



CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA

Joining God in Our Neighbourhoods

2023 Sunday Prayer Link

January 1

Happy New Year! Join us in prayer for a new year of ministry in our churches, schools, and neighbourhoods. Pray for a fruitful year of kingdom work in 2023 and that God will lead our ministry leaders toward his will for the communities they serve. Pray for renewed strength, energy, and passion to move forward into all this new year holds.

January 8

Pray for students heading into a new semester at Acadia Divinity College and Crandall University. Pray that they would move into this new semester feeling rested, renewed, and focused as they take on new courses. Pray for the students, staff, faculties and boards of these schools. Pray for all the relationships that are being formed on and off campus, and that both of these schools would be places of growth, learning, and spiritual development for those who attend.

January 15

Pray for our leaders of next generation ministries who are serving our young people in Atlantic Canada. Pray that God would be at work in their ministries and guide them with wisdom as they connect with, mentor, and lead the children and youth in their communities.

January 22

Pray for the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association and the churches that it represents in Nova Scotia. Pray that the work they do will bring glory to Jesus Christ as they connect and mobilize churches for Kingdom work.

January 29

Pray for Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of the Sozo Centre for Soul Care with the CBAC. Pray for the work that she does in supporting clergy and congregations through consultation, online groups, retreats, and workshops. Pray specifically for the Sozo Centre for Soul Care and the impact this ministry will have on our congregations and leaders and their well-being and spiritual health.

February 5

In February, we pause to recognize African Heritage Month. In the coming weeks, please be intentional to pray for our Black sisters and brothers as we celebrate them and recognize the challenges, past and present, that they face. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as we move toward harmony, unity, and understanding. Pray for the African United Baptist Association as they serve the Black community. Pray for the work that they accomplish in providing support, encouragement, and education to AUBA pastors and churches.

February 12

As we continue to prayerfully celebrate African Heritage Month, we pray for strong partnership with our Black sisters and brothers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work in our hearts and guide us toward reconciliation.

February 19

Pray for the churches who are part of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. The pastors who are part of this association play a significant role in their neighbourhoods and in our wider CBAC family. Pray for their strength and endurance as they lead and for God to bless and encourage them in their work. Pray also for new and continuing partnerships for these churches and their ministries.

February 26

As we move into the season of Lent, we take time for reflection on the events of Christ's journey toward crucifixion. As we pause to prepare and anticipate Christ's victory over sin and death, pray that God's light and love would shine through our churches and into their neighbourhoods. Pray that God's redeeming grace would be made evident through these ministries in this season.

March 5

Pray for Dr. Greg Jones, Associate Executive Minister and Director for Congregational Renewal with the CBAC. Pray for him as he encourages and equips churches and pastors to discover the mission that God has called them toward in their neighbourhoods. Pray for our Mission Edge initiative, that these materials and discussions would be effective in helping churches align with Jesus' mission of sacrificial love.

March 12

Pray for the Albert Baptist Association and the churches that it represents in New Brunswick. Pray for the work they do in enabling their ministries to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the ministries that they support, including Camp Wildwood, Moncton Hospital Chaplaincy, Pregnancy & Wellness Center, and Transport for Christ.

March 19

Pray for our Board of Ministerial Standards and Education, which plays a key role in supporting our churches through credentialing, ordination process, and other matters. 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.

March 26

Pray for the Colchester-Pictou-Guysborough Association and the churches it represents. Pray that the work of their ministries would further God's Kingdom in Nova Scotia.

April 2

On Palm Sunday, we pause to observe the significance of Holy Week. We pray that our faith in Jesus would be increased as we look toward the cross and the sacrifice that was made on our behalf. Pray for our church leaders as they prepare for Easter. Pray that their services and celebrations would reach many in their communities with the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

April 9

He is Risen! On Easter Sunday, we take time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord

and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are thankful for Christ's sacrifice that brings us the joy of new life, and a hope for what's to come. Pray for the power of God to be at work and bring revival in our churches and neighbourhoods today.

