

Welcome to our fall *Day of Prayer*. You are invited to take at least one hour to pray between 8 am and 7 pm. From 7 – 8 pm please join others on Zoom to wrap up the day (link is in *Cornerstone Connector* sent out October 7). We are having this *Day of Prayer* because our great need is for God's presence and power in our lives.

Remember the disciples in the story of the feeding of the 5000? When faced with the glorious impossible will we look at the meagre bread and fish in our hands? Or will we recognize that our Creator is present among us? God has promised to do beyond what we could ask or imagine so let us be deliberately dependent and approach our Heavenly Father with confidence!

Our confidence is under attack in our "VUCA" world of <u>Volatility</u>, <u>Uncertainty</u>, <u>Complexity</u> and <u>Ambiguity</u>. This anacronym has been used to describe changes taking place in our world for several decades. How do we pray in a "VUCA" environment?

Intercessors must become more aware than ever of our need for a Gospel-oriented "VUCA" orientation. We need a <u>Vision</u> from above...<u>Understanding</u> of the times and all that remains certain...<u>Clarity</u> of focus for prayer...<u>Agility</u> to pivot without losing biblical bearings. Consider the confidence offered to us in **Psalm 61:1-5** and **Psalm 62:5-8**...

Hear my cry, Oh God, listen to my prayer, from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

For God alone, Oh my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, Oh people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Take a few moments to listen Don Moen's song, <u>Our Father</u> which offers a heartfelt plea for God to cleanse our hearts and respond to our prayers.

Praying For Our "Jerusalem"

- Pray for families experiencing grief and loss
- Pray that Cornerstone would fulfill our calling and mission
- Pray for those who are ill, isolated, anxious, or out of work due to COVID-19
- Pray for our Kids, Youth, and Young Adult ministries
- Pray for our Leadership Team and staff
- Pray for those awaiting an answer from the immigration office
- Pray WomanCare Pregnancy Ctr., M. R. Christian School, Pray Ridge Meadows, Celebrate Recovery, Timberline Ranch, Youth Unlimited, Salvation Army

Praying For Our "Judea & Samaria"

- Pray for our provincial leaders who returned to the legislature this week
- Pray for the newly elected federal government and our MP, Marc Dalton
- Pray for Benjamin and Veronique who are church planting in Montreal
- Pray for true, God directed thankfulness in our country
- Pray for healing and true reconciliation with the indigenous community
- Pray for relief from the impacts of the pandemic across our nation
- Pray for those suffering and tragic loss of life due to overdose crisis

Praying For "the ends of the earth"

- Pray for relief from the chaos and suffering in Afghanistan
- Pray for our ministry partners (Cardonas; SOLAHIS) in Colombia
- Pray for countries with limited resources to deal with the impacts of COVID-19
- Pray for IJM and other ministries addressing issues like child sex trafficking
- Pray for brothers and sisters across the world who are persecuted for their faith
- Pray for those places in the world suffering due to warfare and conflict





Please be part of **Pray & Walk** (Oct 18-23) by going to www.prayridgemeadows.com to register the streets where you'll walk and pray for our community. Then join with other believers from across Ridge Meadows for a very special Prayer Night (Oct 24, 7 pm) at Ridge Church.