

First Presbyterian Church

PRAYER CALENDAR for JUNE 2024

Prayer is deeply rooted in Christian life and practice. The scriptures not only tell us the story of salvation, but they also overflow with prayers written out of the depths of our human response to God's work and presence, and to the daily pains, joys, doubts, and gratitude that humans experience. Prayer is praise, thanksgiving, lament, rejoicing, asking, receiving, and listening. It is response-to and relationship-with God. Prayer is thus an important part of our lives, both individually and as we worship God in community. Please pray each day using the following to guide your prayers.

01st Pray for those in our church family who will celebrate a birthday during the month of **June: Marrik C. (1st), Mallic C. (1st), Jacquie K. (4th), June J. (7th), Keria C. (8th), Ross B. (8th), Liam V. (9th), Barbara B. (19th), Scarlett D. (20th), Jessica C. (24th), Peter O. (27th), Lea Wassink (28th).**

Pray for those in our church family who will celebrate an anniversary during the month of **June: David & Tamara Chapman (7th), David & Janice Paul (8th), Quentin Robinson & Kathleen Howard (14th), Andrew & Laura Villeneuve (16th), Nathan & Laura Wittich (19th), Cliff & Dorothy Lean (19th), Andrew & Kim Duncan (21st).**

02nd General Assembly Sunday – Pray for the **2024 General Assembly**, where commissioners seek to discern and make decisions for the work, ministry and mission of our denomination this year and in the coming years. Pray for God's blessing on Miles Splane-Dowdall as he is baptized today into the family of Christ and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Include in your prayers Brockville Wesleyan Church and Pastor Kirk Perry.

03rd Pray for a unity of spirit in all of the **delegates to General Assembly** as they strive to be a church that continues to honour the Word of God, and pray God will provide a passion to each one for pursuing with enthusiasm the leading of the Holy Spirit.

04th Pray for the members of the **Brockville & Area Ministerial Association (B.A.M.A.)** meeting today for lunch and a time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the fall before the summer time away. Pray also for the members of the **M.O.V.E. Committee** meeting today. Give them wisdom and vision as they look ahead for ways to reach out to our congregation and our community throughout the summer and into the fall.

05th Pray for safe travels for all who are returning home from General Assembly.

06th Pray for **Bridlewood Manor, Rosedale Retirement Centre, Sherwood Park Manor, St. Lawrence Lodge, The Wedgewood, The Royal Brock Retirement Center**, and for those saints from our congregation who live in these and other residences: **in St. Lawrence Lodge** - Eva B., Paul B., Malcolm C.; **in Sherwood Park Manor** - Mary C.; **in Bridlewood Manor** - Kaye B. and Marjorie W.; **in Rosedale Retirement Residence** – Shirley H. and Ruth W.; **in the Royal Brock Retirement Center** - Max F., Nellie L.; **in the Wedgewood** – Ruby B., Elizabeth W., and Mary W.

07th Pray for our **Food Bank and Loaves & Fishes Volunteers** as they work to provide much-needed food and supplies to those often in desperate need. Pray for the **Breakfast Bag Program, Saturday Lunch at the Library** and the **Sunday Supper** community ministries. Pray for all the people who are fed by these ministries, and for our congregation's support through our gifts of food, money, and time.

08th Pray for the **Archives and Records Committee, the Committee on History** and **FPC's Archives Committee – Bonnie Burke and Gwen Paul** – as they work to support the preservation and awareness of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's legacy.

09th **Indigenous Peoples' Sunday** – Pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the well-being of LGBTQI+ people and provide aid to those seeking refuge.

10th Pray for the committees and staff of our national church engaging the tasks given to them by the General Assembly, that they may be given wisdom as they seek to build up unity and growth in our denomination.

11th Pray for the **Property Committee** as they continue to maintain and repair the facilities; the **Leading with Care Committee** as they work to maintain a safe and healthy church environment; and the **Worship Committee** as it plans for meaningful worship experiences for all ages.

12th Pray for the **Session** (Lorraine Buck, Tamara Chapman, Christine Duncan, Don Everson, Brenda Fisk, Debbie LaBonte, Janet LeBrun, Francis LeBrun, Quentin Robinson, and Reverend Marianne) meeting this evening. Pray for strength, wisdom and dedication as they make decisions and plans affecting the future of our congregation. Pray also for the **Finance Committee** (Debbie LaBonte, Brenda Fisk, and Andrew Cameron) and the **Trustees** (David Paul, Andrew Cameron, and Mary Ellen Stephenson).

