



Langford prayer night
- Missions - April 29, 2021

1. Compassion – Let's pray that children around the world would experience the love of Jesus through the ministry of Compassion. Pray that their experience of the Gospel would set them up for success in their lives. Pray for families who often lack the food, water and shelter that we take for granted. Pray that partner churches would have the capacity to serve their communities well. Pray that Compassion would be permitted into various nations and allowed to minister to people of all the nations. (See also: <https://www.compassion.ca/prayer/>)

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should (Ephesians 6:19-20).

2. Ontario Christian Gleaners – Let's pray that people would sense the love and grace of God through the Gleaners' soups. Pray that they would continue to have access to surplus produce plus the funds and volunteers to process it. Pray that the soup mixes would get to the places where they are needed most. (See also: <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/about.html>).

3. Teen Challenge – Let's pray that God would work miracles in the lives of Teen Challenge clients. Pray that He would help them in areas ranging from addiction to violence to mental health to child custody issues. Pray that their families would know how to support Teen Challenge participants. Pray that the staff would find the balance between grace and accountability that many of these young people need.

4. Friendship House – Let's pray for an end of COVID-19 so that FH can get back to welcoming clients into the building for hot lunches. Pray that their volunteers would have strength to keep at it. Pray for a new chairperson – their board is currently without one. Pray for Carol, Katie and the board to keep focused on the mission and resting in God's grace.

5. Pregnancy Resource Centre Brant – Let's pray for the people who are served by PRC's ministry. Pray that their clients would not be overwhelmed by the extra stress of COVID. Pray for mercy and grace and the preservation of life. Pray for the counsellors as they walk with clients, asking that God would give them wisdom and insight as they build into the lives of vulnerable women. Pray for the establishment of PRC's medical services.

6. Evangelistic missions – Let's pray for ministries whose primary focus is the spread of the Good News of Jesus. Pray that God would draw people to hear their message and soften their hearts to respond. Pray that the organizations would have boldness and courage to speak. Pray that God would protect and invigorate them as they evangelize in hostile cultures.

(Eg. Campus Crusade, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Navigators, Gideons, IVCF, Every Home of Christ, Prison Fellowship Ministries, Jews for Jesus, SIM, Ethnos360/New Tribes, OMF international).

7. Bible missions – Let’s pray that God would direct the translation and spread of His Word into all languages throughout the world. Let’s pray for translators as they work to express timeless truth in culturally-conditioned language. Let’s pray for distribution and that the Bibles may be received and read to great effect in the farthest reaches of the globe (Eg. National Bible Societies, Wycliffe, etc.).

3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should (Colossians 4:3-4).

8. Service missions – Let’s pray that people would experience the Gospel through organizations that give medical care, construct infrastructure and secure resources like water (For example: ‘Medical Missions,’ CMDA, Samaritan’s Purse, Water Mission, Life Water, IT ministries).

9. Camping missions – Let’s pray for Christian camps this summer – that they would be able to run safely in the midst of COVID, that they would plant seeds in campers and counsellors alike and that they would bear Gospel fruit in the long run. Pray for camps as they recruit and choose staff, that those staff would be godly people of integrity who build into their campers’ lives.

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith (2Thessalonians 3:1-2).

10. Missionaries in general – Let’s pray that they would seek and sense God’s presence in their ministry. Pray that they would be bold in sharing the Gospel. Pray that their mission would be accompanied by supernatural power. Pray for safety, both in light of persecution and (if relevant) third world conditions. Pray for perseverance and patience. Pray against discouragement.

11. Christians in persecuted nations – Let’s pray for believers in nations which do not tolerate the Christian message. Pray that they would be faithful to the Lord and protected by the Lord. Pray that God would open doors for personal mission that the Kingdom advance through faithful people. Pray that rulers would be willing to allow missionaries in. Pray that authorities would not wield their authority for their own benefit but for that of their people.

12. Praise God – for the way that our faith began with eleven broken men, carrying the message of the resurrected Lord to the world and that their message has borne fruit, generation after generation. Praise God for the many people who support missions. Praise God for the miraculous ways that He provides.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).