

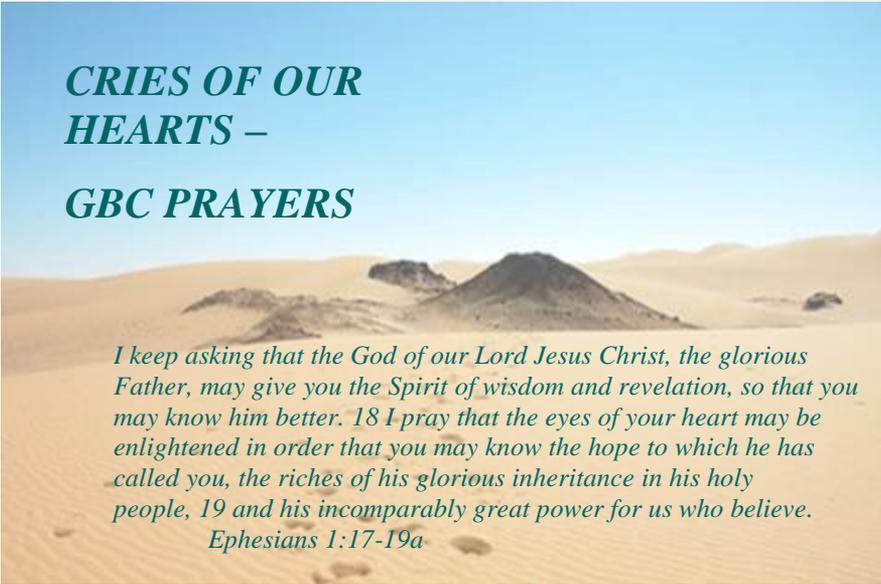
CRIES OF OUR HEARTS PRAYER GUIDE



Pursuing God's Will Together

*Grace Baptist Church
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CRIES OF OUR HEARTS – GBC PRAYERS



*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.
Ephesians 1:17-19a*

“The cry of my heart is that we would search & know Your will for GBC that we might be your mighty ambassadors in this time and place. Putting aside our desires & listening for your leading.”

“God will put his healing hands on the people of Grace as well as the people of the world to bring everyone together as one and to bring love back to all of those who need it and have forgotten how to give it. Heal this pandemic so that we can gather in person and be a Godly support to each other, no matter who God brings into Grace to lead us. God will lead each and every one of us individually.”

“Unity of purpose... GBC a lighthouse of salvation in our greater YYC community... Give us the Pastor of your choosing. Unity of leadership...”

“My prayer is that we would come together as a congregation in unity to serve God together, both amongst ourselves and in our community to recognize each other’s needs & to actively help where needed. To recognize this as a privilege & not a burden.”

“Unity in direction of GBC... Unity in all things ministry related. Desire for God’s love and unity in the body of Grace as we move forward to accomplish God’s will.”

“My desire for Grace Baptist Church is to be a unified body of believers”

“Connection with God’s people”

“Health to all. Peace to all. Love for all. Family. All people. Forgiveness. Faith. Joy.”

“Love. Forgiveness. Help us all to understand the world today”

“That God will show us the way to go and that we’re willing to follow in the way that He has for us to go in the days to come.”

“Revival”

“Renewed growth in the youth. Connection with the community. Unity. A light on the hill for Calgary.”

“That there will be a ministry for youth & young adults to grow with. That the current ministries will develop as God leads & will thrive. That they will be a safe & Important place/group for our young people to be a part of & to be stay connected to the church, to be each other & to Christ.”

“Please lead us to be more missional instead of a being content with our own comfort. Help us to reach out to the community and to the next generation. Please use our facility for community connections.”

“Help us to have more impact outwardly in the community and to be a place where everyone feels welcome.”

“I pray for unity, and ministry that includes all ages in songs and ministries. And ministry to children and youth.”

“Guide our pastors to preach your word effectively. Guide our worship leaders to design services that draw us together in unified worship.”

“A vibrant, active church. Growing, mutigenerational, multiethnic, reaching out to seekers.”

“Connection, community, mentorship.”

