

Prayers for the People

Eternal God, we are a people who know the meaning of the word "abundance." We never need to worry about where our next meal will come from. Our homes are warm, we can choose what to wear from full closets, our cars take us where we want to go, and our choice of entertainment options are many. For all these blessings, we give you thanks.

We are also keenly aware of the responsibility that is ours to share from our abundance with those who have less. Lead us to that place where "giving" becomes a first and joyous priority in our lives.

We thank you for our church, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for the many congregations that are a part of it. May we be a true witness, through word and deed, to the love of God that we know in Jesus Christ.

Today we pray for the mission and ministries supported through Presbyterians Sharing. . . .

For the work of International Ministries and our international mission staff working with partners in many countries around the world.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For the work of Canada Ministries – building and supporting new congregations in Canada, and supporting ministries in our inner-cities and rural and remote regions, and ministries with ethnic congregations, native people, university students, refugees and others.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For the work of regional staff and those at church offices who provide support for congregations, presbyteries and synods in their various ministries.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For the work of those who participate with ecumenical agencies in matters of justice, care and compassion for our world.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For the work of those who provide many services at our national church office – in finance, pension and benefits, communication, technology, the mail room, the switchboard and others.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For all students, faculty and staff at our theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

For the General Assembly, its courts, and those who work in the General Assembly office - serving the church so that it may remain faithful and strong in its witness to Jesus Christ, its Lord and Saviour.

Bless these ministries, we pray.

O God, for the joy of participating in the reconciling and transforming work of Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. Truly it is a blessing to be a blessing to others.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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