



**CANADIAN BAPTISTS  
OF ATLANTIC CANADA**

Joining God in Our Neighbourhoods

## **2024 SUNDAY PRAYER LINK**

### **January 7**

A new year brings fresh opportunities for ministry in our neighbourhoods! Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our churches, homes, schools, and communities. Pray for new relationships to be formed, and for the Gospel to be shared. Pray for those in leadership in our churches, that they would feel renewed and be led by the Spirit this year.

### **January 14**

As a new semester begins, pray for the students heading back to school, and specifically those attending Acadia Divinity College and Crandall University. Pray that they would have energy and focus as they begin new classes, and that they would feel encouraged in their studies this semester.

### **January 21**

We have so many amazing next generation ministry leaders who are investing in young people across Atlantic Canada. Give thanks for them and the work that they do, and pray for God's continued wisdom and strength as they serve this demographic. Pray for their relationships with the younger generation as they mentor and lead. Pray that God's glory would be made known in the work that they do.

### **January 28**

Pray this week for the Lunenburg-Queens Association of churches in Nova Scotia. Thank God for the ministry they have to their neighbourhoods and ask the Lord to strengthen their leaders and churches as they continue to grow his kingdom.

### **February 4**

This month, we take time to recognize African Heritage Month. We celebrate the diversity, history and culture of the Black community. As we strive to keep learning about this vibrant culture, pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us toward unity. Pray for the work of the African United Baptist Association as they serve the Black community, as well as for the pastors and churches within the AUBA.

### **February 11**

As we recognize African Heritage month, pray for the continued work toward unification in our churches and communities. Pray that our hearts would be stirred toward continued learning and understanding. Pray for opportunities for the Holy Spirit to work among us as we take this month to celebrate the heritage of the Black community.

### **February 18**

As we continue to prayerfully celebrate African Heritage Month, we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us toward reconciliation. Pray for strong partnerships with our Black brothers and sisters, and for openness to God's leading as we humbly seek harmony and understanding.

### **February 25**

As African Heritage Month comes to a close, pray for the Executive of the African United Baptist Association. Pray for God to continually strengthen them in their leadership roles and for their churches and ministries to flourish. Take time to thank God for their service and contribution to the CBAC community.

### **March 3**

In this season of Lent, pause to remember Christ's journey to the cross. Pray that God would stir in our hearts as we look toward Easter and celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Pray that God's glory and redeeming grace would be made known in our neighbourhoods this season.

### **March 10**

Pray for the Southwestern Association of churches in New Brunswick. Ask God for his blessing over the pastors and churches who are part of this association and thank him for their ministries. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be present in their neighbourhoods and that their churches would be a beacon of hope to those around them.

### **March 17**

Pray for CBAC's Centre for Congregational Renewal, and for the director, Dr. Greg Jones. Pray for the encouragement and equipping of pastors and churches as they seek to grow God's Kingdom in their neighbourhoods, and to align with Jesus' mission of sacrificial love.

### **March 24**

Hosanna to the King! As we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry, pray that Jesus would be welcomed into our neighbourhoods. As we observe this Holy Week, praise God for his endless grace that is powerfully at work in our lives.

## **March 31**

He is Risen! This Easter Sunday, we thank the Lord for his life, death, and resurrection. We are so grateful for his sacrificial love that was poured out for us on the cross. Pray that the good news of the Gospel would be made known in our neighbourhoods as we celebrate this season!

## **April 7**

Pray for our Board of Ministerial Standards and Education which plays a key role in supporting our churches through credentialing and the ordination process. Pray for Dr. Garth Williams, Director of Leadership Development for the CBAC, who works alongside the BMSE, and pray for the candidates who are currently in the process of seeking ordination.

## **April 14**

Pray for our university students as the semester comes to a close and they write their final exams. Pray for focus and energy as they study and work on final projects and assignments. Ask the Lord to bless them with rest as they conclude the school year, and pray for those beginning summer jobs or heading into further studies.

## **April 21**

Pray for the university Grads of 2024. Praise God for their accomplishments and commitment to their studies. Ask the Lord to guide their next steps, to provide clarity and direction, and to comfort any fears or anxieties about what the future holds.

