

EMBRACING GOD'S FUTURE A PRAYER OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA



AS A LIVING CHURCH WHOSE IDENTITY IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF GOD WE PRAY THAT WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP...

Embrace a living Anglican tradition, inspired by and rooted in the Word of God through liturgy, scripture, reason, and sacrament.

Live a dynamic faith that calls us to be spirit-filled, transformative and deeply rooted in the witness of Jesus Christ.

Authentically, with freedom and trust, live out our discipleship as a people of joy and hope.

Respond prophetically to God's call, being open to taking risks and empowering change.

Lord in your compassion, hear our prayer.

AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD WE PRAY THAT WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP...

Courageously advocate for peace, and ignite a passion for social justice in our communities and beyond.

Develop partnerships with the wider community, tearing down barriers that will enable us to be a visible, relevant presence in the world.

Commit to outreach, addressing the varied needs of those who are most vulnerable in our society.

Foster ecumenical and interfaith relationships of mutual understanding, working for the common good within our pluralistic society.

Respond to, and be in dialogue with, the issues of the public square.

Lord in your compassion, hear our prayer.

AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS COMMITTED TO LIFELONG FORMATION WE PRAY THAT WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP...

Courageously doubt and question, live our faith with meaningful spiritual practices, and worship with joy that leads us beyond ourselves.

Learn and be transformed by scripture in multi-faceted ways for people of many interests, needs and ages.

Celebrate and cultivate the diverse gifts of lay and ordained leaders, continually developing and sharing these leadership gifts in innovative ways.

As evangelists, invite others to connect with God, telling the story of our discipleship so that the gospel may be heard afresh in our day.

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**AS STEWARDS OF MANY STRUCTURES AND RESOURCES
WE PRAY THAT WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP...**

Embrace a spirit of abundance, free from worries about money, and growing into a Church that is sustainable and financially sound.

Use our buildings creatively, unburdened by the stresses surrounding them, as flexible assets that enable us to sustain a dynamic presence across our diocese.

Develop our human resources, paid and unpaid, allowing us to work together, using our many gifts, as effective participants in God's mission.

Embrace technology and communication tools to promote, integrate, and share key messages and information with each other and those around us.

Live in a responsible and sustainable way, conscious of the footprint we leave, becoming active stewards of the earth.

Lord in your compassion, hear our prayer.

**AS GATHERED COMMUNITIES EMBRACING A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY
WE PRAY THAT WE WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP...**

Welcome newcomers and those already in our midst, providing safe places, activities, worship and fellowship that foster belonging and meaning.

Truly celebrate our diversity in culture, age, lifestyle, language, and perspective; ensuring all are welcome.

Enable a multigenerational community of faith to participate together in meaningful and dynamic relationships.

Energize and deepen our faith through music and liturgy that is renewed by the spectrum of tradition and practice across our Church.

Lord in your compassion, hear our prayer.

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for our faith and the many gifts you have entrusted to us. In your compassion, revealed to us fully in Jesus, hear our prayer so that by your Holy Spirit we may joyfully strive to be your dream for the Church.

Amen.

