year on June 21. Indigenous communities and families continue to deal with the intergenerational harm and trauma caused by the Residential schools. Pray for healing and restoration. Whose lands do you reside on (see native-land.ca to find out)? Which reserve community is closest to you? Pray for the flourishing of these nations and communities.

June 29

The churches and Associations of our CBAC family of churches own and operate 14 camps. As the summer season begins, pray that these camps would be places of joy, growth, and connection. Pray for the children and teens who will attend, that they would encounter God in powerful ways and build friendships that encourage and uplift them. Ask for safety, fun, and meaningful experiences that leave a lasting impact on their lives. Lift up the camp leaders and staff, praying for renewed energy, wisdom, and a deep sense of purpose as they guide and serve throughout the summer.

July 6

<u>Tidal Impact</u> begins this week, as youth and leaders from across Atlantic Canada gather in PEI for a week of mission. As various ministries will be happening across the province, pray for opportunities to share God's love in meaningful ways and for lives to be transformed. Pray for the youth and leaders to grow in faith, boldness, and unity as they serve together.

July 13

Pray for those in PEI whose lives were touched through Tidal Impact, that the seeds planted during this week of mission will continue to grow. Pray for lasting relationships, renewed faith, and ongoing opportunities for local churches to minister to their communities. Ask God to empower the youth and leaders who served, that they would carry this experience forward in their own lives.

July 20

Take time this week to thank God for the beauty and renewal of summer. Pray for rest, refreshment, and meaningful connections for those enjoying this season. Ask God to bless summer ministries, camps, and outreach efforts, that they would bear fruit in the lives of many.



July 27

Pray for those preparing to go before the Examining Council next week in pursuit of ordination in their local churches. Thank God for those individuals who have responded to the unique Ask God to give them peace, wisdom, and clarity as they share their calling, theology, and practice of ministry. Pray for the Council to discern God's leading and affirm the gifts and calling of those stepping into this important role in ministry.

August 3

Pray for the pastors, delegates, and attendees of Oasis, that this gathering would be a time of spiritual refreshment, connection, and vision. Ask God to guide the discussions, inspire the teaching, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among those who serve in ministry across Atlantic Canada. Pray also for CBAC's Cathy Parks as she coordinates the many staff and volunteers to run the event.

August 10

Pray for hope-filled connections to form through coaching and care ministries. Ask God to work through connectors and coaches to provide encouragement, wisdom, and practical support for those seeking direction and growth. Pray for renewed confidence and clarity for all who engage in these opportunities. Pray also for CBAC's Director of <u>Connections</u>, Greg Jones.

August 17

As the CBAC financial year closes this month, thank God for provision through the faithfulness and stewardship of all who support this ministry. Thank God for the opportunity to partner in God's mission with generosity, enabling continued impact through the ministry we do together. Pray for CBAC's Director of <u>Finance</u> (Debbie Barriault) as she provides oversight to the budget and administration.

August 24

Pray for our post-secondary institutions as they prepare for the academic year ahead. Lift up Acadia Divinity College and Crandall University as they begin their fall semester. Pray for the staff, faculty, and students to experience growth, wisdom, and productivity in their studies and ministry. Thank God for the leadership of Anna Robbins, President of ADC, and Bruce Fawcett, President of Crandall University.

August 31

As a new school year begins, pray for all teachers, staff, and students as they settle into routines and face new opportunities. Remember those in Pre-K to Grade 12 and their families, asking for strength, patience, and joy in this season of transition. Pray especially for educators and school staff who dedicate themselves to shaping and guiding the next generation with care and wisdom.



September 7

Pray this week for the CBAC <u>Youth & Family</u> Team, including Dan Pyke (Director) and Laura Bennett (Associate Director). Ask God to give them vision, creativity, and perseverance as they work to inspire and support leaders for the next generation across Atlantic Canada. Thank God for their passion, dedication, and commitment to serving churches, young people, and their leaders.

September 14

Pray for pastors seeking healing and refreshment through the <u>Sozo Centre for Soul Care</u>. Ask God to provide rest, renewal, and a deep sense of God's presence as they take intentional steps toward wholeness. Pray for the Cheryl Ann Beals as she and her team direct this ministry, that they would offer wisdom and compassion to those they serve.