## **April 28**

This week, pray for the Saint-John Kings Association of churches in New Brunswick. Thank God for the impact that they have on their neighbourhoods and for those who lead and serve within their congregations. Pray that God would continue to guide their ministries and that the Gospel would be made known through them.

## **May 5**

It's the season for Convocation at Acadia Divinity College and Crandall University! Pray for the graduates as they celebrate and anticipate new opportunities and challenges. Take a moment to congratulate and pray for any grads you may know this year!

## **May 12**

Happy Mother's Day! Praise God for the wonderful women he has placed in our homes and churches. Thank God for their loving kindness and how they care for those around them. Ask God to encourage and strengthen the women in your life, and pray especially for those who are grieving on this day.

## **May 19**

Next weekend is InterMISSION, the annual conference of our Atlantic Baptist Women. Pray for this upcoming event and for all the women who will gather and partner together in ministry. Pray that this would be a time of renewal, growth, and encouragement as they listen to God's calling for their lives. Pray also for Lisa Lohnes, and her leadership as Executive Director of Atlantic Baptist Women.

## **May 26**

As One Conference approaches, pray for this gathering of youth from all across Atlantic Canada! Pray for the next generation as they come together to worship and learn. Ask for the Holy Spirit to move in their hearts and pray that they will leave with a renewed sense of hope and purpose to pursue what God has for them. Pray for the leadership of this event, as well as for the youth workers who spend so much time and energy pouring into students lives. Ask for God's blessing on their relationships and for wisdom, guidance, and energy as they lead.

## **June 2**

This week, take time to pray for CBAC's Leadership Development department. Ask God's blessing on Dr. Garth Williams, Director of Leadership Development, and Andrew Myers, Assistant to the Director of Leadership Development. Pray over the work that they do in helping to raise up new leaders within the church, and for their partnership with the Board of Ministerial Standards & Education.

## **June 9**

Congratulations to our High School grads! Take a moment to pray for them as they celebrate this awesome accomplishment! Ask God to guide their next steps, and pray for the changes and uncertainties they may be facing. Pray over this next phase in their lives and pray for God's peace to surround them. Pray specifically for any high school grads in your own church and community.

## **June 16**

This Father's Day, thank God for the men who play such important roles in our lives. Thank God for their care, leadership, and the work they do to love and support those around them. Ask God for his blessing on their relationships, their work, and their ministries. We thank God for being the ultimate example of a loving Father and for how he deeply cares for each of his children. We think of those who may be grieving or who find this day to be a challenging one. We ask for God's comfort and peace to surround them today.

## **June 23**

This week we recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada on Friday, June 21st. Continue to pray for our Indigenous communities, for healing and reconciliation, and for steps toward unity and harmony. Pray for wisdom and humility as we continually seek to learn, grow, and walk in a good way with our Indigenous neighbours.

## **June 30**

This week, take time to pray for our summer camps! As they launch into the camping season, pray for the impact these camps will have on our neighbourhoods this summer. Pray for the children and teens who will attend camp and ask God to meet them there. Pray that the relationships that are built would have a lasting impact and that the Holy Spirit would be moving in the next generation. Pray for those on staff at our camps this summer. Pray for energy, passion, and wisdom as they lead and serve.

## **July 7**

This week, pray for the pastors and leadership of our CBAC churches. As the summer begins, pray that the Lord would continue to lead and guide their steps. Pray for God's peace and encouragement over them, for rest when it's needed, and for a renewed passion to bring the Good News to their neighbourhoods. Take a moment to reach out to the pastors and church leaders you may know, and encourage them in the work that they do!

## **July 14**

Many summer ministries are happening within our churches this year. Please pray for all of the programs and events taking place from VBS, to mission trips, to community outreach, and more! Please pray that these efforts will further God's Kingdom in our neighbourhoods and beyond. Pray specifically for the church leaders and volunteers who are involved in these projects - that they would have all of the energy and resources needed, and that the Holy Spirit would transform lives through the work that they do this summer.

## **July 21**

This week, pray for CBM's partnership with Active In Mission! This is a fundraising effort to help fight food insecurity. Canadian baptists are joining together to get active this summer and raise funds for food programs in Canada and around the globe! Pray for the teams who are participating in this effort from June to August. Pray that they would be able to raise support in their communities and that this effort would bring hope to many in a practical way.

