

Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action



Life in Christ involves prayer, the seeking of God's will and blessing on all of life. Prayer is openness to the presence of God. In words, or the absence of words, prayer is the focusing of our lives towards God.

— *Living Faith* 8.1.4

Praying for and with PCC congregations, committees, agencies, people and partners is one way of engaging in God's mission in the world and focusing our lives on God.

The prayers, mission and social action stories in the *Prayer Partnership* reflect the ministry of many bodies within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including:

- Atlantic Mission Society
- Committee on Church Doctrine
- Committee on History
- Crieff Hills Board of Directors (previously Maclean Estate)
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee
- The General Assembly Office
- International Affairs Committee
- Knox College in Toronto, Ontario
- Life and Mission Agency
- Moderator of the General Assembly
- National Indigenous Ministries Council
- The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives
- The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec
- Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia
- St. Andrew's Hall
- Women's Missionary Society

Cover photo: Image of the star on the floor of the chapel at Shepherd's Field in Beit Sahour, Palestine, the traditional site where the shepherds were watching their flocks when they heard the angels' message. Today, the city of Beit Sahour is threatened by expanding illegal Israeli settlements and the Israeli military has installed a series of iron gates and road blockades around the areas to slow, impede movement and intimidate and frighten citizens.

One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.



Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



How to use this resource

Use the Prayer Partnership prayers and Mission Moments in your Sunday bulletin, newsletter, website, social media, etc. Word documents and slides for projection are available at: presbyterian.ca/worship/prayer-partnership

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Media Literacy in the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Practicing Discernment, Truthfulness and Compassion Online

If you have even the smallest online footprint, there is no avoiding the hundreds of messages you receive across social media, podcasts, videos, news feeds, and, increasingly, artificial intelligence (AI) tools. These messages do more than inform us. They can shape how we understand current events, social values, our neighbours, and even ourselves—often without our noticing.

AI intensifies many of the challenges already present in digital media. It can generate convincing text, images, audio, and video; personalize what we see; and spread misinformation quickly. This makes careful attention to sources, context, and consequences more important than ever.

Living Faith, a foundational document of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, invites us to seek truth, practise discernment, and love our neighbours. In this context, media literacy is crucial to social justice and advocacy. It helps us access, analyse, evaluate, create, and share information responsibly.

These skills help us recognize misinformation, identify bias, distinguish reliable from untrustworthy sources, and understand how algorithms shape what we see online. For people of faith, this is more than a practical skill. It can also be a spiritual discipline. Scripture encourages us to “be quick to listen, slow to speak...” (James 1:19), reminding us to listen to others before rushing to reply. We are therefore encouraged to test what we hear, pause before sharing, ask critical questions, and consider how information may affect or harm others.

Media literacy also strengthens advocacy. Communities now discuss issues such as reconciliation, climate change, poverty, migration, and public policy online, often at lightning speed. A misleading post can distort public understanding, erode trust, or harm people already facing injustice. Taking time to evaluate information carefully enhances our ability to advocate faithfully, amplify overlooked voices, and participate in public life with truth, wisdom, and compassion.

Before you share information, stop and ask:

- Who created this, and what do I know about the source?
- Has the information been corroborated by other sources?
- What evidence supports the claim?
- Could this be satire, someone's opinion, advertising (false or real), or AI-generated content?
- Who might be harmed if this information is false or misleading?
- Am I sharing this to inform others, to react, or to provoke a response?

Questions for Reflection

1. How do the sources of information I trust shape my understanding of social issues and public life?
2. What practices can help me determine whether information is accurate before I share it with others?
3. How might a congregation foster thoughtful and faithful engagement with digital media and AI?

Learn More

- The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Justice Ministries — provides resources connecting faith, public witness, and social engagement.
presbyterian.ca/justice
- The Centre for Communications Rights, founded by the World Association for Christian Communication, offers resources on communication rights and digital justice.
ccrvoices.org
- Just Digital is a short course designed to help participants navigate online spaces wisely and advocate effectively.
ccrvoices.org/courses/just-digital
- Global Media and Information Literacy Week is an annual international event that emphasizes the critical need for people to safely access, evaluate, and create content in the modern digital age. This year, the week will take place from October 24 to 31.
unesco.org/en/articles/global-media-and-information-literacy-week-2026

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 27**

International Day of Peace is a worldwide event celebrated annually on September 21. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it provides a chance for individuals, groups and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities.

