

# **Day of Prayer and Fasting to Start the New Year**

## **Sunday, January 11, 2026; 11:30am-2:15pm**

- The church is asked to begin fasting after the noon meal on Saturday, January 10.
- A list of Scriptures to be read and prayer items to pray over for Saturday can be found below.
- Our fast will be broken at the end of our prayer time on Sunday.

### **Schedule for prayer time:**

- Meet in the auditorium at 11:30am
- Read Scripture, Pray as a community for about 30 minutes
- At about 12 begin praying in rotating groups for a maximum of 1:45 hours (seven locations, being in prayer for 15 minutes at each location), with specific prayer themes being addressed at each location
- Return to the auditorium at about 2pm

### **Eat at 2:15pm.**

### **Prayer Topics Assigned to the Seven Locations**

- Hamas-Israel/Iran/Ukraine-Russia/U.S.-Venezuela
- Faith of Our Children and Teens (especially in light of current social/cultural challenges)
- Outreach Ministry and Missionalty/Moms, Muffins, and Tots
- Canada's Political and Economic Health
- Discipleship/Spiritual Formation/Engaging with Newcomers
- Life Groups/Involvement/Congregational Relationships and Unity
- Our Ministry's Response to Our Culture and Challenging Social Issues

### **Guidance for Prayer and Fasting on Saturday, January 10, in the Afternoon**

- Choose a time when you have 30-60 minutes to devote to prayers and readings of Scripture.
- Ask God to be with you in your time of reading and prayer.
- In addition to whatever else you may do, please read: Matthew 11:28-29; Luke 5:1-11; Mark 10:35-45; John 13:1-17; John 21:15-19
- Specifically ask God to give our church guidance concerning our ministry visioning, priorities, planning, goal setting, strategizing, and actioning. Ask that we might experience wisdom, motivation, unity, clarity, and effectiveness in our seeking of His will.
- Ask God to help us identify and prioritize ministry gaps and needs in our church, training needs, resource needs, and human resource (personnel) needs so that we make good use of and move beyond the results of our time of prayer and fasting.
- As part of your time, spend a few moments (two to five minutes) just being open, listening, quiet, still, hoping and being expectant about what God might show you and us.
- Take a minute to record on paper/a device, thoughts, impressions, insights, feelings, especially concerning the direction, priorities, and actions we could/should embrace in our ministry.
- What are things that our church should commit to prayer on Sunday afternoon?