## **July 28**

This week, take time to pray for all CBAC church leaders who are taking much-needed vacations. Pray that the summer would provide an opportunity for rest and renewal. Pray that they would have the margin to take time off, spend time with loved ones, and be refreshed for the coming year of ministry. Pray for those who are seeking clarity and direction in their roles, that God would guide them and that they would have space to seek his guidance. Pray for God to bless their work, their homes, and their families as they diligently serve and sacrifice for his Kingdom.

#### **August 4**

It's a big week for CBAC! Pray for Oasis, our annual gathering, happening from August 8-10th at Crandall University. Pray that this would be an encouraging time of celebration, worship, accomplishing family business, and fellowship. Pray for all of those involved in facilitating the event as well as for those who will attend. Pray that God's presence would be evident as we gather together to acknowledge the work he is doing in our midst, and to seek his guidance for the future. Pray also for the Examining Council taking place on August 6th and for the pastoral candidates that God is raising up to be leaders in our churches.

#### **August 11**

Pray for those who serve as chaplains in Atlantic Canada's correctional facilities. Pray for the unique ministries that they lead and the support they provide for inmates and their families. Pray for strength and endurance as they face challenges, and pray they would be encouraged as they see lives transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit. If you know a prison chaplain, reach out to encourage and appreciate them for the work that they do.

#### **August 18**

This week, pray for our partners at Canadian Baptist Ministries. We are so thankful for the work that they do in our local communities and around the world! Pray for CBM's Executive Director, Jennifer Lau, and for all of the staff that are part of the team. Pray for their partnerships with churches around the globe and that God's transforming power would be at work in them. Ask God's protection over them as they serve, and that he would use them to bring justice, hope, healing, and reconciliation to those they encounter. Pray that the gospel would be made known through the work that they do.

#### **August 25**

Pray for our post-secondary institutions this upcoming academic year. Pray for Acadia Divinity College & Crandall University as they begin the fall semester. Pray for the staff, faculty and students to have a fruitful and productive school year. Thank God for the leadership of Anna Robbins, President of ADC, and for Bruce Fawcett, President of Crandall University.

#### **September 1**

It's back-to-school week! Pray for all of the teachers, staff, and students beginning a new school year this week. Pray for those in Pre-K to Grade 12 who are beginning new school routines, and facing lots of new experiences. Pray for their parents and families who are also adjusting to all that a new year brings. Pray for this time of transition that can cause such a mix of excitement and challenges in these families' lives. Pray especially for the work of the teachers and school staff who pour out so much for their students. Thank God for those who work tirelessly to guide and teach the next generation.

### **September 8**

Pray for the Sozo Resilience Journey that begins this week. Pray for the CBAC pastors who are taking part in this program to deepen their relationships with God and others. Pray that this process would be transformative for them, and that the Holy Spirit would be at work in these individuals as they seek to bring glory to God's Kingdom.

### **September 15**

This week, pray for CBAC's Youth & Family Staff, Dan Pyke (Director) and Laura Bennett (Associate Director). Pray for the work that they do to engage the next generation in Atlantic Canada. Pray for them as they seek new ways to support and guide churches in their ministries. Thank God for the dedication, passion, and energy they pour into their roles and for their hearts to serve young people and their leaders.

### **September 22**

This week we pray for the Westmorland-Kent Baptist Association of Churches. We are thankful to God for all of the ways these ministries are serving New Brunswick communities. Pray for new opportunities to reach out into their neighbourhoods and share the Gospel with those around them. Pray for the pastoral staff and ministry leaders in these churches. Ask God to equip and encourage them in their roles as they diligently serve him.

### **September 29**

This week we recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. Please pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters across Atlantic Canada. Pray for continued healing from past trauma, for injustice and inequality to be addressed, and for reconciliation. Pray that our churches would continue to humbly seek God's guidance and wisdom as we learn to walk in a good way with our Indigenous neighbours.

### **October 6**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This month, be diligent about praying for your pastors and church leaders. Thank God for the leadership they provide, for their faithful service, and for the gifts they have been given to shepherd our congregations. Pray that

they would have rest and maintain a healthy work-life balance as they pour so much out for others. Reach out to your pastors to encourage and appreciate them this month!