Today, peace feels elusive as we bear witness to conflicts and emergencies in Iran, Sudan, Gaza, Haiti, Yemen and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest times, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the efforts to bring relief. PWS&D is dedicated to promoting peace by delivering lifesaving aid to those affected by conflict around the world and by engaging in advocacy to decry injustices. As we observe this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 27 We pray for Vancouver School of Theology, that it may bear witness to the gospel of reconciliation for the world God loves.

Monday, September 28 We pray for the alumni community of Knox College. May they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and service and may God bless them and guide them in their ongoing ministries.

Tuesday, September 29 We pray for educational programs and materials shared across traditions, that they will sow seeds of justice, kindness and shared understanding.

Wednesday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day) We pray for the healing and wholeness of people impacted by the legacy of residential schools. We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, leaders and Knowledge Keepers working for healing and wellness in their families and nations.

Thursday, October 1 We pray for participants of the online course, *Becoming Intercultural*, that their hearts will be open to learning how they have become who they are so that they may love others across difference.

Friday, October 2 We give thanks and pray for Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes who shared with the PCC the work of the United Mission to Nepal this summer.

Saturday, October 3 We pray for the Rev. Lara Scholey, Moderator of the 151st General Assembly, as she shares her experiences from the 111th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea with congregations in Canada.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, October 4

We are God's people, called to serve with the unique gifts God has entrusted to each of us.

As members of a denomination united by faith, shared governance, history, and mission, we are stronger when we work together.

Through Presbyterians Sharing, Presbyterians across Canada join in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and sharing God's love and hope in our communities, across the country and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing strengthen congregations, bring hope to vulnerable people, support the PCC's commitment to confession, truth, and reconciliation with Indigenous people, seek justice, and share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways. Together, we can accomplish far more than any congregation or individual could on their own.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 4 (World Communion Sunday; Sisters in Spirit/National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls)

Sisters in Spirit is an Indigenous-led movement to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. We pray for God's healing for all who have experienced violence, and for their loved ones seeking justice and peace.

Monday, October 5 We pray for The Presbyterian College, Montreal during this time of transition in its leadership, and for God's guidance as a new Principal steps into the role.

Tuesday, October 6 We pray for presbytery student committees listening for God's voice with humility, love, tenderness, and trust in the continual illumination of the Holy Spirit as they journey with and support candidates for ministry.

Wednesday, October 7 We pray for the health and well-being of the staff and volunteers of the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they walk with and minister to people in the communities they serve.

Thursday, October 8 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland

Friday, October 9 In this season of gratitude, we give thanks for the members of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Saturday, October 10 We pray for WMS groups who have started their fall programs studying Cuba, Nepal or Hummingbird ministries.

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Eckville, Alberta, has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Foodgrains Bank for more than 35 years. What began as a small growing project on donated land has expanded into a community-wide effort, with local farmers, families, and town leaders working together to plant, grow, and harvest grain. Through their commitment and generosity, the congregation helps provide food assistance to people facing hunger during crises such as conflict, drought, and natural disasters. Their growing project is a powerful example of faith in action and community partnership.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 11 (Harvest Sunday; Coming Out Day; International Day of the Girl Child) We pray for farmers who work tirelessly during this harvest season to provide food for our communities, and for those around the world for whom hunger is a daily reality.

Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks to God for the gifts of creation and pray for the wisdom to be faithful stewards of God's resources.

Tuesday, October 13 We give thanks for the farm staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre as they celebrate another year of abundance on the culinary farm.

Wednesday, October 14 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine, that the Holy Spirit may guide their conversations and discernment amid differing perspectives.

Thursday, October 15 We pray for the Board of St. Andrew's Hall and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as they support the impactful work of campus-based ministries and the formation of Christian leaders in theological education through the Centre for Missional Leadership.

Friday, October 16 (World Food Day) We pray for those participating in sustainable food security programs through PWS&D's partners in Ghana, Guatemala, India, Malawi, Nepal and Pakistan.