“Meaningful times of group connection, intergenerational service events and projects. Partnership involvement with other churches, especially for young adults/youth.”

“I pray for unity of people in Grace Baptist Church in this pandemic. May this be a reminder to us that we will get through these hard times together.”

“Lord we pray that we will be in the center of your will. May we discern your leading and obediently follow.”

“I pray for a deeper commitment and engagement for each member of GBC., that everyone will consider his/her membership in GBC as a serious commitment. This is holy ground.”

“We truly find God working in GBC and reaching out to our community.”

“Manifestation of His mercy over the people who still do not recognize Him as Savior. Guide us to serve Him daily and become stronger warriors of our faith in this world. Come for us now!”

“To have a welcoming place to worship where God’s love is experienced and the word of God is respected and known.”

“Unity in the church as we transition forward. That our financial giving can be strong and support the needs of the church and our pastors. Enhance our family ministries to support all the young families and youth groups.”

“That enough people see Your light. To change the world.”

“The cry of my heart, that I (we) would humble ourselves before God.”

“Please create in us a new passion for the things that matter to you Lord. Refine and refocus our pastors, leaders and all worshippers on your priorities. Build us together into a unified, serving Body.”

“I pray that through the messages each Sunday and the life that we live, lead our children to God closer and acknowledge their dependence on Him.”

“A pastor who is a great bible expositor and bible teacher. A vision for added ministries in our church. By your Holy Spirit lead us to greater levels of meaningful worship that unifies and builds us up.”

“Dear God. Lead us- may I hear and see Your direction. I need Your wisdom. The future is scary, but You are God. May we follow Your righteousness, Your will in our lives, church and country, You set the table, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Lead us, be with us as You always are. You are the God of the bible, of Israel, of all of us. I want to be where You are.”

“Show us Lord, how we can worship You in creative ways. Provide the gifts and talents to incorporate fresh expressions of worship to You. Lead us to serve You and show Your love to our community. Show us how we can serve You by serving, encouraging and loving those You put in our path Equip us to reach out.”

“Lord, please lead us in Your way. Never leave us or forsake us, like You promised. Help us during this time of transition. Grow our faith and give us peace during this time. Remain the centre of our hearts desire. We love You. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

“To see a resurgence and revival of the young people to the faith and to truly see the fire in the hearts of the youth, kids and young adults, not only at GBC, but in Calgary, Canada and worldwide.”

“I pray that as we get farther into the year and near into the new year, that we come closer together as community through faith. I think it’s more important now, as political and social injustice divide us. We have to remember the most important Living God.”

“Pray to God for protection from the threats of losses of freedom of religion and democracy.”

“My desire is to have back more consistent times of fellowship (ladies, men, youth, young adults) so that we build greater community with one another.”

“That God would expand our ministry opportunities to young people in our church – jr. high, high school, young adults and young married, and expand these same opportunities within our community.”

“God, the cry of my heart is to live a life that will please you in every way. Lord, I ask that You will be done in my life. I ask Lord that our church will be one, having the same goal to serve You in spirit and truth. Help us to trust You Lord completely, knowing that You know what is best for us. Help us to be the Light You would want us to be in this world, as we go through this pandemic. Help us as believers to be the Light that shines for You in this dark world.” Take full control of the transition process in this church. Lord You know the right person that You have called to take up the baton to carry us forward in this church. God, have Your way. For all the things that we desire as a church, please provide Lord. You are our all in all. Have your way Lord.”

“Thank you God.”

“Rising up a group of warriors that will come out of the ordinary as intercessors/watchmen for the people of God.”

“To see GBC actively involved in spiritual growth. Know, what, why and how you believe. Leading to sharing what, why and how you believe to others”

“To have more meaningful interracial relationships within the church family.”

“That God would use this church (including building) to further His kingdom in having open hearts and hands to the congregation and the community (Radisson Heights, Calgary, Alberta, etc.), whatever that definition is, including all nationalities and backgrounds. That we would be very inclusive and responsive.”

“I pray that our use of the Bible and prayers will strengthen our worship. The Bible is our textbook. Also worship songs that are sung.”

