

# Seasons of *Prayer*

**SEPT TO DEC**2025

A CBM Prayer Guide



# Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:6 (NRSV)

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# An Invitation to Give with Your *Heart*

At Canadian Baptist Ministries, we believe prayer is more than mere words spoken to God. It's a way of drawing near to him, to one another, and to the world he loves. Prayer allows us to share in God's mission even when we're geographically far from the people and places we hold in our hearts. It gives us space to slow down, renew our shared vision, and shape our lives as Christ followers.

For this reason, we're launching Seasons of Prayer—a seasonal guide that will be available three times a year—to help us give through prayer in thoughtful, intentional ways. Each issue will offer timely prompts, reflections, and intercessions for CBM's global and local partners, our staff, and the world we serve together. You'll hear from a variety of voices and perspectives, drawing us into moments of gratitude, lament, celebration, and hope.

As we move toward the Christmas season, we're reminded that generosity isn't only about what we put in an envelope or offer online. Some of the most powerful gifts we can give are the ones that happen quietly—in prayer.

We invite you to join us in this shared rhythm of prayer as we posture our hearts toward a kind of giving that goes beyond dollars and cents. One that embraces the spiritual call to love and care as we stand with others before our loving God to bring forth the Kingdom.



**Jennifer Lau,**Executive Director, CBM

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Prayer for the

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**Jodi Spargur** *Red Clover* 



### Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer of Life.

we humbly seek your ways. From your breath, every family in heaven and on earth has been granted life. You rooted and established us in your covenant love and your unfailing mercy and grace.

In your loving presence, we hold those who still bear the scars from their residential school experiences in this country. We pray for their healing. We pray that you would search us as a church and bring to light any unconfessed sin concerning this history. Forgive and heal us as well, we pray.

Where we struggle to understand, give us the strength and courage to hear with compassion and understanding.

Where we struggle with compassion, trade our hearts of stone for hearts of flesh.

Where we are overwhelmed and unsure of next steps, remind us we do not walk this path alone.

Meet us, Jesus, as you lead us on this path of making peace. Keep us humble and unafraid of vulnerability. May we find joy in the journey of restored relationships and grow together into the full stature of you, Jesus, our light and our life.

Amen.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the
God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our
troubles, so that we can comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive
from God.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

CBM ministry partners across Latin America and the Caribbean are persevering through challenging circumstances. Yet they continue to look toward the future. Their words carry a quiet, steady hope rooted in a deep love for and an unwavering trust in their faithful Father. They have known his provision in seasons of scarcity, his grace in moments of weakness, and his presence as the true Comforter in moments of distress.

Out of the comfort they have received, they now pour into others. In the face of political tension, economic instability, and the devastation of natural disasters, churches are living out the love of Christ right where he has planted them.

Through persistent prayer, practical aid, and the unwavering proclamation of hope, the church in this region is becoming a living testimony of the gospel. May we, too, be inspired to live with open hands and hearts, joining in thanksgiving for these faith communities who reflect Christ's heart to a hurting world.

Amen.

Prayer for

Latin America and the Caribbean

**Kallie & Tim Hutton**Global Staff,
Bolivia



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For the **National Baptist Learning Circle** as they serve our churches to **listen** (to Indigenous voices), **learn** (our Baptist story), and **lead** (churches in healing and justice).

For swift action to help **38 Indigenous communities** that still lack clean drinking water. For **Red Clover initiatives** working with churches toward peacemaking, healing, and reconciliation with Indigenous neighbours.

For healing of deep social divisions in **Bolivia**, calming political tensions, wisdom, and stability following the recent government transition.

For God's provision and peace in **Cuba**, amid economic instability, and hope as many are experiencing social desperation.

For comfort, strength, and restoration in **Guatemala** for families and communities still recovering from the destructive earthquakes this past July.

### World Food Day

**Gordon Brew**Creative Strategist



### God of the harvest.

you created a world that has enough. Yet too many live with less than enough. And so, we ask, not only for provision, but for transformation.

