



Becoming a
House of Prayer
My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Mk 11:17



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"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (Jn.15:7,8)

Our Prayer Journey *(Submitted by Laural Jeanson, Genesis House Church, Okotoks, Alberta)*

Several years ago, the Lord began calling some of us at Genesis House Church into a deeper relationship with Him through prayer. This testimony reflects what I have seen, heard, and experienced since those initial seeds of spiritual growth were planted in our hearts and minds.

One of my mentors once asked me whether I still believed in God as the Creator. While I intellectually acknowledged God's role as Creator, my prayer life—or lack thereof—didn't demonstrate a relationship with a living, ever-present God. She encouraged me to trust that God could and would create opportunities for me to hear His voice and experience His Holy Spirit if I was more intentional about honoring Jesus with my time. She suggested that I journal my prayers, and over the next three years, I witnessed God's comfort, conviction, calling, counsel, courage, correction, and confidence in His sovereignty. After the first year, I eagerly reviewed my prayer journal and was not disappointed. The simple act of spending time in prayer and writing it down elevated my faith in what God could do. God is not dead; He is very much alive and delights in surprising us with His power, might, and love in the most extraordinary ways.

God was also guiding our pastor, Andrew, in a similar direction—to transform Genesis House Church into a true "house of prayer." Andrew connected with new mentors and began applying what he learned, significantly impacting us all. He provided opportunities for training and increased our focus on prayer during Sunday services and Bible studies. His boldness, creativity, and faithfulness to the Holy Spirit's leading initially felt awkward, but soon, the Holy Spirit began to move powerfully. We experienced our own Acts 2 moment, rekindling our childlike wonder at who our Heavenly Father is and how the living God works in the world. Even the children were profoundly touched during one of our Praise and Worship nights, taking a leading role in prayer and praise. Our foundational understanding of Scripture was enriched, and we began to see the power of Jesus—our living God—through healings and supernatural events that were new to us, except from what we had read in the Bible.

Jesus is alive through the Holy Spirit of God, and His loving presence has transformed us as we worship Him and minister to one another. Prayer and praise are integral to all our gatherings. Faithful intercessors meet weekly to pray with people and pastors from other local churches. Small groups come together to support one another through prayer, leading to healing of body, soul, and spirit and deepening our relationships. Dedicated prayer time before Sunday services has fostered unity and protection. We are grateful for this journey of prayer and eagerly anticipate the future opportunities and circumstances that God will create for us to experience His powerful, loving presence.



Sept. 19, 2024, 10 am MTN This event is for pastors and prayer leaders (and those they work with) who want to come together with other leaders across Canada to inspire, resource, and network together to help each other become houses of prayer. The vision is to raise up 1000 such churches from a variety of denominations that will work together and become a catalyst for a passionate movement of prayer, believing for renewal of the church and revival in the nation. This is co-sponsored by leaders from EFC, BGEA, Center St. Church, Alliance of Canada, and 787 Collective. You can learn more about this initiative of prayer and register to be part of this online event by clicking this link: "[View this email in your browser](#)". If you are interested, please let the National Prayer Team know so we can support each other in this.

RESOURCES

Jeanne Hedrick, who worked with her husband Tony to plant the Chapel Ridge Church in Ottawa, has written a book on prayer that I would recommend to you for personal study or for a group. It is entitled "**LORD, Teach Us to PRAY**" and can be purchased through Amazon.

PLAN TO PRAY

One of the ways God has helped me to grow my prayer life is by "signing up" to join a group to pray together with. Personal prayer is important but corporate prayer helps you build an accountability to keep it in a routine that can easily fill up with other less important things. You will also be inspired by the faithfulness and faith-filled-ness of other people's prayers. This fall, why not plan to attend a prayer meeting somewhere? You could join us any noon hour for prayer during our Prayer for Revival times or during our monthly prayer meeting below.

NATIONAL PRAYER MEETING – Prayer Points for Wednesday, August 28, 2024

1. That pastors and churches will take new steps to grow the prayer life of their church this fall.
2. That the National Prayer Team will hear from God about new initiatives He would have us take.
3. For our freshly minted National Leadership Team as they work together and look for another team member to take care of the leadership development.
4. For the Ministerial Education, Guidance, and Placement Committee as they go on retreat this month.
5. That our churches in Quebec will be strengthened and encouraged.
6. That we will make people around us thirsty for God without doctrinal or moral compromise.
7. That the Lord of the harvest will provide the workers needed for the ministries of our churches.
8. Wisdom, discernment, and protection for our students and staff as they enter an educational environment with increasing alignment to worldly doctrines and philosophies.

ZOOM Links and Passcodes for Prayer Meetings

Daily "Prayer for Revival at Noon Eastern"

Monday to Saturday 12 noon EDST; 11am CDST; 10am CST/MDST; 9am PDST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532841873?pwd=SEtnSWdSK3FTTC9JUZFlaEpvTHl6Zz09>

Passcode: **105833**; Meeting ID: **885 3284 1873**; Dial by your location +1 204 272 7920; +1 438 809 7799; +1 587 328 1099; +1 647 374 4685; +1 647 558 0588; +1 778 907 2071; +1 780 666 0144 Canada

Monthly "National Prayer Meeting"

Last Wednesday of every month (Aug.28, 2024)

Ontario & Canada West*: 7 PM EDST; 6 PM CDST; 5 PM CST/MDST; 4 PM PDST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81605123945?pwd=UUxBNm5FdEdNS3lPamowakdjNE5rdz09>

Passcode: **515693** Meeting ID: **816 0512 3945**; Dial by your location +1 438 809 7799; +1 587 328 1099; +1 647 374 4685; +1 647 558 0588; +1 778 907 2071; +1 204 272 7920 Canada

Quebec/French-speaking : à 19h00 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/859874336>

Code secret: **0** N° de réunion : **859-874-336** Par téléphone : 438-809-7799

***Please note: the Canada West National Prayer Meeting is now amalgamated with the Ontario one.**

Praying for miracles, *Ken Roth* (National Prayer Team Lead)