“Bring back the ability to gather as families, as youth and in children’s ministries. To foster unity.”

“God, I pray that you will be with our corporate Grace Baptist Church and grow us in this city to do Your will.”

“GBC to grow more and become debt-free, so we can reach more people. Increase our online presence and update church equipment.”

“I pray, Oh God, that we would be a people who are concerned by the needs of those in the community around us, both for their practical needs and their spiritual condition. I pray that we would be moved to engage beyond the walls of the church. I pray that this building provided by You, through your people, would again be alive with people engaged in community – for learning as well as for social interaction- that as a church body we would be drawn closer and thereby move into Your plan with unity.”

“Let GBC be a leader in the community, to be a light to all – to be available for all who are hurting and need help. To not be a “closed” community – only concerned about the members, but to reach out to the community, to Calgary and let people know that Grace Baptist cares. To give us all the courage and faith to hear God and to DO what He asks of us, even if it’s new, difficult or out of our comfort zone. To continue to pray and ask for God’s leading and direction- to be open and honest with Him and each other. Let Grace Baptist be a place where people want to come, to seek help and seek God and that we can respond in God’s name, love and truth. To continue to pray and seek God’s will for who He has chosen to shepherd us.”

“My desire for GBC is for us as a body to be a loving and caring people of God. My prayer as well as for me personally, to put my priorities in place and that is spending time with my Lord, reading His word and in prayer. For GBC’s future, I know that everything that happens in the church, He knows beforehand and so, am sure that He will provide a pastor/leader to lead the body. He will also give wisdom and discernment to those entrusted to look for me under the leadership of Pastor Hugh.”
“Please increase our focus on church missions and trips as missionaries.”

“To have a greater revival with more people coming to you. To free everyone from sin and to have a kinder, loving world, where everybody helps each other and serve.”

I would like to see Grace Baptist Church become a place that feels like home, where the people are a family, working in unison to achieve God's purposes and plans, not looking to our own interests but to His, for He knows what is best for all His children.

“Help us to Connect to the members who are not attending the church. Increase our congregational prayer to seek God’s will in the future.”

“My prayer is that we find a loving and caring lead pastor to come to Grace. I pray that covid would be gone sooner rather than later. That people would come together and not be divided.”



***CRIES OF OUR
HEARTS –
PASTORAL
LEADERSHIP FOR
OUR FUTURE***

*“It was He (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of God.”
Ephesians 4:11-13*

“I would like God to make this a seamless transition and that we would find a pastor that would be a good fit for our church. For God to work in his time and that he would give us the patience to wait for his answers to our prayers.”

“That God would bring us the pastor of His choice and in His own time. That we would be patient and prayerful during the process. That we would be attentive to what God wants to teach us as individuals and as a church family. That it would be a time of spiritual growth and experiencing God in new ways.”

“A bible- based teacher/pastor”

“A pastor for GBC”

“I pray for a new lead pastor who can lead me or inspire me as I have been up to now. Inspiration to be a visible Christian looking for God’s direction.”

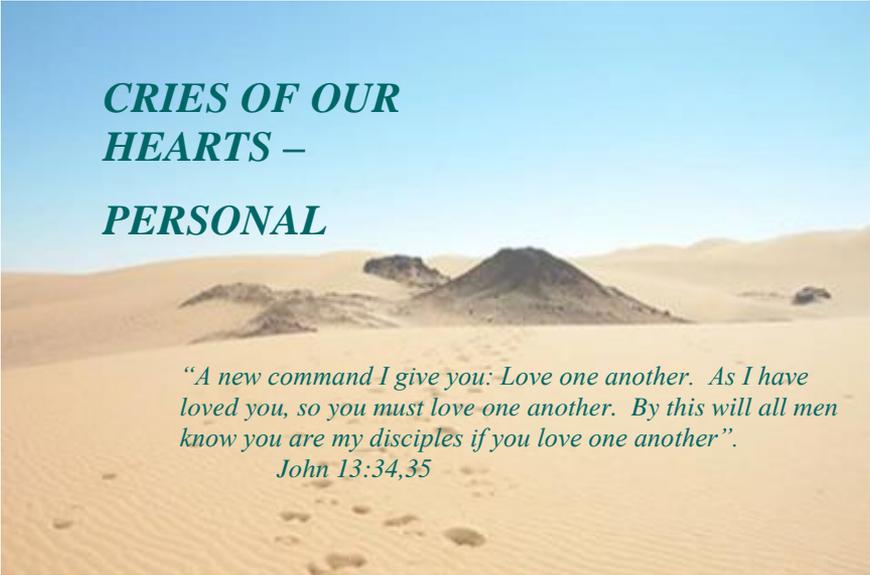
“A pastor that believes the whole Bible and will preach and teach all of it and relates it to our life today in present times.”

