

# PRAYER CALENDAR

WEEK

SEVEN

REORIENTING TO GOD – OUR FIRST LOVE  
(OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...)

APRIL 28 - MAY 1

2025

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MON  
APRIL  
LOCAL  
CHURCH

**Intro:** We are part of God's family, where He invites us to call Him Abba, Father. When we look around our communities, we see how the role and title of "Father" has often been distorted or tainted. Yet, God is not like us. He does not change on a whim or lash out in anger. When He calls Himself "Our Father," He is reminding us that He is always full of lovingkindness and desire for us. He invites us to experience a love beyond what we can imagine. This is the kind of love He lavishes upon us: He creates us in His own image, knits us together wonderfully, and sacrifices to carry us out of darkness into His light. He cleanses us, clothes us with love, and calls us His children! And He promises that as His children, we will share in the inheritance of His Kingdom. We belong with Him in His perfect love, a love that says, "Do not be afraid!"

**Prayer:** Father, as your children, gathered together around the dinner table, nourished by your firstborn Son, Jesus, we thank you for these spaces to come together and love you in return! We want You to be our First Love, the first one we think of in the morning, the first One we think of when we gather with our church families, and the last One we mediate on as we fall asleep. We love, because you first loved us. Let us fan into flame the love that may have grown dim because we have fallen in love with other things, and find renewed life as we love you as You deserve! Amen.

**Scripture:** "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

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PERSONAL

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**Intro:** "Today, we want to lean into the close attentiveness of our Father, who is in Heaven. It may sound strange—how can God be close if He is far away in Heaven? Let us find joy in this: when Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, God Himself came to us, bringing the Kingdom of God near. Then, when Jesus ascended back to the Father, He didn't leave us alone—He sent His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, who is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Jesus, to be with us always. We are invited, daily, hourly, moment by moment, to experience the love that God shares within Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with us. Through the Spirit, we have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead living within us!"

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, I want to know You more deeply! Teach me about the Father — what He is like and how deeply He loves me. Help me see myself as He sees me, remembering that He does not condemn me, but has always had good plans for my life. Teach me to follow Jesus with all my heart. Open my heart to hear Your voice, to feel Your compassion for me, and to experience that I have everything I need because I live with You. You are my family — my Father, my Savior, and my Counselor. Amen.

**Scripture:** "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:15-17



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NATIONAL

**Intro:** Our Father is also the King. He reigns supreme, uncontested, over all creation, the entire universe, and everything beyond our imagination. He is kind, and good, and has even shared His power with us, His image-bearers. Yet, so often, we turn our gaze from Him and seek human rulers to take His place. We desire our national leaders to be good, and just, and to bring prosperity and wholeness. But they are not God. They need His wisdom to discern good from evil, to make wise decisions, and to administer true justice.

As we pray for our nation today, we are reminded that our hope is not in our national leaders, but in our God, who is their King. May we pray for our nation to turn to God and be filled with His Spirit, enabling us to live in the reality of His Kingdom on earth.

**Prayer:** God, Creator and Ruler over all! We turn to You on behalf of Canada! King Jesus, we acknowledge that You reign supreme over all things. We confess that we have often placed our hope in human leaders, forgetting that true wisdom, justice, and peace come from You alone. Today, we pray for our nation and its leaders, that they may seek Your guidance in all things. Fill them with Your Spirit to discern good from evil, to make wise decisions, and to lead with true justice. May our nation turn to You, recognizing that our hope is not in rulers, but in You, our King. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

**Scripture:** "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." Psalm 24:1-2

THURS  
MAY  
GLOBAL

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**Intro:** As we center our prayers this week on Our Father and His love for us, we are reminded that around the world, many do not have family. Many are orphaned, lacking the protective and providing presence of a caring adult. Many are isolated, cut off from their families, refugees, or exiles. Our World Partners churches and teams are becoming the families these individuals need, extending the hands and love of God globally. Today, we remember that Jesus taught us the core value of His Father: that we would love one another. This love is what defines His family, no matter where we are geographically or culturally located. Let us ask God to multiply His church all over the world, even here in Canada!

**Prayer:** Our Father, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. May our love for You pour out of us so abundantly that it overflows into the cups of those who are thirsting. Help us to return to You, and as we live out Your family values, stir us to be generous—with our resources, time, love, and attention. We lift all our partner churches, mission workers, and our brothers and sisters who serve globally. We pray that You, who live in Heaven's abundance, would pour out Your love and provision upon all those in need. Cause us, the "one-another's," to give away all that we have to honour You and demonstrate Your family values to the world around us. Let your work of multiplication be evident among us! Amen.

**Scripture:** "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Cor 9:8