On this World Food Day, we pray with farmers in South Sudan facing failed rains, with mothers in El Salvador skipping meals for their children, and with families in Gaza displaced by conflict and unable to afford food.

We give thanks for the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) and for CBM partners who sow resiliency alongside the poor. We see you, God, in seed banks in India, in soil restoration training in the DR Congo, and in advocacy meetings in Ottawa, where your justice takes root.

In Matthew 25, you remind us that to feed the hungry is to meet you. May our faith be made visible in shared harvests, generous giving, and courageous advocacy.

Forgive us when we are silent in the face of injustice. Stir your Church to live differently by coming to the table with gratitude, committing to waste less, and to share more.

Jesus, Bread of Life, feed us with compassion. Nourish your world with justice. And may every meal become a sign of your Kingdom breaking in.

Amen.

### Triune God, Three yet One,

you have drawn us into your life with love and care and united us as members of your family. You have shown us the power of your divine embrace—an embrace that gathers what is scattered, heals what is wounded, and unites across nations, cultures, and convictions. For this grace, we give you thanks.

Triune God, Three yet One, we confess that we have often failed to embrace others as you have embraced us.
We have turned away, built walls instead of bridges, and chosen suspicion over trust.
Forgive us our failures of the past.

Triune God, Three yet One, teach us to listen with open hearts, to seek understanding, and to learn from one another. Shape us to reflect your own embrace—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in perfect communion. Lead us to embrace your vision of unity for your people, that we might shine your light in the world, so the world may believe.

Triune God, Three yet One, we pray for your world, torn apart by war, greed, and the thirst for domination. Grant us courage and imagination to be peacemakers, to heal the wounds of division and work for unity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

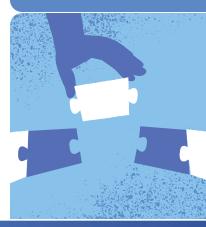
Amen.

### Prayer for

### Unity

### Helle Liht

Director of Partnerships, Africa, Europe, and MENA



#### **PRAYER POINTS**

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For farmers in conflictaffected areas in **DR Congo** learning new
climate-resilient practices
through CBM-CFGBsupported projects.

For the success of community nutrition programs in **El Salvador** among families facing food insecurity due to rising inflation and drought.

For courage, clarity, and systemic change in **Canadian advocacy** as CFGB advocates among MPs and policy leaders. For peace in **Syria**, and our partner MERATH, in creating safe places for children scarred by war.

For the European Baptist Federation and Christian communities across the Middle East to be agents of peace between Israel and Palestine.

For our **Africa Team** as they support our partners in South Sudan and the DR Congo.

Prayer for

# Global Partners

Julia Wall-Bowering
Team Lead, International
Partnerships



### Compassionate and almighty God,

your arms reach out to embrace every person through the body of Christ. Thank you for our global partners who respond to your call, whose words and deeds bring healing to our world by the power of your Spirit.

Only you can bring us peace. We pray for our partners who serve you in the context of war and violence. Fill them with courage and sustain them with your love. Be their strength as they care for the vulnerable. Assure them of your presence and lead them through the dark of night.

Good Shepherd, you lead your people to places of quiet and refreshment. We pray for our partner staff who may feel weary. Breathe life into them as they sleep. Rejoice over them as they work. Send help and encouragement to them when they need it the most. May they feel you behind, in front, and around them, shouldering the load.

We praise you, God, for you have called us to love this world together. As we partner with you, and with one another around the world, may your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

### Gracious God,

we humbly come before you as a Canadian Baptist family of 900 churches. Thank you for the increase in new Canadians across this country, many of whom are bringing vibrancy to our churches. Teach us to demonstrate Christ's love to them and to grow in our intercultural engagement. Open our eyes as well to bring to the forefront French-speaking Canadians, who make up one fourth of our population. Inspire us to walk alongside the French Baptist Union in missional initiatives.