Saturday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for a world where peace prevails, where hunger is eradicated and where the rights of all are respected. (Written by EHAP, a PWS&D partner in Malawi.)

Journey for Hope is a Canada-wide fundraiser for PWS&D food security work around the world.

This year marks the sixth year that participants from coast to coast have raised funds to support food security in the world. Teams walk, roll, bike or take part in other activities their communities love. Ultimately, Journey for Hope is about partnership—people across Canada working together to plan local events that raise funds for the church's work to ensure that marginalized families in places like the Sudan, Gaza, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia have reliable access to nutritious food. Journey for Hope is just one way to get involved.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 18 (Students and Colleges Sunday) Loving God, we pray for newly ordained ministers; give them courage, insight and good humour in the work you call us to do together in the strength you provide.

Monday, October 19 We pray for congregations with a rich legacy of faith. May God renew their vision and guide them as they seek new ways to serve their communities.

Tuesday, October 20 Holy God, where systems fail, give us courage to speak. Where people suffer, give us hands to serve. And where hope is fading, use us to bring your light.

Wednesday, October 21 We pray that the personal stories, letters, photographs, and other recordings of war continue to be preserved and accessible for the next generations. May these records serve as a reminder of the cost of war and honour the memory of the people harmed by conflict.

Thursday, October 22 We pray with grateful hearts that we may be faithful stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, using our gifts, resources, and lives for God's glory and the good of our neighbours.

Friday, October 23 May we be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, using our minds with discernment and our hearts with compassion, so that all we say and share reflects your love.

Saturday, October 24 (Disarmament Week – Oct 24-30) We pray that all nations will sign and ratify the Arms Trade Treaty and give thanks for peace-building organizations like Project Ploughshares.

In Mwanyesha, Malawi, Vincent Ng'ambi lives with his wife and five children. They previously struggled in a leaking thatched house and faced food shortages due to climate change, making farming unreliable. After joining the Lupembe food security project, they received training in climate-smart agriculture, self-help groups and household visioning. The training helped increase their maize production, enabling them to build a safe home. "We are grateful and proud. Thanks to household visioning, we dreamed bigger and set goals. Our new brick house with iron sheets symbolizes our hard work and a better future. We'll live in it and finish with cement flooring and windows next year," Vincent shared with tears. This project is an initiative of PWS&D's partner, the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, October 25 We pray for Knox College students as they step away from scheduled classes for Reading Week, that they will be refreshed and renewed as they prepare to return for the final assignments and commitments of the Fall 2026 semester.

Monday, October 26 (Intersex Awareness Day) We give thanks for intersex advocates who promote respect, human rights and informed consent in health care.

Tuesday, October 27 We pray for presbytery Ministry Committees and Students' Committees, that God's grace and wisdom would guide them in their work of discernment with candidates for ministry.

Wednesday, October 28 As Christians in the Middle East live with daily fear, we thank God for the commitment and faith of Nader Abuamsha and Bassem Thabet and pray for the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR).

Thursday, October 29 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it works with interested congregations to implement a professional payroll system, reducing administrative burden on local ministries and relieving stress for ministers and staff.

Friday, October 30 We pray for music directors, organists, praise bands, choirs, and all who lead God's people in joyful song and praise each week.

Saturday, October 31 (Reformation Day) We pray that the Church may always be renewed by God's Word, rooted in God's grace, and led by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus Christ with humility, courage, and love, serving the world for the glory of God.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, November 1

In Guatemala's Quetzaltenango region, many Indigenous farmers face food insecurity. Margarita is a single mother caring for her two nephews and her half-sister, who has a developmental disorder. Like many in her area, she must travel to access enough productive land to grow food. "What we harvest is not enough for the whole year," she shares.



Margarita was chosen to help lead her community to greater food security through a program with *Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas*, a locally-based association of indigenous women supported by PWS&D. The project helped her grow consistent food for her family and share new techniques with others. "Now I plant my vegetables, even if it's only a few, because *Fraternidad* is training me." Regina adds that she also raises chickens now, as well as growing vegetables and herbs at home.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We give thanks this day for all the saints who have gone before us—and remember the work of the Reformers.