April 16

Pray for the Cape Breton Baptist Association and the churches it represents in Nova Scotia. Pray for the ministry leaders who work to further God's kingdom in the Cape Breton area.

April 23

As universities wrap up the winter semester, pray for the students at Crandall University and Acadia Divinity College. Pray that they would have rest and refreshment as they transition into the summer months. Pray for those beginning summer jobs or further studies. Pray for the grads who are entering a new phase of life, that God would guide and direct their next steps.

April 30

Pray for the Cumberland Baptist Association and the churches it represents in Nova Scotia. Pray for this next season of ministry in these churches as they head toward summer months. Pray for rest and refreshment for the church leaders, and for a fruitful summer of ministry.

May 7

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. Pray for God's direction, wisdom, and peace as they enter this transition stage. Take a moment to congratulate and pray for any grads you may know this year.

May 14

On Mother's Day, we pray for the women who care so deeply for those around them. Pray that they would be encouraged today, and thank God for their strength, love, and dedication. For those that may find this day challenging, hold them in your prayers today as well.

May 21

Next weekend is InterMISSION, the annual conference of our Atlantic Baptist Women. Pray for these women as they gather and unite in their desire to follow Jesus and demonstrate the love of God throughout the world. Pray that the weekend would encourage these women in their calling and bring a renewed passion and energy as they engage in God's kingdom work. Pray also for Lisa Lohnes, and her leadership as Executive Director of Atlantic Baptist Women.

May 28

This coming weekend is One Conference, a gathering for youth from all across Atlantic Canada. Pray for that the Holy Spirit would be present and moving as the next generation comes together to worship, learn, and connect with each other. Pray for those who attend, both students and leaders, that God would meet them, encourage them, and guide them toward his will for their lives. Pray for those leading this event, that they would have energy, strength and wisdom to guide and support the younger generation in this way.

June 4

Pray for our Leadership Development department and the work they do to support our ministry leaders and those seeking to enter vocational ministry. Pray for Dr. Garth Williams (Director of Leadership Development) and Andrew Myers (Assistant to the Director of Leadership Development) as they work with our Board of Ministerial Standards & Education.

June 11

This week, pray for our High School graduates as they celebrate this momentous time in their lives that bring so much excitement, but also many changes and uncertainties. Pray for these students to hear God's direction in their lives and to have the support and encouragement of those around them. Take a moment to pray for and encourage the high school grads in your own church and community.

June 18

On Father's Day, we're thanking God for all of the men who play important roles in our lives as leaders, mentors, and caregivers. We are thankful to God for how he uses fathers to impact our families, churches, and neighbourhoods. Take a moment to thank God for the loving Father he is, and for the way he leads, guides, and cares for us. We think of those for whom this day may be challenging and keep them in our prayers as well.

June 25

This week we recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada on Wednesday, 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.

July 2

Pray for the summer camps that are affiliated with our churches and associations. As the camp season begins, pray for the camp directors, staff, and volunteers who work tirelessly to provide high quality programming for kids and families across our Atlantic Provinces. Pray that the children who attend these camps would be introduced to God's love through the leaders who care for them. Pray that the impact of these ministries would stretch far beyond the summer and that God would use their programs to further his Kingdom.

July 9

Pray for the many summer ministries that will be taking place within our churches this year. Pray for the opportunities that this season provides for churches to run VBS programs, mission trips, special events, and summer outreach projects. Pray that God would provide our churches with unique opportunities to reach their communities this summer, and that his Holy Spirit would move through our neighbourhoods in new and exciting ways. Pray for the church leaders and volunteers who are working on these projects, and pray that God would provide all the resources that are needed to make their efforts possible.

July 16

Please pray for our CBAC church leaders who will be taking some much-needed rest time this summer. Pray that they would have the opportunity to recharge, take vacation, and spend time with family and friends. Pray that they would be refreshed for another year of ministry so that they can head into the fall season feeling energized,

strong, and encouraged in their roles.