We pray for chaplains serving in the military, prisons, hospitals, and in other areas as they faithfully bring your compassion to those around them. And we intercede for local, regional, and national leaders of youth that they may have insight to engage the next generation.

We pray for our National Learning Circle. May the resources developed continue to enable our churches to foster new relationships with Indigenous peoples.

May our churches be bridges of hope, reconciliation, and renewal in our communities and cities, especially in an ever-changing culture. May your Spirit lead us to work humbly with one another, valuing our diversity while celebrating our unity in Christ. We especially pray for pastors, volunteers, and denominational leaders, to this end, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

### Prayer for

### Canadian Baptist Partners

Harry Gardner

National Convenor, Canadian Baptist Partners



PRAYER POINTS

For **wisdom and creativity**, as our Global
Partners develop 2026
programming with CBM.

For our **partners** to witness their loaves and fishes multiply as they respond to the increased need due to sudden and large cuts to aid worldwide.

For **local congregations** that are the hands and feet of Christ among our partners around the world.

For the **executive leadership** of Canadian
Baptists in our shared
national initiatives.

For us to **love God and our neighbours** as
ourselves by welcoming,
engaging, and integrating
new Canadians within
reach of our churches.

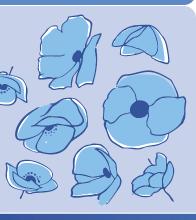
For **Jodi Spargur**, Chair of the National Baptist Learning Circle, and the representatives from across our regions.

**PRAYER POINTS** 

Prayer for our

## Remembrance Day

**Gato Munyamasoko**Peace and Reconciliation
Specialist, Africa



### As we remember those who paid

the price for peace in the past, we pray for those facing violence and war today.

Forgive us when we are apathetic to the plight of people facing violence, war, and other troubles like hunger and homelessness.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, restore peace and justice in the world, teach us to follow your path of sacrifice and compassion.

We pray for the people in Eastern DR Congo. Many are displaced, and atrocities continue to happen where women are particularly vulnerable.

You sent your son so that, through him, people can experience peace with you and with one another. Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and God of Peace, we ask not for a transitional peace, but an everlasting one.

We give thanks for CBM and their Canadian church partners in supporting the training of people to be catalysts of peace, advocating for those suffering due to violence and conflict.

In Matthew 5:9, you remind us that you bless the peacemakers, for they will be called your children.

Therefore, teach us to be Shalom for others. May our faith be made visible in our engagement towards peace. Bless our partners as they work to reconcile people to you and each other.

Amen.

### Loving Christ,

we reflect on how you love and serve children.

You adamantly taught your followers to cherish and protect them. At a time when children were pushed aside and discounted, you welcomed them into the very heart of your ministry, presenting them as role models for us to emulate.

You did not undervalue or dismiss them with a pat on the head. Instead, you made children essential to your Kingdom.

God, who sent his one and only son to view the world from the perspective of your creation, teach us to follow your example. You gift the small and weak to speak wisdom hidden to those who may be well-credentialed, well-established, and wealthy.

Holy Spirit, guide us to value and encourage holy imagination. To guide and protect creativity, while not stifling it. To share the stage and the microphone, even if they speak in terms or slang that is new to us. And to invite children to serve alongside us.

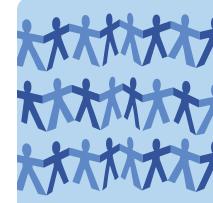
In the words of a Lebanese poet, keep us "away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before little children."

Amen.

Prayer for

Prayer for Children

**Evangeline Hammond**Global Staff,
Lebanon



**PRAYER POINTS** 

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For peace in **DR Congo**, where conflict continues. And CBM's work with our partners in training people to restore peace.

For **sustainable peace** between M23 rebels, Rwanda, and DR Congo. Pray for mutual understanding and peaceful negotiations to take place.

For **those who support** CBM's work for peace in Africa.

