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OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
Pray for Canada



The Jesus Prayer

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“Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.”

This ancient prayer, often called the Jesus Prayer, has echoed through monasteries, churches, battlefields,

hospital rooms, and quiet moments of desperation for nearly 2,000 years. Though simple in its wording, it carries extraordinary depth.

At its core, the prayer is an act of surrender. It begins with recognition: “Jesus Christ, Son of God.” Before asking anything for ourselves, we acknowledge who He is—Saviour, King, Creator, and Lord. In a culture obsessed with self-sufficiency and self-promotion, the prayer reorients the heart around dependence on God rather than confidence in self.

The second half is equally transformative: “have mercy on me.” Mercy is not merely pity; it is God meeting us in our weakness with compassion, forgiveness, and grace. The prayer dismantles pride. It reminds us that spiritual maturity does not begin with pretending to have it all together, but with honesty about our need for God.

What makes this prayer so powerful is its accessibility. It can be whispered in traffic, prayed in silence before sleep, repeated in anxiety, grief, temptation, or gratitude. It becomes a rhythm of the soul—a continual returning to Christ.

Perhaps that is why this ancient prayer still endures. In only a few words, it captures the deepest truth of the human condition: We need God, and God is merciful.



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God's Independence Day

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Independence Day: Burgers sizzle, fireworks burst, and flags wave. For many, it's a routine holiday filled with food, fun, and big plans. Yet, the original meaning—celebrating freedom after the Revolutionary War—is far removed.

But another Independence Day is coming, one that will never lose its glory! We don't know the date, and anyone who claims to does not speak truth. Still, no one in heaven or on earth will miss it. This day marks eternal freedom from the greatest oppressor of all—Satan.

The day I'm talking about is the day our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ returns—the beginning of true freedom—just like Adam and Eve once knew before sin. Those who believe in Christ's atoning blood may experience what my old pastor called a “Hallelujah breakdown!”

On that day, Christians will be released from sin's grip. No more sickness, addiction, gossip, or unkindness—only the pure love of our Father God and Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, the Holy Spirit strengthens and comforts us, yet sin still trips us in this fallen world. When Jesus returns, all ungodliness will vanish. I can't imagine a greater freedom!

The Bible says Jesus will return through the clouds (Acts 1:11) with His angels (Matthew 16:27) and the trumpet call of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16). And believers will be changed instantaneously (1 Corinthians 15:52).

How it all unfolds is beyond human understanding. But one thing is sure: It will be more riveting than any movie ever made.

So, let's live ready—for when God's Independence Day comes, all will be revealed. And if it happens to be today—Happy Independence Day!



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OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO *Pray for Canada*

As Christians, we are called not only to care about our personal walk with God, but also to intercede for the communities and nations in which He has placed us. At The 700 Club Canada, this burden is especially meaningful because the ministry's mandate is to reach Canada with the Gospel and to point people to the love and power of Jesus Christ. Canada is not beyond the reach of God's mercy, wisdom, and power. In times of peace, uncertainty, division, or moral confusion, believers have a God-given responsibility to pray for our country, its leaders, its churches, and its people. Scripture makes it clear that prayer for those in authority and for the welfare of the land is not optional for God's people—it is part of faithful Christian living.

THE BIBLICAL CALL TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

One of the clearest biblical instructions concerning national prayer is found in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, where believers are urged to offer petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving for all people, especially for kings and all those in authority. This teaches us that praying for government leaders is not about political preference; it is about obedience to God. Whether we agree with every policy or not, we are still called to ask the Lord to grant our leaders wisdom, justice, humility, and courage. When leaders govern with righteousness and sound judgment, the people are helped, peace is strengthened, and the Church is better able to live and witness faithfully.

SEEKING THE PEACE OF THE LAND

Jeremiah 29:7 reminds God's people to seek the peace and prosperity of the city where they live and to pray to the Lord for it. That principle applies meaningfully to us in Canada. To pray for Canada is to pray for peace in our communities, justice in our institutions, compassion for the vulnerable, and truth in our public life. It is to ask God to restrain evil, expose corruption, strengthen what is good, and awaken a deeper hunger for righteousness across the nation. Christians should not withdraw from the needs of the country; rather, we should bring those needs before God with faith and perseverance.

WE MUST STAND IN THE GAP

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can serve the nation. We are called to be salt and light, not only through our actions but also through our intercession. When the people of God pray, they acknowledge that real hope for Canada will not come merely through human effort, but through the mercy and intervention of God. At The 700 Club Canada, this ministry focus is expressed through a deep commitment to prayer as we seek to reach Canada with the Gospel and point people to the love and power of Jesus Christ. We should pray for revival in the Church, boldness in Gospel witness, healing in families, integrity in leadership, and unity among believers.