“Send us a pastor who is faithful in teaching the Bible.”

“To bring God’s man to replace Pastor Harry. For us to hear You God, for the direction You want us to go. To be likeminded as a congregation and staff. To be able to let go completely of the past and look forward.”

“Bring us a pastor who is relevant, one who understands the questions and reality of those who don’t know God. Let this pastor help us to see how we can reach out to those who are lost.”

“Lord God, You are the faithful One, from the beginning and to the end. I praise You for responding to the cries of Your people, for who else can we turn to. Lord, please prepare a godly man, one with a passion for Your Word, one who will accurately handle it, who will teach it faithfully to us. Even now You know who that man will be, to lead us into a deeper walk with you and a greater outreach to this community and city. Thank you Lord. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”



***CRIES OF OUR
HEARTS –
PERSONAL***

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this will all men know you are my disciples if you love one another”.
John 13:34,35

Please practice this command of Jesus by praying for
brothers and sisters in Christ

“Dear Heavenly Father, I pray these words on behalf of my brother or sister who ask you for....”

“Give us a long life to my family. Heal our broken heart. Lead us to the better place. Heal our world. Let this pandemic end, so no one will suffer. Let this world be happy and safe again. Let our burden to go away just like air passing by, We will be grateful to you God.”

“To be one with our beloved son of 3. Understand our needs and needs of my children. To be together to with my children in worship God.”

“Lord I need my health and put an end to covid 19.”

“Spiritual growth, good health for my family, peace and order for everybody”

“The safety of our loved ones. For unbelievers to be saved. To heal our land because of the pandemic. To heal those that are sick.”

“Dear God! Save our families and children from evil forces let us not perish. Bless our jobs and sources of income. Dwell in our homes. Give wisdom to our children so they may love you the way I did. You are the only truth! We have collaborated with evil in the past. Now we don’t. Forgive us for doing that! Because of that we have sacrificed a lot. You are the living God. You are the way. You are the truth.”

“I wish to have God in my heart. I just ask for forgiveness, not a handout. This is my first time to church in a long time. Thank you Grace! I thank my sister for bringing me. Just going through a really rough time. Right now, God’s support would be great right now. Thank You!!”

“God, I want things to get back to normal. This time has been so difficult. The isolation has been so difficult.”

“Make my faith a living faith. Help me to provide for my family and heal and protect us. Thank you for giving me hope.”

“I just want to have real friends that I can rely on”

“Dear Lord most holy one. Please help planet earth with its climate change issues. Anything I can do too. In Jesus name I pray.”

“I pray that I will be patient going through the transition at work and you will show me the right path to take.”

“I want the pandemic to be over. I want God to resolve the issue going on in Nigeria and that our people to be safe. I want God to heal my friend’s mom and to comfort my friend and her family in this difficult time. I want God to help me finish my education with positive results. I want God to help me with my financial situation.”

“I would like to feel less isolated. I would like to feel God’s presence.”

“Help my family financially and give us health always – spiritually, emotionally, guidance, stable job and protection. Thank you Lord.”

“The plan of the Lord for me in the future. The way that I’m walking and which path to take. The course that I’m taking in college and plan after I graduate. The job that I’m praying for in the future.”

“Dear God: Heal our land. May all people in the whole world know you are God. Grow our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and aim for eternity.”

“For the world to cooperate in healing. To keep my family, loved ones and everybody safe. For us to love unconditionally regardless of differences.”