For "Child Friendly Space" centres across the Middle East, especially in areas threatened by airstrikes and sectarian fighting. For CBM-supported summer camps run by young leaders who give tirelessly to these programs.

For educators at **True Vine Education Centre**,
as they serve refugee
students and new families
fleeing sectarian violence.

### Prayer for

### Small Businesses

### Michael Waddell

Team Lead, Marketplace Engagement



### Gracious and generous God,

we thank you for the gift of work and the creativity you place within each of us. Today, we pray for small businesses around the world, which often serve as the backbone of their communities. We praise you for the many ways they create jobs, provide needed goods and services, spark innovation, and contribute to the flourishing of their neighbours.

Lord, on this Small Business Saturday, we remember those who bravely step out to start and grow businesses, often with limited resources and in the face of great challenge. We thank you for the training, mentoring, and start-up support provided by CBM's global partners and through Vennture, CBM's faith meets work initiative. Bless these efforts so they may bring lasting community transformation, stand against social and economic injustice, and reflect your kingdom values in every transaction and relationship.

We pray for business owners in the Majority World who work not only to earn a living, but to bring hope, dignity, and opportunity to their communities. Provide them with wisdom, determination, and integrity.

May every small business we work with, near and far, be a redemptive presence in the world, joining you in your mission to renew all creation.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, you drew near to us—not in power or privilege, but in vulnerability and love—to proclaim good news to the poor.

— Luke 4:18

### In this Advent season,

we lift before you the vulnerable children around the world today. In Odisha, India, we lift up the Kui Baptist Girls, pleading for the gift of education; in Roxas City in the Philippines we pray for the underprivileged children and youth; in Thailand, we ask for you to bless the disadvantaged children of Ban Lao Liu Church; and in Myanmar we pray for the children of the Paradise Centre. As they walk through seasons of hardship and uncertainty, grant them courage, joy, and a steadfast hope that poverty will not silence their dreams. May the blessing of education breathe into them dignity, ingenuity, worth, and transformed lives.

Teach us, thus, as your word in Micah 6:8 instructs, to walk humbly with those in difficult contexts, to listen before speaking, to share resources with fairness, and to build Spirit-led partnerships that make sustainable learning possible. Strengthen our commitment to your mission of justice and peace until all creation rejoices in the light of Christ, our Living Hope.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Advent Prayer for

### Hope

**Suraj Komaravalli** Regional Team Leader, Asia



**PRAYER POINTS** 

#### PRAYER POINTS

### For CBM's partners who train entrepreneurs

so that new businesses flourish while bringing transformation to their communities.

For Global Staff to have wisdom, discernment, and renewed strength as they support CBM's partners in **meaningful marketplace** engagement.

For **CBM's Vennture team** as they develop Theology of Work & Vocation and redemptive business resources.

For sustained lodging for the **Kui Girls**, that God protect them from childhood marriage.

For underprivileged children in **Roxas City** to find hope through our Partner, KPM.

For **Asia Team members** and partners to have guidance, wisdom, and a stronger faith to share God's love in challenging contexts.

**WEEK OF DEC 14** 

Advent Prayer for

Peace

Elie Haddad

Regional Team Leader, **MENA** 



PRAYER POINTS

For CBM's partners in

and strengthen the

believers had to flee

their homes).

Sudan, that God protect

scattered Church (many

For CBM staff serving in regions where uncertainty, conflict, and hardship are daily realities.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

- LUKE 2:14

### Dear God.

in this Advent season, we long for the peace that only you can give, peace that calms our restless hearts and reconciles a fractured world.

We recognize that peace is not the mere absence of hostilities. We realize this very vividly in our MENA region, where tensions may subside, yet wounds remain. Your peace is far deeper, restoring relationships, healing brokenness, and creating wholeness that endures beyond the fragile quiet of a ceasefire.

As we prepare our hearts for your coming, we remember that your peace is not passive. It is bold enough to break down walls of hostility, humble enough to wash the feet of enemies, and enduring enough to plant hope in the ruins of despair.