July 23

Pray for the students who are taking part in Tidal Impact this week! Pray for these middle school and high school students as they gather to partner with local churches and their communities. Pray for them as they serve and work alongside organizations, non-profits, and individuals within their neighbourhoods. Pray that they experience transformation as they practice what it means to be on-mission for Jesus Christ, and pray that the surrounding neighbourhoods would be greatly impacted by their efforts.

July 30

Pray for the Eastern Valley Association and all of the churches it represents. Pray for the Pastors and church staff within this association as they lead their congregations and reach out into their communities. Pray that God would be moving in their midst and that the Gospel would be made known through the work that they do.

August 6

Pray for Oasis, our annual gathering happening from August 10th - 12th at Crandall University. Please pray for this time of fellowship, worshipping together, sharing updates, and voting on family business. Pray that this would be a productive and meaningful time for our CBAC family, and pray for those involved in facilitating the event. Pray that God would be at work in our midst as we come together to make important decisions for the future of our ministry.

August 13

Pray for chaplains serving in Atlantic Canada's correctional facilities. Pray for their endurance and empowerment as they minister to inmates and their families. May God's strength be evident in their work and may His transformative power flow through them. If you personally know a prison chaplain, reach out and offer them words of encouragement this week.

August 20

Pray for our partners at Canadian Baptist Ministries in prayer. Pray for Jennifer Lau, CBM's Executive Director, and all the CBM staff, both within our local community and in neighbourhoods around the world. As they collaborate with local churches worldwide, pray that God would magnify their impact and purpose. May their efforts bring about salvation, hope, healing, and reconciliation, demonstrating the transformative power of the Gospel.

August 27

Pray for Acadia Divinity College, beginning a new semester this fall. The staff and faculty will be welcoming new and returning students back—so let us pray for all of these women and men over the next few weeks. Pray for Dr. Anna Robbins, President of ADC, as she gives leadership to the college. Pray that the students would thrive as they grow in their faith, skills, and calling in this new year of studies.

September 3

As school begins this week, please pray for students, teachers, and support staff as they begin a new year of learning. From Pre-K to Grade 12, pray for our young people as they transition into their school routines. Pray also for their parents who experience significant changes and adjustments for the fall season. Pray for our churches as they seek to support schools and families in our neighbourhoods during the back-to-school season.

September 10

Please pray for our Youth & Family staff: Dan Pyke (Director), Laura Bennett (Associate Director), and Jacqueline Derrah (Administrative Assistant). Our Youth & Family team continues to work hard to innovate ways to support our next generation ministries. Pray for God to continue to provide direction, vision, and passion to this team. Pray that churches would be encouraged and supported by their work, and consider personally reaching out to Dan, Laura, or Jacqueline to cheer them on this week!

September 17

Pray for the Lunenburg-Queens Association in Nova Scotia. This vibrant Association of churches has served as a connecting and equipping body for many years. Pray for its leadership and the pastors who serve in their member congregations. Pray for the ministry of Long Lake Camp, operated and supported by this Association. If you know a pastor or congregation member from this Association, consider reaching out to them this week to encourage them.

September 24

This week we recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. Please pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters in communities across Atlantic Canada, Pray for continued healing from past trauma, for injustice and inequality to be addressed, and for our churches to remain diligent in seeking to walk in a good way with Indigenous neighbours.

October 1

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Take this opportunity to pray for those who serve as pastors and pastoral leaders in our CBAC churches. Pray that they would feel encouraged and appreciated for all that they pour out into their churches and communities. Pray that the Lord would continually strengthen and guide them as they lead and serve.

October 8

Happy Thanksgiving! Praise God with gratitude for his faithfulness and the work that he is doing in our churches and neighbourhoods. As we reflect on the blessings God has graciously poured out on us, pray that we may face each day with thankful hearts and hope for God's Kingdom.

Pray also for the NEXT conference that will be happening this week. Pray for the Children's Ministry Leaders who will attend, that they would be equipped, inspired, and encouraged in their roles. Pray that God would continue to work in their ministries to the next generation!