“I have been praying over my daughter that joined another church which I am worried about their teaching. My second daughter, having challenges in school. She would love to start all over again and needs your guidance about the best program.”

“Please guide me Lord in my student life. Guide me through the struggles, obstacles and hardships that I may face. Help me Lord through this excruciating, arduous endeavor. I praise you Almighty God and will love you from the bottom of my heart.”

“Lord, give us a government that puts You in the forefront and returns respect to God.”

“I would like to have a prayer for my wife, who is not able to move around as before. This is due to an operation for a hip replacement done about 9 months ago. Today we all pray and thank God for helping her, to restore the use of her leg, and to be able to walk again. Thank you Lord for the prayers and answers.”

“To be able to keep track and be able to be on top of all my schoolwork.”

“Salvation for other family members. Healing for my husband’s recurring headaches. Safety of my kids going to university.”

“Keep our family healthy and well.”

“Freedom. Cry of my heart is the salvation of my family and relatives. To grant the desires of our hearts to move to Okanagan in Summerland and buy a small acreage and to gather Your name to worship and serve You, oh God. Bless also my job and that our business will be successful to help others who are in need. Amen.”

“Pray for the safety of my children and all children and a better world for them.”

“Heavenly Father, please show me Your will in my life. Guide Your ways. You are my Shepherd. Father always be with my parents, fulfill all their earthly needs from Your heavenly treasure and help me in the time of trials. Give me strength, help me, guide me, forgive me, save me, provide for me, teach me. In the name of Jesus. Amen.”

“Salvation of my unsaved family. Daily protection from pandemic all of us and all workers in His vineyard. To live a Christ- like life.”

“Desire of my heart is to be always close to God and know Him more and His word. To reunite with my 2 nieces that they will know God as their personal Lord and Savior. That my nieces will humble their self to you.”

“The pandemic will end. My marriage would be awesome. That God would show me His power. Healing for my mother. God would be with me at work. That I would become a much stronger Christian.”

“Lord please help me, please forgive my sins and lead me to a better and more righteous path. I am weak, please forgive me. Thank you.”
“I hope Covid 19 pandemic will be over soon.”

“Get us through this health crisis and help us cope.”

“Pray for my daughter-in-law and family, that her father-in-law does not suffer in pain with cancer too long.”

“Dear God, we come before you this morning with a cry in our hearts concerning this Covid 19 pandemic. Father we are tired of it and only you can put an end to it. This is our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Let my children. to be united again. To get more members in my business. To have finances for paying for the house. To have second job. Let my family feel good health and long life for my brothers/sister.”

“Pray for justice in this world, especially in Cameroon and other conflict zones. Pray for healing mercies.”

“I pray that there was no Covid 19 anymore.”

“Lord God, I just want to say thank you and I love you Lord. We have so many things in our life Lord, but we will give it to you Lord, I know You will handle it. Lord, those people that are dear to me, suffering from pain, physical, emotional, spiritual and financial, I cried for them Lord. This pandemic we are experiencing right now, please remove them, oh Lord. Help those people that have been affected or infected. Every nation Lord, bless them Lord. We love you Lord. In this Lord, I ask and pray in Lord Jesus Christ’ mighty name. Amen.”

“To be a man of God always, whatever the circumstances that by His might God would send me and will complete His promise. To spread the Good News of salvation to all, the people, every people and families on this generation to come.”

“Bring a greater sense of love, compassion, and mercy to myself and others.”

“Live closer to God”

End Note

Thank you to all who made submissions of “The Cries of Your Heart” to our prayer guide. We wish to acknowledge some editing of submissions. Submissions appearing to be more in line with feedback and advice about Grace Baptist rather than petitions presented to God were either re-phrased or set aside. All of the unedited submissions will be forwarded to the church elders. Opportunities will be forthcoming in our transition process for expressing your hopes for the future that we believe God will unfold for Grace Baptist Church.

Pastor Hugh Fraser



Our goal is to provide a road map for
the congregation to move through
transition and arrive at God's future
story for Grace Baptist Church

~ The Transition Team