We thank you for your Spirit at work through CBM's partners in many corners of the world, bearing witness to your reconciling love through education, food security, trauma healing, peacemaking, and simply living out the gospel.

Make us instruments of your peace. Teach us to listen with compassion, to act with justice, and to serve with humility. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

Amen.

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels - ISAIAH 61:10

### Holy Father,

in this world, we will undoubtedly experience great joy that fills our hearts with enthusiasm and a desire to continue serving you.

But it is also guaranteed that we will experience sadness, pain, injustice, and even persecution.

In those moments of difficulty, it can be challenging to remain joyful. Our human nature often falls into despair.

In those times, help us to remember that the source of joy cannot depend on ourselves — that the source of true Joy comes from you, our Abba Father.

God, your purposes are for good, even in times of pain. You sent your son to save us, so we can better understand the essence of you, which is love.

We believe that Joy is a gift from you. Help us to share that Joy with those around us through kindness, service, and faith in action.

Amen.

Advent Prayer for Joy

**Patty Nacho** 

Regional Team Leader, Latin America



PRAYER POINTS

For ABTS and Thimar as they equip and encourage leaders in a nation marked by political, economic, and social instability.

For CBM Global Staff who are accompanying our partners in Guatemala, El Salvador, Bolivia, Cuba, and the **Dominican Republic**. May relationships be guided by humility and collaboration. For **our partners**, that God may grant them grace and compassion as they share God's love holistically in their communities.

For Canadian churches, who faithfully partner with CBM to bring true joy to the world.



### Dear Father,

God of Love, you are Immanuel, God with us. You are unlike statues in human-made temples. Instead, you are alive and the source of all life.

Your incarnation expressed your redemptive plan. You loved and saved us. Today, you invite us to let your love, grace, and mercy flow to the weary, helpless, and desperate.

Your love has power, stronger than the waves of the vast ocean. May your love move our hearts beyond the greed and selfishness of our weak human nature to become one family, equally loved, regardless of race, ethnicity, or geography. All who believe are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the incarnation of God that became flesh, we lament with the communities around the globe that need love. Ethnic and politically led conflicts are dividing neighbours, igniting hate and the death of the innocent. We need your love to be proclaimed once more.

Father God, forgive us for the times we are callous. Teach us to love and suffer with you as the people you love endure hardship. Teach us to play our part in loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. Teach us to love regardless of costs or benefits.

Amen.

### God of new beginnings,

as one year draws to a close and another begins, we pause in gratitude for your steadfast presence. You have carried us through joys and challenges, reminding us that your mercies are new every morning. As we look ahead, we entrust ourselves again to your renewing Spirit.

At the turn of the year, we are reminded that your mission is not bound by calendars or borders. You are the Creator who sustains life, the Redeemer who heals brokenness, and the Comforter who breathes hope into places of despair. We pray that the year ahead would be marked by peace where there is conflict, by daily bread where there is hunger, and by justice where there is oppression. May all people discover the hope and life that are found in you.

As the church in Canada, help us to join hands with our global family in seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with you. As we step into a new season, shape us to be people of hope, faithfully bearing witness to your kingdom coming among us.

In the name of Jesus, who makes all things new,

Amen.

Prayer for

A New Year

Adrian Gardner
Director of Partnerships,
Americas and Asia



PRAYER POINTS

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For political stability and local churches of **Eastern DR Congo**, where there is impunity due to habitual violence and a lack of a judicial system.

For the local communities in **South Sudan**, where ethnic tensions continue to escalate due to weak political structures.

For other parts of the globe **where love is most needed**.

For energy, creativity, and strength among **CBM's global partners** as they prepare for the year ahead, serving in their communities. For **CBM's faithful supporters** whose generosity ensures the work of the gospel continues to flourish.

For wisdom, discernment, and courage of **CBM's leadership** as the Lord guides our shared ministry into 2026 and beyond.

