

PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

TWO

SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM
(YOUR KINGDOM COME...)

MARCH 24-30

2025

MONDAY MARCH 24 LOCAL CHURCH

Intro: Jesus came preaching that the Kingdom of God was here—it's already present in the world around us and in those who follow Jesus as their King. So, when we pray for our local church, we might be helped when we think of our church as an outpost of the Kingdom here on earth. It's a place where people who belong to the Kingdom of God come and celebrate their King, learn to live in ways that are Kingdomly, and anticipate the hope that one day, the whole world will know and live in the Kingdom of God!

Prayer: Jesus—we celebrate You as King, and want to seek You first in our days. We look to You in our local church, praying that we would orient to Your good way in us and for us. We pray that we would extend Your invitation of reconciliation to those who are not part of our church, that we would live in forgiveness and mercy with one another, and that we would worship You with all our hearts, keeping You first in our attention each day! We pray for our churches, that they would be full of the same desire, to see Your Kingdom ways come among them and in their communities! That they would have open doors, open tables and open hearts to receive all who are hungry and thirsty for God! We pray that any desire for the world's kingdom would fall to the side, and they would be outposts who represent the beauty, joy and peace of God well. Amen.

Scripture: "Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." Matt 16: 18-19 NLT

TUESDAY MARCH 25 PERSONAL

Intro: Jesus told the people around him that the Kingdom of God was already among them. So why do we pray "let Your Kingdom come?" if it's already here? Jesus told us that the Kingdom was like yeast that works through dough— you just need a little, and eventually it changes the whole structure of the bread and makes it rise. In the same way, when we declare our allegiance to Jesus as our King, He begins the 'yeast' work of His Kingdom ways inside of us, transforming us little by little. We pray for His Kingdom way to 'come' more in us, so that our transformation would impact us, our families, our neighbours, our communities, and ultimately, our whole world.

Prayer: Jesus. Let your Kingdom come in me. Let me be fully aware of what it means to be under You as my King, my good leader, my governor and my authority. I want to submit freshly to You today, acknowledging that I often chose to do what I think is best and right for me. I remember that You alone are good, that Your ways are right and perfect and that You have a beautiful, hopeful future for me, now and forever. I want to be open to Your Spirit working in my heart to transform me from the inside out. Today, I want to be part of Your Kingdom come as I speak to co-workers, live in harmony with my family, accept and love myself and care for those who are in need. Amen.

Scripture: One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."



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WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 NATIONAL

Intro: We live in the beautiful country of Canada, and have experienced the privilege of being able to worship Jesus here and live with opportunity. We have also enjoyed the reputation of being a good neighbour to most of the world. But, right now, as a country, we are facing some really important issues, and we are feeling the pressure. We want to pray for our country, but also keep in mind that we are citizens of another country- the Kingdom of God. That means we can love wholeheartedly, even those who we feel are our earthly enemies.

Prayer: Jesus, we thank you for inviting us into Your Kingdom and for your sacrifice which made it possible. We are humbled as we think about what it cost you to make a way for us. We see how deeply You loved all that You created and that You chose to redeem it. Today, we pray for our nation of Canada. We pray that we would continue to be a place that helps those in need, and that we would be open to the work of your Holy Spirit. We pray that we would care for our neighbours, our children, our elderly, our vulnerable and our immigrants. We pray that we would be a place of unity and peace, even as we long for your Kingdom to come fully here on earth. Amen.

Scripture: "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior." Phil 3:20 NLT

THURSDAY MARCH 27 GLOBAL

Intro: Did you know that as part of the EMCC we have a global family of churches? World Partners International is a network of member churches that experiences a broader vision of the global church and participates together in Jesus mission in the world! We are part of the Kingdom come throughout the world! Today we want to pray for our members.

Prayer: Jesus, we are so excited to be part of a big, global church! We pray for those particular members in our World Partners family who are in: Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, USA, Venezuela and Zambia!

Let Your Kingdom come there, let Your will be done in each of those churches and places and let us continue to learn about each other, to love well and to support one another as good neighbours! Amen.

Scripture: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20 NLT



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FRIDAY MARCH 28 YOUNG PEOPLE

Intro: Canada, is one of the world's most culturally diverse places. Our young people have grown up with every sort of diversity woven into their school, media and extracurricular experiences. Because they live with the many perspectives that diversity makes possible, they have had opportunity to understand why being a good neighbour matters. We want to pray for them, that they would find our churches places that help them to be even better neighbours, and that they would experience the unique identity that comes from belonging to Jesus and His Kingdom.

Prayer: Jesus- thank you that You really, really care for young people! You love them so much and You even told your disciples to let them come to You because they are of great value to You! As we pray for our young people here, we ask that You would help them to find a way to You, and that when they meet You, they would see how much You love them and are calling them into Your Kingdom family. We pray that as they experience Your love through us, they would also know that they have purpose, and can share with us in becoming better neighbours to the people around us. Teach us to work together for Your Kingdom. Amen.

Scripture: "Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law." Romans 13:8 NLT

SATURDAY MARCH 29 LEADERS

Intro: When the disciples started to understand that the Kingdom of God was arriving, they began to wonder who would gain the positions of power. James and John wanted to sit in the highest places of authority and power and asked Jesus for those spots. Jesus told them that the way to power in the Kingdom was through serving others. He told them that the great ones were the ones who gave away their lives, not those who created lives of importance and influence.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, we turn to you and thank Jesus for sending you as our teacher. We ask that you would help our leaders to hear you clearly and that you would enable them to rise about the temptation to use power and authority for their own gain. We pray that you would produce in them the fruits of humility, patience, gentleness, and sacrificial service. We pray that we would love and support them well as they model for many what it looks like to do as Jesus did, especially when He knelt and washed His disciples' feet. If some have gone astray, bring them back into Your Kingdom ways. If some need compassion and care, send us to bind their wounds. If there are some who are tired and spent, bring them rest and refreshment by your Spirit. Amen.

Scripture: About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matt 18:1-4 NLT



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SUNDAY MARCH 30 THE LEAST OF THESE

Intro: It's hard to sometimes live in the physical world where things are so real and yet hold onto the spiritual reality that God really did begin His Kingdom work with Jesus. Sometimes we look around and see the addictions, poverty, crime, and homelessness and we wonder why God isn't doing more to demonstrate His Kingdom here on earth. We know that what we see isn't how God wants it to be. Yet, Jesus told us that He was with us, that we have His Spirit in our hearts directing us, and that we have a task to do- to bring the Good News everywhere, loving our neighbours and doing good.

Prayer: Jesus, we humbly come and turn to You. We see all that You have given us and we ask for your forgiveness. Too often we have sought to build our own Kingdoms, with nice homes, successful reputations and secure futures. But Your Kingdom calls to us, asking us to lay our own lives down for the sake of others. Today, we want to ask for courage to do what You ask, to live humbly and meekly. We want our desires to be re-oriented to Your desires. Let us be bold, let us be ready to see Your kingdom working in us, as we give up what we have to serve those who have not. And let us be reminded that in our giving, we are being emptied to receive. Thank you that Your Kingdom is not one of scarcity, but one of abundance, and that for everything we share, you will return it to us much more than we can imagine. (Mark 10:30) Amen.

Scripture: "Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."
Isaiah 58:6-7 NLT