October 15

Pray for those who serve on the Board of Ministerial Standards and Education as they continue to guide pastoral leaders, and for the candidates who are seeking ordination. Pray for the current candidates as they follow God's call to ministry, and pray for those who have recently been ordained. Pray for the leaders that God is raising up in our churches and thank Him for how He uses them to lead us in faith.

October 22

Pray for the CBAC Pension & Benefits Board, and for Karen Gunn, our Pension & Benefits Coordinator. Karen and her team provide vital support and financial resources to CBAC leaders and staff through all of life's circumstances. We are grateful for the work that they do and pray they would be encouraged and appreciated in their roles.

October 29

This week, pray for the Shelburne Baptist Association in Nova Scotia. Pray for the churches that are part of this Association and for the work they are doing to further the Kingdom of God in their neighbourhoods. Pray for the pastoral staff and leadership to be encouraged in their roles as they serve & shepherd their congregations.

November 5

This week, as we anticipate Remembrance Day, thank God for those who have served our country. Take time to remember the sacrifices that have been made for us, and thank God for the blessing it is to live in freedom. Pray for those who are currently serving in our military, and for those who are enduring war and conflict around the world. Pray that they would experience God's presence and protection over them.

November 12

Pray for Debbie Barriault, our CBAC Finance Officer, and for the church treasurers in our churches. We are grateful for the work these leaders accomplish in managing our church finances and resources. Pray they would feel encouraged in the work they do, as much of it is behind the scenes. Take a moment to reach out to Debbie and your church treasurer to thank them for the ways they serve!

November 19

Pray for CBAC's Sozo Centre for Soul Care led by Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of Clergy Formation & Wellness. Pray for the work Cheryl Ann & her team accomplish in caring for church leaders. Pray for those who have been attending retreats & gatherings this fall, that they would experience spiritual renewal and strengthening. Pray for encouragement, peace, and rest for all Pastoral staff and church leadership, especially those who may be feeling weary, discouraged, or overwhelmed.

November 26

Pray for the Yarmouth County Association in Nova Scotia. Pray for the work of these CBAC churches and the impact they are having on their neighbourhoods. Pray for the opportunities they will have to share God's love this Christmas season. Pray that God would be present in their communities, and that he would further his Kingdom through the work that they do.

December 3

On the first Sunday of Advent, let's celebrate the hope that we have as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ! As we head into the Christmas season, thank God for the plan he set in motion to redeem his us and send us a Saviour. Pray that we would be able to share the hope of Jesus with those around us this Christmas season.

December 10

On the second Sunday of Advent, let's celebrate the faithfulness that God has demonstrated in his many promises to us. Let's thank him for his unending love, and how he continues to work in our churches, homes, and communities. Pray for those who do not yet know Jesus, that they would come to faith in him. Pray that our churches would have many opportunities to share the Good News in our neighbourhoods this Christmas.

December 17

On the third Sunday of Advent, let's celebrate the joy that we have in Jesus! Thank God with joyful hearts that he sent his Son to live among us as our friend and Saviour. Rejoice in God's love and kindness to us, and pray that our joy would be evident to those around us. Pray that our churches would be a beacon of God's light and love in our neighbourhoods this Christmas.

December 24

On this final Sunday of Advent, let's celebrate the peace that comes with trusting God. Thank God that through his Son, the Prince of Peace, we are able to know him and experience his profound love for us. Take time to remember Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection and celebrate God's goodness as he continues to redeem our broken world. Pray for God's peace to surround our churches, homes, and neighbourhoods this Christmas.

December 31

Thank God for the blessings he has poured out on us this past year! Thank him for our new Executive Minister, Rev. Renée MacVicar, and the work she has already accomplished in leading the staff and churches of the CBAC. Pray for Renée and her family this coming year, as she continues to adjust to her role. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as she leads, and for strength and endurance to tackle her many responsibilities. Take a moment to reach out to Renée with words of encouragement for the new year!