

Classis Toronto Prayer Calendar

This month's prayer items are focused on Community CRC of Meadowvale (CCM), CrossPoint CRC (CP) and the Safe Church Team (SCT). Please use this prayer guide in your church, small groups, at the family table, and in your individual prayer times.



- 1 Pray for the Churches of Classis Toronto. Pray that we may be able to work together and be accountable to each other for the glory of God.
- 2 Praise God for the Classis SCT who work to provide education around abuse prevention in our churches and who provide wisdom, discernment and advice when abuse has been identified.
- 3 Praise God for CP. Praise God for who they are as a congregation and that in their congregation they are beginning to reflect the multi-cultural community in which they are situated.
- 4 Praise God for CCM. Praise God for who they are as a congregation and that they are truly church for their community.
- 5 Pray that each church in Classis Toronto will be able to find someone who is passionate about this ministry to be a part of the Classis SCT so that they have enough team members to do the work they have been asked to do.
- 6 Praise God for the Bible Learning Club CP had this past summer. Praise God for the children from the neighbourhood who attended. Pray that God will continue to work in their lives.
- 7 Pray for Pastor Sam Cooper of CCM and Nan Hoogsteen, administrator. Pray that they may have wisdom and strength for the tasks they have before them.
- 8 Pray for all our churches as they all begin programs this month. Pray that these programs may be safe for the children and volunteers. Pray that volunteers will go through the Safe Church process with open and willing hearts. Pray for those people in each congregation who are in charge of making sure policies are followed and the church is a safe place.
- 9 Praise God for the staff at CP: Richard Grift (Preaching Pastor); Mike and Jana VanderLaan (pastors of Congregational Life & Pastoral Care); Scott Post (Youth Pastor); Pat Albas (Outreach Director) and Janet Drent (Administrator). Pray that God will continue to build this team and help them to minister and lead the congregation.
- 10 Praise God that CCM is learning what it means to be a community church. Praise God for the community groups who can find a home in their church building (Stewardship Community for the nearby lake, Learning Centre, horticultural society, a Gypsy congregation). Pray that these interactions will glorify God, strengthen the community and bring people to know and grow in God.
- 11 Pray for our small churches who struggle to come up with a Safe Church policy because of their size. Help them to find ways to make their churches safe places for all.
- 12 Pray for the *Image Groups* which is being launched in October in CP. Pray that these small groups may be places of care, bible study and discipleship.
- 13 Praise God for the intercessory prayer group at CCM that just celebrated its 10th anniversary. Pray that God will continue to work through this group as they pray for the city of Mississauga.
- 14 Pray for those in our churches who are struggling with painful memories of abuse. Pray that God will provide mercy and healing for them.

- 15 Pray for marriages at CP. Pray that the church may have wisdom about how to support strong marriages and rebuild marriages that are struggling.
- 16 Pray for the Milton Church Plant that CCM is involved with beginning. Pray that those who are interviewing for a church planter. Pray that the right person will be called to this work.
- 17 Pray for our Pastors. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment as they interact with people, many of whom are very vulnerable.
- 18 Praise God for the heightened spiritual sensitivity that CP has experienced lately. Pray that the congregation will be able to continue to care for each other and be family for each other, especially for those who are new immigrants and have no other family around them.
- 19 Pray for CCM as they are experiencing financial challenges. They want to continue to be a community church and offer their church building to community groups for minimal costs but also need the money to maintain their building. Pray that the relationships with the community groups may be healthy and that they may be able to work together effectively.
- 20 Pray for the Safe Church Team Chairperson's conference to be held in Grand Rapids at the end of October. Pray that this time may be fruitful and encouraging.
- 21 Pray that the CP may be able to stretch beyond their own congregation and find ways of supporting and caring for those in their neighbourhoods and around the world.
- 22 Pray for the youth drop-in centre that CCM is heavily involved with, *The Dam*.
- 23 Pray that our children will be protected from evil. Pray that they may be able to grow in their faith in the programs they attend at church.
- 24 Pray for CP's leadership development and recruitment. Pray that new leaders may hear God's call as this is the first year they did not have enough people to nominate to the position of deacon.
- 25 Pray that the marginalized in the community of CCM will find a voice, a place to belong, a place to serve and a place to be served in CCM.
- 26 Pray for those people who are abusive. Pray that God may change their hearts and actions. Pray that they may turn from evil and find healing in Jesus Christ.
- 27 Pray that members of CP will have a greater interest and participation in church prayer opportunities.
- 28 Pray for CCM as they struggle to know what God wants them to do with the 7 acres of land they own at the edge of Mississauga. Pray that they will be able to make the interest payment on this land this year. Pray that the land can be used in some way to provide affordable housing for those in the region.
- 29 Pray that the Classis SCT will have wisdom and strength in their role that can be a heavy burden and very painful.
- 30 Pray for the members of CP and the challenges they face as they try to balance the business of life: work (3rd shifts, huge numbers of hours, no work), home life, church work and growing their spiritual lives.
- 31 Praise God for the children of CCM who are learning about the power of prayer and how they can be used by God through prayer.