Monday, November 2 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as they faithfully seek to live out their purpose to glorify God and to support with prayer, study, and service mission endeavours through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Tuesday, November 3 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville and the Centre for Missional Leadership Team at St. Andrew's Hall, as they equip pastors, ruling elders, and laypeople for Christian work and witness across the country.

Wednesday, November 4 November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We pray for the healing and wholeness of all people harmed by domestic violence. Let us seek to be churches and communities that remove stigma and isolation and advocate for culturally appropriate and trauma-informed supports for people facing violence at home.

Thursday, November 5 We pray with grateful hearts for the students, staff and faculty of The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they meet the challenges and share in the joys of this academic year.

Friday, November 6 We pray for the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets on November 6th and 7th, that it may do its work with wisdom and grace.

Saturday, November 7 We pray for ministries that reflect God's love by welcoming newcomers to Canada with compassion, friendship, and practical support as they begin new lives in our communities.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, November 8

The Nigerian Presbyterian Church was established through a mission partnership between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the congregation welcomed the



Rev. Dr. Ukoha Ngwobia Ukoha from Nigeria in 2025 to serve as its minister. Together, they are creating a caring faith community where newcomers to Canada can experience God's love through friendship, worship, and practical support. As families navigate the challenges of beginning life in a new country, the church offers encouragement, connection and hope.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 8 On Indigenous Veterans Day we pray for and honour all First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Monday, November 9 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

Tuesday, November 10 We pray for the Rev. Lara Scholey, Moderator of the 151st General Assembly, as she participates in meetings of the Life and Mission Agency and Assembly Council this month.

Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring spiritual guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, November 12 As we look to the 100th anniversary, we give thanks for the many people who have nurtured the partnership of the PCC and the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Friday, November 13 As the land begins its season of quiet rest, we pray for the guests who seek time away at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. May they be blessed with renewal and transformation during their stay.

Saturday, November 14 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it seeks to understand and address barriers to implementing innovative models of ministry that can renew and strengthen our witness to the Gospel.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 15**

"Our hope and passion for the future of the PCC can lie in international partnerships!"

Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, 24-year-old Sophia Kim had the opportunity of a lifetime to work in Japan as a Young Adult Intern for the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ). While there, she heard many stories of adversity and courage told by Korean-Japanese Christians. Overwhelming gratitude was expressed by the KCCJ for the PCC's mission work in Japan, and continued support. The PCC and KCCJ are approaching the 100th anniversary of their partnership in 2027.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 15 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for those who leave a legacy of faith through their generosity. May we all be faithful stewards of God's gifts, supporting Christ's mission today and for generations to come.

Monday, November 16 (Restorative Justice Week – Nov 15-22)

We give thanks for the Canadian Council of Churches as they promote more restorative approaches for the Corrections System in Canada and healing for all people and communities hurt by crime.

Tuesday, November 17 We celebrate in prayer the life skills training that marginalized children are accessing, with the support of PWS&D, so that they may achieve their goals and dreams.

Wednesday, November 18 We give thanks for the dedicated women who work to create meaningful fall gatherings for mission-minded women in churches across Canada, some of whom do not have access to a WMS group at their local church.

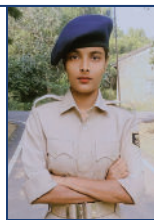
Thursday, November 19 We pray for the Advisory Committee of the Intercultural Office (IO) as they discern how best to support the IO's work in the upcoming year.

Friday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance; World Children's Day) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people and commit to fostering safer environments in the church and society.

Saturday, November 21 We pray for those God is summoning to service with the gifts God provides. We ask that each be blessed with communities of discernment and affirmation.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 22**

Twenty-year-old Dipmala Kumari from Bihar, India, was forced to leave school when her family could not afford further studies and community attitudes discouraged girls' education. Her future changed when Karuna Project staff recognized her potential and helped her restart her education. With their encouragement, Dipmala enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program, received coaching for competitive exams and completed computer training. When the Bihar Police recruitment opened, the project helped her prepare and apply. Because of the support, Dipmala is now attending police training, preparing to provide security support during local elections. Proudly supporting her family, she also plans to fund the education of two girls, giving back the support she received. The Karuna project is an initiative of the Duncan Hospital, supported by PWS&D.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 22 (Reign of Christ Sunday; National Housing Day)

We pray for all people who are unhoused or face barriers to safe, adequate and affordable housing. We give thanks for housing advocates working so that housing may be upheld as a human right and that every person lives with dignity, security and belonging.