13th Pray for the members of Presbytery Council meeting today. Remember in your prayers our many and dedicated **VOLUNTEERS!** Their work continues whatever our world situation. Keep them in your prayers (including yourself). May God bless you every day. Pray for your friends at First Church. Know that your friends are praying for you, too!

14th Pray for First Church's **online video ministry** (directed by Quentin Robinson) and the livestreaming of our services of Worship. May we continue to provide this important connection to our church for all those who use it, in the safety of their homes and for those outside our congregation who enjoy the online opportunity to worship God in these continually changing times. Pray for the **church web site** (maintained by David Duncan and monitored by the Website Committee), and our **Facebook Page, Instagram, and Twitter** accounts (maintained by Reverend Marianne) which continue to encourage our congregation and community.

15th Pray strength and energy for **Reverend Marianne**, our minister, **Kathleen Howard**, our director of music and organist, **Marianne Bimm**, our church administrator & treasurer, **Brian Barnes**, our custodian, and **Denise Kent**, our christian education coordinator, and for all the work they do to provide leadership and support to the people of First Presbyterian Church and its ministry. Help them to find time to relax and regenerate during July.

16th **The 4th Sunday of Pentecost (Father's Day)** – Ask God to touch the hearts of fathers that they may seek him for wisdom and courage as they care for their families. Pray, to, that men may feel called to serve children and youth in our congregations. We pray especially for **Francis LeBrun, Kade LeBrun, Horst Kachau, and Max Chapman** for their support of our children. Pray also for the Salvation Army Community Church - Major Stephen McNeilly.

17th Pray for congregations and community groups that are reaching out with love and support to refugees in their communities, that they may have love, wisdom, and the resources they need. Pray especially for the **Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, Brockville Freedom Connection** – as they welcome a new family - and **Brockville Together**.

18th Pray for the members of the **Craft & Chat Group** as they come together today for a Wind-Up Luncheon at the home of Brenda Fisk. Pray also for the people, ministries and mission of the **Presbytery of Seaway/Glengarry** meeting today.

19th Pray for the many congregations that are actively searching for a new minister, especially where vacancies are measured in years, not months, that the Lord may provide the person whom they need to

build up their ministries. Pray also for the **Interim Moderators** who guide these congregations, often through troubled waters.

20th Give thanks for church fellowship programs (like Craft & Chat and BGH Day Hospice Program) that extend Christ's friendship to those suffering from loneliness and isolation.

21st **National Indigenous Peoples Day** – Give thanks for indigenous leaders who nurture and strengthen their communities and the whole nation, and pray for their well-being.

22nd The **Men's Breakfast Group** meets today in the Church Hall. Pray for good attendance, good food, and good fellowship.

23rd **World Refugee Sunday (Blessing of the Graduates)** – We pray for peace everywhere and remember in your prayers families forced from their homes because of war and persecution. Ask God to encourage the hearts of refugees on their journey to find stability and peace. Pray for all students completing their graduating year, that the Lord would lead them as they make decisions about their future. Pray also for Christ United Church and Bethel United Reformed Church – Pastor Van't Hoff.

24th Pray that, as warmer days appear and the end of June approaches bringing holiday time and respite for people, including **Reverend Marianne, Kathleen Howard and Denise Kent**, may they, with guidance from God, find the meaningful and restful time they are seeking.

25th Thank God for the hope brought to adults and youth receiving education, skills training and small business opportunities through Presbyterian World Service & Development livelihood programs.

26th Pray for church leaders who are preparing **summer programs for children and youth** (like Gracefield Camp), that God may grant them enthusiasm and wisdom. Include in your prayers the children who will attend summer camp using bursaries provided by First Presbyterian Church.

27th So many parts of our world are in turmoil, and our brothers and sisters in Christ are being persecuted for their beliefs. Pray that God would show **world leaders** how to encourage peace, and that He would teach us how we can be supportive.

28th Pray that God would protect **our communities** from flooding, wildfires, and other natural disasters during the summer months.

29th Pray that our members and adherents would be faithful in prayer and financial support of our church and our community over the summer.

30th **The 6th Sunday after Pentecost (with communion)** – Pray for the congregations of **First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Churches** as they come together in July (at First Baptist) and August (at First Presbyterian) to worship God in community. And finally...Give thanks for moments of delight and occasions of celebration; for safe and happy gatherings; gentle solitude; pleasure given and received; for laughter, friendship, and love. Have a safe and happy summer. God bless you all!

Remember in prayer those in our congregation who are facing often severe health issues, grieving the loss of someone dear to them, or facing a difficult family crisis.



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