



Feb. 18, 2026

A Simple Bible Prayer for God's Guidance and Wisdom

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Whatever challenge or decision you are facing today, pray these words.

One of my favorite prayers in the Bible is the one said by Abraham's servant as he carried out a request to find a wife for Abraham's son, Isaac: "Please give me success today..."

The story goes that after Abraham buried his wife Sarah, he knew his time of death was near. Abraham had one thing in mind—to marry off Isaac. Abraham sent his trusted servant, loaded with 10 camels bearing gifts, back to Abraham's homeland to start his search.

It was evening when the servant arrived at the city of Abraham's family. He took the camels to the well outside of town where the women were drawing water. He knew he was in over his head; he was not a matchmaker. But the servant understood that the stakes were high; his master was counting on him to get the job done.

Instead of acting on his own, the servant turned to God, and that's when he prayed, "Please give me success today." It was a simple and short prayer that acknowledged his dependence on God, and it aligned his heart's desire with God's.

Author and theologian, E. Stanley Jones, wrote, "Prayer is aligning ourselves with the purposes of God." The servant knew that God was interested in the outcome of his mission. And indeed, when Rebekah offered the servant a drink at the well, his prayer was answered.

The awesome news is that we pray to a God who knows and is concerned about everything happening in our lives. When we find ourselves in a place of uncertainty and not sure what path to

take, “The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you’” Psalm 32:8 (NLT).

God wants us to succeed in all that we do. This even includes the things we consider insignificant. This is something I have learned from my wife; she prays to God about everything. When she is looking for a gift for someone, she prays. When she is out shopping or running errands, she prays. When someone needs her help, she turns to God. It doesn’t matter how small the task, she prays.

All of us have responsibilities, tasks and assignments that without the Lord’s help are impossible to achieve. Every day we face demands and challenges. We go to work to provide for our families. We care for a loved one battling an illness. We study long hours to enhance a career.

Prayer doesn’t negate our role in actions we need to take. But it gives us wisdom and Godly direction. Prayer gives us perspective. It opens the way for God to guide, empower and even do the impossible. So whatever you are facing today, you can pray: “God give me success today.”



Worship Calendar

Feb. 22	TBA	TBA	Rev. Jan Hieminga
Mar. 1	Seeing Without Hating	Ecclesiastes 7:16-22 Titus 3:1-7	Rev. Eric Lee



Ash Wednesday

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MATTHEW 6:1–21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19–21)

The quiet of a Canadian winter is a good time to refresh our spiritual practices, and Jesus gives us something to focus on here: fasting, giving, praying, and forgiving. Each of these are addressed in Jesus’s teaching from Matthew 6:1–21. Not only do we receive instructions on prayer that has become the church’s beloved “Lord’s Prayer,” we are also reminded of the value of embodying forgiveness toward others.

What I find most compelling in this passage is that Christ urges his followers to practice these things “in secret.” By doing these things in secret, we not only avoid the pitfalls of hypocrisy, but also give ourselves the opportunity to draw our minds into our heart, our inner prayer chamber. Here we can fully listen for Christ’s invitation. In quiet times and places, we can regain alignment between our inner being and our outward actions, which naturally results in treasure. Unifying our hearts with Christ’s self-giving love reveals the reality of God’s Kingdom and bears the fruit of new life and reconciliation within us and around us.

Dear Jesus, as we slow down and move more deeply into our heart spaces this Lenten season, may we discover again your treasure alive in us and all around us. In your holy name we pray, AMEN.

Pastor Eric



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Supper

Graceview’s annual, Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper was a huge success. The downhome pancakes were delicious, and the company was even better. Pancakes were followed by either chocolate cake or vanilla cake with a dollop of ice cream to top it all off. Many thanks to the Outreach team for facilitating this.



World Day of Prayer

You are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer meeting at Fellowship Reformed Christian Church on Friday, March 6, at 1:30 PM. The theme is, “I Will Give You Rest” and the host country for whom we will be praying is Nigeria.

Laptops and Tablets Needed

After researching and consulting with the elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Antigua, which Rachael and Pastor Eric visited last March, the mission committee has decided to purchase a laptop and 6-8 months of Wi-Fi for the students of the church, where it will be kept and shared so students can become familiar with this technology.

If you have a laptop or tablet that is in good condition that you'd like to donate, please contact Rachael before mid-March.

The Presbytery of West Toronto team will be bringing the laptop to the church during March break.

Lenten Candle Liturgy Readers

Feb. 22 – Nancy G. & Norma H

Mar. 1 - Georgena E. & Rachael C.

Mar. 8 - Lynne & Al

Mar. 15 – Iris L. & Carol H.

Mar. 22 - Kathy & Bob

Mar. 29 – Harry & Pat

Thank you to the above volunteers. If you have a scheduling conflict. Please let Susan know as soon as possible.



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

Feb. 22 – Harry & Pat

Mar. 15 – Carol & Iris

April – Outreach Team

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.

* Pray for the victims and their families in Tumbler Ridge.

* **Wayne Jarvis** was admitted to the Trillium Hospital on Saturday and his tests determined that he has pneumonia.

* Prayers for **Shannon Jarvis** who will be getting 40 to 60 needles in her head on Tuesday to hopefully help to relieve the pain in her head and her jaw.

- * Prayers for **Dale Jarvis** to give her strength to care daily for both Wayne and Shannon
- * **Jean Ross'** husband **Martin's** aunt (**Ruth Ann Ross**) is now resting comfortably at home.
- * **Shirley Pollock's** daughter **Nancy**.
- * **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Godfrey Miringu's mother-in-law, Paul Mgobo's family, Bob Woolley, Joan and Peter Kohar, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, John Thomas, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Latimer, Ethel Waite, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family, Olive S.

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Be Courageous

Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives.”—Genesis 8:15–16 (NIV)

Imagine the profound faith it took for Noah to take that step onto dry land after the flood. Reflect on moments in your journey where faith was your sole guide. Let Noah's unwavering trust inspire you to step out in faith, even when the path seems uncertain.

Heavenly Father, stir within me the same obedience displayed by Noah—to courageously follow Your lead.



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Apr. 5	Pastor Eric	Vi Lobodowsky	Nancy McPherson

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WEEKLY GIGGLE

Domestic Bliss

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His three children were outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house.

Proceeding to the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room, the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over the toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened. He found her lounging in the bedroom, still curled in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel.

She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and ask me what in the world did I do today?"

"Yes," was his incredulous reply.

She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

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- * **Jean Ross'** husband **Martin's** aunt (**Ruth Ann Ross**) is in Oakville Trafalgar Hospital with an unknown diagnosis. Jean mentions that she has been praying for her since Sunday but realizes that she cannot do this alone. The power of prayer works. Let us all pray for Ruth Ann.
- * **Shirley Pollock's** daughter **Nancy** who has just had a mastectomy has to have the lymph nodes removed from under her arm followed by possibly chemo and/or radiation. The operation is scheduled for next week.
- * **Joan Kohar Update:** Peter called to say that Joan had been sent home from the hospital on Wednesday evening - so she did not stay overnight. They had not found anything wrong with her that needed hospital intervention. Joan says she feels weak and unsteady, but she is getting regular physiotherapy and hopes that will help.
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