Monday, November 23 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine, that God will grant serenity and courage when discernment becomes challenging.

Tuesday, November 24 We pray for congregations that offer hot meals and hospitality to their neighbours, sharing God's love with all who gather around the table.

Wednesday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for the safety and security of all women and ask for God's wisdom as we work to build a world where every person feels safe and secure and lives without fear of violence.

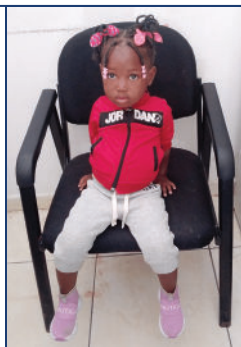
Thursday, November 26 May we be inspired to celebrate with those for whom joy is overflowing and to embrace those who are longing for a better day

Friday, November 27 Holy God, help us to proclaim your message of hope with clarity and compassion, while honouring those who walk other paths of faith.

Saturday, November 28 We pray for the faculty and staff of Knox College. May God grant them wisdom, strength, and encouragement as they teach, mentor, guide and serve the College community.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 29**

Dona Antoine was worried when her baby Doriana started to show serious symptoms like swelling, diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Her health worsened quickly. Initially, Dona tried a traditional healer. When that failed, she took Doriana to various clinics, but nothing helped. Feeling desperate, Dona followed a community health worker's advice and took Doriana to a hospital operated by PWS&D's partner in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, where she was admitted to the malnutrition program. She received six days of intensive therapeutic feeding, a transition to home care, and has now fully recovered. This project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is saving the lives of many children in Haiti every year.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 29 (1st Sunday of Advent) We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Monday, November 30 We give thank for the wisdom, knowledge and work of the members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they advise the church in its work for truth, healing and reconciliation.

Tuesday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for the people around the world who are affected by HIV and AIDS. May they feel God's love and healing as they access support through PWS&D and its partners.

Wednesday, December 2 We pray for ministries that are exploring new ways to welcome, include and support Two Spirit and LGBTQI+ people and their families.

Thursday, December 3 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We give thanks for the gifts and presence of persons with disabilities and pray for God's guidance that we all work to shape communities that are inclusive and accessible, where all people may flourish and share their gifts with dignity.

Friday, December 4 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble and the Chaplaincy team at St. Andrew's Hall as they support students in their final exams and offer a witness to the gospel at the St. Andrew's Hall Christmas service.

Saturday, December 5 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society as they celebrate hope in the birth of the baby Jesus.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, December 6

Ama Mahamudu, a 47-year-old woman from Songo in Ghana's Garu District, was disabled by polio as a child and grew up facing poverty. During a door-to-door survey, the Community-Based Rehabilitation Program identified her need for support. Ama was given a wheelchair, restoring her mobility and helping her reconnect with her community.



She also received food, cash and livestock to improve her economic situation and diversify her income. Timely, inclusive support can reduce barriers, restore dignity and help people build sustainable livelihoods. This program is an initiative of PWS&D's partner, The Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 6 (2nd Sunday of Advent; The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women) On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace as we remember the people who were victims of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal. We ask for healing, justice and peace for all people impacted by gender-based violence.

Monday, December 7 We thank God for strong partnerships that are rooted in a common commitment to equipping all the saints for the work of ministry.

Tuesday, December 8 We pray for Knox College students as they complete the Fall semester and journey through this Advent season to Christmas.

Wednesday, December 9 We pray for the Presbyterian College, Montreal's chapel program, that it may be a light and a source of spiritual nourishment for the college community and others.

Thursday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray that the universal human rights of every marginalized and under-resourced person across the globe be upheld with dignity and respect.

Friday, December 11 We pray for the courage to be bridge-builders, and ask that our shared history will lead to shared hope, and our shared faith will lead to shared action.

Saturday, December 12 We pray for the hospitality staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. As they host opportunities for feasting and fun in this holy season, may they find joy and meaning in their work.

MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, December 13

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa seeks meaningful ways throughout the year to connect with and care for its neighbours. Each Christmas, the congregation prepares gift bags for young adults living independently in nearby supportive housing.

