

Prayers September 13, 2026

Dear God

Thank you for being with us here today.

In our prayers, previously, we have thanked you for giving us this bountiful country of Canada. We have thanked you for our natural resources, our support of social mobility for all people, our immigration policies, our educational institutions, our stable economy, our health system, and our social democracy. We have much to be thankful for. We have appreciated all that we've been given and never expected to find ourselves in the turmoil, on many fronts, that we are in at this moment.

The recent economic tariffs instituted by the United States have thrown our economy into disarray. Climate change and the resulting local flooding has created unprecedented hardship for many people. We are looking at domestic homelessness, addiction and the resulting crime wave as an ongoing challenge to our society. Our relationship with the United States, our closest neighbour, has altered beyond recognition. Our relationship with Israel has just recently changed due to settler violence. We want to support Ukraine in its war against Russia but we have only limited capacity in that conflict. Our world is in flux.

It's at times like these that we appreciate your strength in our lives, God. Please continue to give us the resilience to adapt to new challenges. Please help us to continue to support the weak and needy in our society with kindness, being prepared to share our resources. Please help us to find the determination and ingenuity to protect ourselves against irrational bullying. Please help us to stand strong and to adapt to international pressures so that we can be a voice against what is morally wrong. In short, please help us, God, to do what is right in these stressful times.

We continue to ask you to support those in our community and in the world who are suffering in their daily lives. Please show us how we may be of help to them. Please be with the sick in our community. Please be with the farmers who are struggling to produce a crop in the midst of unprecedented weather events. Please be with all who are unselfishly helping others. Show us how to dig deep, to discover new resources in ourselves that will show us how to work with the new world order we are facing.

As we go out the door into another week, we appreciate the assurance that you are with us. Please give us peace and confidence in goodness and kindness that we may receive your peace that passes all understanding. Please help us to take a deep breath and pass that peace along to others.

Amen.