### Jodi Spargur,

Red Clover

Jodi lives on the unceded territory of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. She founded Red Clover to walk alongside Indigenous leaders, nurturing local initiatives, and is passionate about farming, teaching, pastoral work, and building relationships rooted in care and reconciliation.

#### Tim and Kallie Hutton,

Global Staff, Bolivia

Tim and Kallie serve in Bolivia, supporting local churches through development, healthcare, environmental initiatives, and theological education. Originally from Saskatchewan, they live with their young daughter Malena, enjoying travel, learning, creativity, and exploring new places together while building meaningful community connections.

#### Gordon Brew.

Creative Strategist

Gordon collaborates across teams to advance CBM's mission. He also represents CBM in broader community partnerships. Based in Canada, he enjoys music, painting, reading, and exploring theology, bringing creativity and faith together in his work and life.

### Helle Liht,

Director of Partnerships, Africa, Europe, and MENA

Helle works with CBM partners across Europe, MENA, and Africa, guiding mission strategies, gender initiatives, and creation care. Based in Estonia, she brings global leadership experience, theological insight, and a passion for supporting communities and nurturing meaningful, collaborative partnerships.

### Julia Wall-Bowering,

Team Lead,

International Partnerships

Julia supports CBM's international programs and partners worldwide. Living in Winnipeg with her husband and son, she enjoys gardening, family hikes, reading, and travel, bringing experience from pastoral ministry, community development, and global engagement in faith and education.

### Harry Gardner,

National Convenor, Canadian Baptist Partners

Harry serves as National Convenor for Canadian Baptist Partners, fostering collaboration and advancing shared mission. Based in Kentville he enjoys family life, spending time with grandchildren, travel, and music, bringing decades of leadership and ministry experience.

### Gato Munyamasoko,

Peace and Reconciliation Specialist, Africa

Gato helps build peace and reconciliation across Africa, training partners to foster peace in communities. He enjoys teaching, reading, prayer, soccer, walks, and nurturing a culture of hope.

### Evangeline Hammond,

Global Staff, Lebanon

Evangeline supports CBM partners in Lebanon with relief, education, and development projects. She enjoys church ministry, outdoor adventures, and film, bringing experience from humanitarian work, child and youth programs, and community development initiatives.

#### Michael Waddell,

Team Lead, Marketplace Engagement

Michael helps people integrate faith and work through CBM, supporting partnerships in Canada and internationally. Based in New Brunswick, he enjoys travel, sports, music, and family, bringing experience from international ministry and practical theology to his work and community.

### Suraj Komaravalli,

Regional Team Leader, Asia

Suraj oversees CBM's ministries across Asia, supporting partners and new initiatives. Based in Hyderabad, he brings extensive experience in theological education, partnership development, and Integral Mission, alongside a deep commitment to fostering faith-driven community engagement.

### Elie Haddad,

Regional Team Leader, MENA

Elie works alongside CBM partners in MENA from Beirut, Lebanon. Since joining CBM in 2005, he has supported theological education and community initiatives, and enjoys and enjoys hiking, travel, and building relationships locally and regionally.

#### Patty Nacho,

Regional Team Leader, Latin America

Patty supports CBM partners and churches across Latin America. She enjoys volleyball, concerts, performing arts, and exploring communities, bringing experience in finance, development projects, and Integral Mission, and a passion for strengthening local church engagement and holistic ministry.

#### André Sibomana.

Regional Team Leader, Africa

André works with CBM partners across Africa and supports Canadian church partnerships. Based in Rwanda, he brings experience in community development, pastoral leadership, and Integral Mission, fostering collaboration and hands-on discipleship experiences for local and international participants.

#### Adrian Gardner,

Director of Partnerships, Americas and Asia

Adrian supports partnerships across the Americas and Asia, fostering mutual collaboration that advances the gospel and holistic ministry. He lives in Milton, Ontario and enjoys engaging with local churches, communities, and meaningful global relationships.





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