### **October 13**

Happy Thanksgiving! Take a moment to thank God for all he is doing in our churches and neighbourhoods. Praise him for the ways he has graciously blessed us in 2024, for his faithful love and guidance. Give thanks for the ways he works in our homes, our communities, our churches, and our lives. Pray that we can live each day with thankful hearts for who he is and what he has done.

Pray also for the NEXT Conference happening this week on October 19th. Pray for the next generation leaders who will come together for a time of learning, fellowship, and encouragement. Pray that they would be further equipped in their ministries and that this would be a time of personal refreshment as well.

### **October 20**

This week, pray for the candidates who are currently seeking ordination. Pray for the ordination services that are happening in our churches, and pray that the candidates would be equipped and supported in their pastoral roles. Pray for God's power to work through their ministries as they lead. Thank God for the pastors that he is raising up in our churches.

### **October 27**

Pray for the CBAC Pension & Benefits Board, and for Karen Gunn, our Pension & Benefits Coordinator. We are thankful for the resources Karen and her team provide to CBAC leaders and staff. Praise God for the support they are able to give throughout all of life's circumstances and challenges.

### **November 3**

This week, pray for Debbie Barriault, CBAC's director of Finance, as well as the treasurers in our churches. Thank God for their wisdom and expertise that allows us to manage the resources we have been given. Pray that God continues to lead and guide them in their roles. The work they do is so important and often behind the scenes - reach out to Debbie and your church treasurer to thank them for how they serve!

### **November 10**

This Remembrance Day, let's express our gratitude to God for all those who have served our country. Thank him for how blessed we are to live in freedom, and pray for those who are enduring war and conflict around the world. Pray for all of those currently serving in our military, that God would be present with them and protect them.

### **November 17**

Pray for CBAC's Sozo Centre for Soul Care, and the Director, Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals. Thank God for all of the ways Cheryl Ann and her team care for our church leaders. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they seek God's leading, and pray for the leaders attending Soul Care retreats, gatherings, and learning opportunities. Pray that God would strengthen them, renew them spiritually, and encourage them when they feel weary and overwhelmed by the demands of ministry.

### **November 24**

This week we pray for the York Association of churches. We thank God for all of the ministries that are part of this Association and the vital work that they do. Pray for the pastors and ministry leaders, that God would continue to provide the direction and wisdom needed to lead. Pray that they would have a profound impact on their neighbourhoods as they faithfully serve God's Kingdom.

### **December 1**

On the first Sunday of Advent, we hopefully anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ! We thank God for his plan to redeem his children by sending us a Saviour. This Christmas season, pray that our churches would be a beacon of hope to our neighbourhoods. Let's rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promises and his unfailing love for us!

### **December 8**

On the second Sunday of Advent we celebrate God's unwavering faithfulness! We praise him for never leaving us or forsaking us, and for sending his Son to rescue us. We are thankful for the ways he continues to work in our churches, our communities, and our homes, and we pray for those who have not yet come to faith in him. We pray that God's love would be made known to them this Christmas season.

### **December 15**

On the third Sunday of Advent we celebrate the joy we have in Jesus! In this season, we praise God that he sent his son to live among us, and through him we have victory over sin and death! Let us joyfully celebrate all that God has done, and all that he continues to do in our lives. Pray that our churches would have many opportunities to share the Good News of Christ in their communities this Christmas season!

### **December 22**

On the final Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the inexplicable peace that only God can provide. We praise God that through his Son, the Prince of Peace, we are able to experience his steadfast presence in the midst of a chaotic, busy, and overwhelming world. We pray that through our churches and ministries, many people will experience God's peace in profound ways this Christmas season.

### **December 29**

As we look back over the past year, we are so thankful for God's blessings and how we've seen him at work in our churches! We are especially thankful for our Executive Minister, Rev. Renée MacVicar who leads with passion, wisdom, and a deep love for the churches of CBAC. We thank God for equipping her in her role and for her genuine heart to serve his Kingdom. Please pray over Renée and her family this week. Ask for God's continued strength and endurance as she leads, and that she would be encouraged and renewed for the coming year of ministry!