For some, these are the only Christmas gifts they will receive. Filled with practical items such as hats, gloves, handmade dishcloths, sweet treats, and gift cards, each bag is lovingly wrapped and includes a Christmas ornament. A heartfelt letter from the congregation reminds recipients that they are loved, valued, and warmly invited to celebrate Christmas Eve worship with the St. Stephen's community.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 13 (3rd Sunday of Advent) Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

Monday, December 14 We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

Tuesday, December 15 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine, for God's guidance, inspiration and wisdom in discernment and for the spirit of love and hope in their work.

Wednesday, December 16 We pray for participants in the Intercultural Church Cohort program as they imagine new ways of widening welcome and deepening belonging in their churches. Bless them with creativity and courage as they plan and implement intercultural ministry projects.

Thursday, December 17 (International Migrants' Day) We give thanks for the gifts and resilience of migrant workers in Canada. We pray for the wellbeing of their loved ones, whom they are separated from. We pray all countries, including Canada, sign and ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Friday, December 18 We pray for members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they travel for Council meetings this fall, and for the safety and well-being of all people served by those ministries.

Saturday, December 19 We pray for Knox College students as they complete the Fall semester and journey through this Advent season to Christmas. We pray for rest and renewal in time spent with family and friends.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, December 20**

After Marjan's husband died due to complications related to COVID-19, she found it difficult to support and feed her family. Her rheumatism makes it difficult for her to practice her livelihood—rug weaving.

"Most days, we only have bread for our meals, once or twice a day, and often skip dinner," she laments. When a local partner surveyed Marjan's village for an emergency food assistance project, her family was identified as a priority case. With the monthly cash assistance, Marjan can finally afford essential food items. "You may not realize just how much this support has meant to us," Marjan shares. "It has been a lifeline. It's the first time since my husband's passing that my children have had enough to eat." This project is an initiative of PWS&D's partner in Afghanistan and receives matching funds through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 20 (4th Sunday of Advent) We pray that the love we find in the Christ child will nourish and nurture our hearts.

Monday, December 21 We pray for the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre, that it may be a place of remembrance, learning, and inspiration.

Tuesday, December 22 We pray for the Change Leadership Team as it works with the colleges, national staff and others to enhance the training programs that are equipping elders and laity in using their various gifts in service of Christ's mission.

Wednesday, December 23 During this season of Advent, we pray for Members of the Atlantic Mission Society as we celebrate the coming of the Saviour.

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) Christ was born among us, revealing God's great love for the world. We pray that the light of Christ's love will shine in every place, bringing hope, peace, joy and love to all.

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day) We thank you, loving God, for the gift of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we come to know you more clearly and serve you more faithfully as we receive the Christ Child again.

Saturday, December 26 (Boxing Day) We pray for the safety of all who are travelling today.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, December 27**

Taiwan's political status, democratic values and human dignity are increasingly challenged by complex geopolitical forces, especially visible military threats from China. The Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) seeks to foster a shared ecumenical understanding and commitment among global churches to accompany Taiwan and its people in the pursuit of justice and peace. TEF calls on churches worldwide to renew their commitment to Taiwan, to uphold the right to self-determination and to embody a mission that accompanies suffering communities with courage, faith and hope. The PCC, represented by the Rev. Jay Liang, is committed to accompanying the PCT and Taiwan in their struggle for self-determination.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 27 We pray for the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum as it engages ecumenically in a deep spiritual and theological reflection on the mission of the Church in the present geopolitical situation.

Monday, December 28 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

Tuesday, December 29 We pray for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Collingwood, Ontario as they participate in the New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern God's will for their future.

Wednesday, December 30 We pray for churches facing an uncertain future and ask that God will guide them in God's wisdom and help them to be open to wherever the way may lead.

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) Faithful God, as we enter this new year, keep us steadfast in your grace, faithful in our calling, and joyful in the hope we have through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Looking for more information?

The Social Action Hub on the PCC website is an ongoing project that provides study guides, advocacy tools, liturgies and other resources to help individuals and congregations discern and live out the biblical call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Organized thematically, you will find positions and actions the church has taken, as well as links to letters, reports and resources it has produced. Visit presbyterian.ca/social-action.



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