

Metro Chinese Christian Mission

Praise the Lord for His blessings upon MCCM with new believers, and a sister admitted for her theological study. Please keep remembering the need of pastors to help with MCCM's long-term growth.

Chase EFC

As an elderly church, Chase EFC has long struggled to connect with families. This summer, in partnering with Athletes in Action, we hosted a soccer camp at which 4 kids gave their lives to Jesus and 3 others professed a faith in Jesus. Please **pray** for Chase EFC as we scramble to start a junior youth program for kids ages 9-12. Please **pray** for volunteers, resources, and a move of the Spirit.

Monterey Park Calgary Church Plant

Pray that Pastor Amir and family will find appropriate and affordable housing near the church. **Pray** for their outreach efforts and many area contacts in the Punjabi community.

CAF Chaplains

Pray for those serving as chaplains in the Canadian Armed Forces:

- Peter Han - Esquimalt, BC
- Chris Willis - Kingston, ON
- Phil Sung - Halifax, NS

Upcoming

Join us in praying over the upcoming events in the EFCC family!

Sept 1st

Labour Day - EFCC Home Office closed

Sept 14-20th

EFCC Week of Prayer

Sept 20th

Special General Meeting (SGM)

October 3-4th

Canadian Pacific District Conference
Broadview EFC (Salmon Arm, BC)



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PRAYER guide

September 2025



Fall Kickoff

Check out Neil
Bassingthwaite's
intro video

Pray
for the
EFCC

*"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.
He will not rebuke you for asking." - James 1:5*

September is always such a milestone month. It's back to school. Church programs kickoff. Speaking of kickoff, the NFL season starts, as does the NHL pre-season. And it contains several birthdays for my family. So, September is a full month.

But this September is also a pivotal month for us in the EFCC. This year has been a tough year. Significant changes were made that reshaped ServeBeyond. Unity has been tested. A new President appeared to be elected but was not.

Midway through this month, we will come to another important meeting for the EFCC: a Special General Meeting (SGM) with another vote on a presidential candidate. It probably doesn't need to be said, but I'm going to ask anyway: could I ask that we set aside time to pray for our Free Church family in a deep way this month? We have big decisions to make, and significant healing to walk through. We need God's direction, wisdom and guidance.

Later this month, you will see more from me, as I invite you into a week of prayer ahead of our SGM. Please watch for that and join in seeking God for his direction for the EFCC.

To watch
this month's
Prayer intro,
scan this QR
code.



You can also see the video here
<https://bit.ly/2025sep prayerguide>

Check out our Prayer Guide page here
<https://efcc.ca/prayer-guide/>

Dan Carlaw CPD Superintendent

Please **pray** for all the last minute preparations for our CPD District Conference - October 3-5 in Salmon Arm, BC. **Pray** for Broadview EFC as they host us. **Pray** for our three district pastors who will be speaking this year: James Clark (Terrace EFC), Josh Dekker (Nicola Valley EFC in Merritt), and Matt Fast (100 Mile EFC). Please join us in welcoming a new pastor in Merritt! Pastor Dan Sczebel will begin as lead pastor of Nicola Valley EFC in late August, with an official installation service and celebration planned for September 7th.

Kelvin Luong CD Co-Superintendent

Praise God for Pastor Kelvin Fung who received full accreditation with EFCC and subsequently ordained by the Compass Community. **Pray** for the development of a new gospel work in the city of Brampton.

George Budd Interim PD Superintendent

Please **pray** for the rural churches needing pastors, that they will not get weary in well doing and that God will provide the Shepherds these churches need. Please **pray** for the Committee of the Board searching for a new Superintendent for Prairie District.

Scott & Karen Wind Vandenberg Mexico

Praise God, several much-needed maintenance projects have been completed in the past six months. Staff are also grateful for a recent pay raise as we work toward meeting Baja's minimum wage. Please **pray**, funds are critically low, and we currently can't cover staff wages through September. **Pray** for Juan and Lupita as they travel to visit family amid car trouble and cartel-related tensions. **Lift up** each resident and staff member, that God's love would deeply impact their lives. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement. Your partnership brings dignity, care, and Christ's love to seniors with no one else.

Helen Blackburn Bolivia

Always **praise** for my faithful partners in prayer and support. **Praise** that Heather had a good trip to the States and that her transfer to SIM Canada went well. **Pray** for our faithful national staff and our dorm parents in Bolivia. **Pray** for Ronaldo as he works for me taking care of bills and buildings while I am in Canada.

Dan Byrne Ottawa Evangelism Partnership

Please **pray** for me. I was diagnosed with myocarditis at the end of last month, and it looks like there is going to be a long recovery. I am still in pain as I write this, and going back to the hospital for more tests. Please **pray** for the house churches and my work with Connecting Streams, that the work would move forward with others even as I need to scale back during my recovery.

Siavosh & Sophia Ontario

An Iranian Muslim-background, converted Christian family has been arrested by the Turkish government and transferred to a refugee camp. They have now been moved to a second refugee camp near the Iranian border, this camp is specifically for people the Turkish authorities intend to deport to Iran. If they are deported to Iran, they will face certain danger to their lives under the Islamic regime's laws. Many Iranian Christian leaders around the world are working to help them relocate to a safe country, such as Canada, which, as far as we know, is currently the only country open to receiving them. Please **pray** they can come to Canada safely.

Robert & Leslee Oudman Nicaragua

Pray for our staff, both the agronomists and the pastors in their interactions in different communities. **Pray** that as the harvest comes off this month, farmers will give thanks to God. **Pray** that those attending community Bible studies are motivated to apply their knowledge in trusting God with their lives and sharing their joy with their neighbors. **Pray** for safety in travel. Traffic conditions can be very complicated and since we get around on motorcycles, we need God's protection every day.

Sammy Kabyemera Uganda

By God's grace Sammy is back from Kyaka Refugee Camp, Uganda. Many souls were saved, believers recommitted, and refugees and orphans received food and clothing. Churches and leaders turned from the prosperity gospel to sound doctrine. Muslims converted to Christianity. **Pray** for their spiritual growth, the outreach to schools needing Bibles, Sammy's upcoming fall mission trip, and more needed support.

Joy

Creative Access Country

Please **pray** for my trip to Egypt at the end of September. Specifically, the situation in Egypt is not stable. **Pray** for the Sudanese refugees in Egypt who are suffering and have no jobs or food.

Church Plants/Planters

- **All The Nations** (Wembley)
Dwight Munn
- **Compass Community** (Scarborough)
Kelvin Fung
- **Iranian Church of Newmarket**
Siavosh
- **Just Church** (Scarborough)
Tim Quek
- **Sonflower** (Burnaby)
David Hong
- **Wayside Crossing** (Osoyoos)
Dan Williams
- **Monterey Park** (Calgary)
Amir Younas

EFCC Leaders

Bill Taylor President

Pray for the September 20th vote for a new president. That the Spirit will lead us in unity. **Pray** for churches as programs launch for the fall. **Pray** I will finish well.

Terry Kaufman Leadership Catalyst

After a sabbatical break, I am back and gearing up for a full fall of ministry. September will be a prep month for a number of Leadership Training weekends in October and November, so please **pray** for preparation and good engagement with potential participants for those upcoming events. Thanks for your prayer support.

Neil Bassingthwaight ServeCanada Director

Let's **pray** for God to walk with us in our SGM, and that the decision he wants is the one that will be made. **Pray** for a number of churches that are struggling with significant conflict. Continue to **pray** for Dan Byrne (ServeCanada Missionary) dealing with myocarditis.