A PRACTICAL RESPONSE FOR BELIEVERS TODAY

Our responsibility to pray for Canada is both spiritual and practical. As we celebrate Canada Day this month, it gives believers a meaningful opportunity to thank God for this nation and to intercede for its future with renewed faith and purpose. For The 700 Club Canada, Canada Day is also a timely reminder of our calling to pray faithfully for this nation as we seek to reach Canada with the Gospel.

We can pray privately, with our families, and in our churches. We can pray for federal, provincial, and municipal leaders. We can pray for schools, hospitals, neighbourhoods, and workplaces. We can pray for repentance where there is sin, comfort where there is suffering, wisdom where there is confusion, and hope where there is despair. As we pray, we remember that God hears, God rules, and God is able to do far more than we can see. Let us never underestimate what the Lord can do through a praying people who humble themselves and seek His face.

A PRAYER FOR CANADA

Heavenly Father, we lift up Canada before You.

We ask You to pour out Your mercy on this nation and to guide those who lead it. Grant wisdom to our leaders, justice in our courts, peace in our communities, and truth in our public life. Strengthen Your Church across this land, awaken many hearts to the Gospel, and bring renewal where there is spiritual dryness. Help us as believers to be faithful in prayer, humble in spirit, and bold in love. May Canada know Your grace and may Your name be honoured from coast to coast.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Thinking About Grace

by SHIREEN SPENCER

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What do you think of when you hear the word “grace”? Is it only something you say before you eat a meal? It is so much more than

that! Ephesians 2:8 reminds us, *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God* (NKJV).

Grace is the unmerited gift of favour God extends to us—first in saving us and then in working in our lives. Grace is not deserved or something we work to earn, but it is freely given to us. Grace is a quality of God revealed in the free gift of salvation and the gifts He continues to give us out of His love for us. Grace is at the heart of God’s mind, heart, and nature.

There are passages in both First and Second Corinthians where God expands our understanding of grace. One familiar Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9—*“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”*

This speaks of grace as a force from God at work in our lives to change how we behave or respond to situations or people. God’s grace in me gives me the power to be who He has made me to be and who I need to be in times of trouble.

The truth about grace is that God’s favour—the favour that saved us and sustains us daily—is meant to overflow from our lives into the lives of others.

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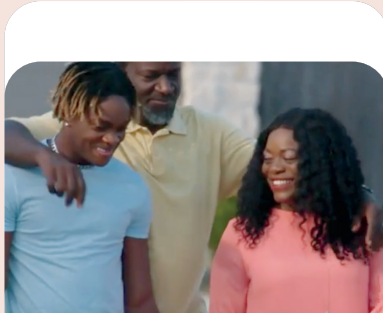
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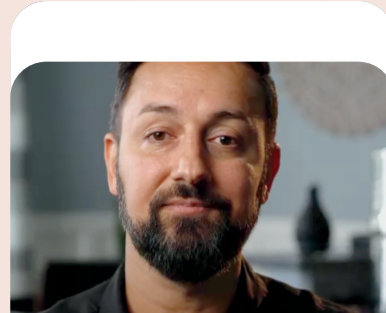
HEALING EVERY HURT

Drinking was the only thing that consoled Maribeth after the loss of her son. Then, one day, she heard God's voice and rededicated her life to Him. But when more trauma came, she had a choice. Would she turn back to alcohol or her faith? Don't miss the rest of her story.



ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

"Your son is really ill," a hospital nurse told Kes and Nadine, as their son's organs were shutting down. No one knew why, but the 18-year-old college student was dying. That's when his parents began to ask God for a miracle. Be encouraged by their powerful testimony.



FORGIVENESS FOR HATRED

Kevin hated his father. Even when he and his family escaped the abuse, he was imprisoned in his own hatred. It wasn't until an incredible encounter with Jesus that he understood what it meant to forgive and be forgiven. Witness his amazing transformation.

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Summer reminds us how quickly moments become memories.

One minute, it's dockside adventures and campfire memories in the making. The next, those fun times become the stories your family will treasure for generations. That's the thing about legacy. It's not just about what you leave behind—it's about what is carried forward. The memories fade, but the impact doesn't have to.

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“Adam and Eve committed original sin, which brought a curse on mankind. Why do we have to feel the consequences of their sin and rebellion?”

That’s a thoughtful question—and one that reaches to the heart of human nature. The consequence of the Fall isn’t just separation from God; it’s also the *knowledge* of good and evil. With that awareness came judgment—and not only towards others, but towards ourselves.

Think about it: Psychologists say most of our inner thoughts are negative. We constantly rehearse our mistakes—I *should have...* I *could have...* I *failed again*. That kind of thinking brings stress, worry, and even physical problems like high blood pressure.

But here’s the good news: Jesus came to free us from that endless self-condemnation. The Bible says He cleanses us from all unrighteousness and presents us spotless before God with joy.

So, when those accusing thoughts surface, remember that’s the legacy of Adam and Eve—but the legacy of Christ is freedom and grace.

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