

2023 Annual Day of Prayer

Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 8, 2023) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Will you join us?

For those of you in the United States, it may be important to note that there is also a National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2023. U.S. Councils, if you feel that participating in an Annual Day of Prayer can be done more meaningfully in conjunction with this National Day of Prayer (U.S.), please do so. You have the right to change the date of a special service accordingly (Acts of Synod 1996, p. 578).

The following Prayer Guide was put together to assist all CRC congregations in holding a meaningful day of prayer on either date. It is based upon Philippians 2:1-4, which is the guiding passage for the 40 Days of Prayer before Synod 2023. We hope you will find it helpful, and that you will also consider joining us in those 40 days of prayer later this spring. Stay tuned to crcna.org/pray for more information.

This prayer guide is in the rhythm of the Lord's Prayer:

Reverence - that God would be praised

Response - that God's will is done

Requests - for both resources and relationships

Readiness - to be holy for the work God calls us to do

Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Reverence

if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion

We praise you for our being united with Christ because...

Thank you for your comforting love when...

We praise you for your tenderness and compassion toward us even when...

We thank you for your work through us in...

(Note: The [Annual Ministry Report 2022](#) is full of opportunities for Thanksgiving and Praise.

Please take a look and join others across the denomination in giving thanks for the ways God is working in and through us around the world)



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Response

make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind

Empower us to reflect your love in...

May people see your Kingdom come in our interactions about...

Requests

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

As we pray for the interests of others, we also remember the ministries of the CRCNA. We lift up the people working on our behalf to do God's work in:

CRC Canada

Indigenous Ministries

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Centre for Public Dialogue

Congregational Ministries

Disability Concerns

Diversity

Faith Formation

Social Justice

Safe Church

Pastor-Church Resources

Race Relations

Worship

ReFrame

Resonate Global Mission

World Renew

Calvin University

Calvin Theological Seminary

Readiness

not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others

Holy Spirit, be at work making us more like Jesus in...

Lord, protect the unity of your church even when we...

Please close your prayer, joining with other CRC members:

Father in Heaven, we pray these things as a diverse family of congregations, assemblies, and ministries across North America. As your children, united in this denomination, we thank you for hearing our prayer and sustaining us in our efforts. Amen