September 21

Pray for the staff of the CBAC as they work to support and resource churches, pastors, and leaders across Atlantic Canada. Pray for Executive Minister Renée MacVicar as she leads the CBAC team. Ask God to grant them wisdom, creativity, and energy as they serve. Pray for unity and encouragement as they carry out the important work entrusted to them.

September 28

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Pray a prayer of recognition and repentance on behalf of ourselves and the Canadian church for the harms that have been done, and sometimes continue to be done, to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. Pray for the continued work in Canada to respond to the Calls to Actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

October 5

During Pastor's Appreciation Month, pray for the pastors who faithfully serve and lead their congregations. Thank God for their dedication, and ask for God's strength, encouragement, and rest for them. Pray also for CBAC's <u>Leadership Development department</u> (Garth Williams and Andrew Myers) who work to equip and strengthen leaders who can lead healthy and vibrant churches.

October 12

This week let's give thanks for God's many blessings! Pray with gratitude for God's provision, faithfulness, and the relationships that enrich our lives. Ask that our hearts remain focused on Christ in every season and that we would share his generosity and love with those around us. Thank God for the opportunity to bless others with whatever blessings God has entrusted to us.



October 19

Pray for the Next Conference, a time dedicated to equipping and inspiring youth and children's ministry workers. Ask God to use this event to bring fresh ideas, renewed energy, and deeper commitment to those ministering to the next generation. Pray for meaningful connections and encouragement as they continue this vital work.

October 26

Pray for the partnership of Baptists across Canada through <u>Canadian Baptist Ministries</u> to advance God's mission locally and globally. Pray for staff working nationally and internationally through an integrated approach with partners and local churches around the world in the areas of building the church, kids at risk, justice, poverty, and crisis response. Pray for the fulfillment of the vision to see a broken world made new as the Good News of Jesus is shared in word and deed.

November 2

Across our region, churches are demonstrating incredible hospitality and generosity to refugee families settling in Atlantic Canada. Pray for CBAC's <u>Refugee Sponsorship</u> ministry (coordinated by Jacqueline Derrah) as churches and groups prepare for the arrival of new families and serve those already here. Ask God to increase our capacity for hope-filled care for neighbours, near and far.

November 9

This Remembrance Day, take time to pray for peace and gratitude. Thank God for the sacrifices of those who have served to protect our freedom and safety. Pray for comfort and healing for veterans, their families, and all who bear the scars of conflict, and ask for God's wisdom and guidance for leaders working toward peace in our world.

November 16

Pray for the new ordinands who have been celebrating ordination services this fall. Ask God to strengthen them, provide wisdom and humility, and guide their ministries as they step into this next chapter of their calling. Celebrate their journey and pray for the churches and communities they will serve.

November 23

Pray for generosity and gratitude to flourish in this coming season. Ask God to open our hearts to those in need and to help us embrace the joy of giving and sharing God's blessings. Pray for new openness and opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus in our neighbourhoods.

November 30

On this First Sunday of Advent, pray for hearts to be filled with hope. Thank God for the promise of his coming in Jesus and the light he brings into a world of darkness. Ask him to prepare us to wait expectantly, living in the assurance of his faithfulness and the joy of his presence. Pray that



neighbours and communities across Atlantic Canada would find the hope of Jesus overflowing in our CBAC churches.

December 7

On this Second Sunday of Advent, pray for the gift of peace. Thank God for sending Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and ask for his peace to reign in our hearts, homes, and communities. Pray that we would be instruments of his peace, bringing reconciliation and hope to a world in need.

December 14

As we enter the third week of Advent, pray for joy to fill our hearts and lives. Thank God for the good news of Christ's coming, which brings hope to the world. Ask God to help us reflect that joy to those around us, especially those who may be struggling during this season.

December 21

In this fourth week of Advent, pray for the gift of love to be evident in our actions and relationships. Thank God for sending Jesus as an expression of God's great love for humanity. Ask that we would embody that love, sharing kindness, compassion, and grace with everyone we meet.

December 28

On this final Sunday of the year, take time to thank God for God's faithfulness throughout 2025. Reflect on the ways God has provided, guided, and walked with you through every season. Pray for wisdom, peace, and renewed trust in God as we step into the new year, ready to follow God's leading.

