

HAMILTON PRAYER GUIDE: One Church-One Day (July 2026)

Opening Prayer

Father, we thank you for the privilege of bringing the needs of our city of Hamilton before you. We thank you for all who are participating in this united prayer effort. We pray that you would guide us by your Holy Spirit and highlight areas to focus on. We give thanks for the prayers that have already been answered, and look forward with expectation to see you move on our behalf. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen

1.JUSTICE SPHERE - Safety & Policing

Hamilton continues to face significant downtown safety challenges, including violence, open drug use, and social disorder affecting residents, businesses, and visitors. Following a citywide safety summit, Hamilton Police have opened a new downtown substation at Jackson Square, staffed by police officers and support workers to strengthen community safety and improve response times.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Father, we thank You for the new downtown police substation and for the partnerships forming between police, crisis workers, churches, and community organizations. Let righteousness and justice be established in Hamilton.
- We declare that every spirit of violence, addiction, fear, and lawlessness will lose its grip over our downtown. Release Your peace, protection, and restoration throughout the city.
- Lord, anoint every police officer, first responder, outreach worker, and ministry leader with wisdom, discernment, courage, and compassion as they serve the most vulnerable.

Scripture: *"The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever."* — Isaiah 32:17

2. BUSINESS SPHERE - Transportation & Economic Development

Hamilton's economy continues to show signs of growth and investment. Sentinel Research & Development is expanding its defence manufacturing of drones in partnership with Ukraine, while seeking to create future jobs in Hamilton. Porter Airlines has expanded from four to fourteen destinations from Hamilton International Airport, strengthening the city's connectivity and tourism. The City has also opened a new \$390-million transit maintenance facility that will support future HSR (Hamilton Street Railway) expansion and electric buses.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Thank You, Lord, for Hamilton businesses that create innovative technologies and high-quality employment opportunities.

- Give business leaders wisdom, integrity, and supernatural protection as they navigate global challenges and difficult decisions.
- May Hamilton become known as a city where innovation flourishes while advancing justice, peace, and the common good.

Scripture: Proverbs 16:3 – “*Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established*”.

3. EDUCATION SPHERE – Post Secondary Investment

Ontario is investing in expanded post-secondary education, creating thousands of new spaces in healthcare, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), education, and skilled trades. McMaster University has received a landmark \$50-million gift to establish a new Healthspan Institute and expand kinesiology research and scholarships. Hamilton Public Library has restored Sunday service at its Central Branch while continuing to address challenges related to homelessness, addiction, and public safety.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Thank You for expanded educational opportunities that will equip the next generation.
- Raise up students who will serve with excellence, integrity, and compassion in healthcare, education, skilled trades, and technology.
- Let Hamilton become a centre for wisdom, innovation, and servant leadership.

Scripture: Daniel 1:17 - “*as for these young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*”

4. MEDIA SPHERE – Art Crawl

Hamilton's monthly Art Crawl continues to flourish, attracting thousands of visitors while celebrating local artists, businesses, restaurants, and community life. The event has become one of the city's signature cultural attractions and contributes to a vibrant downtown.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Thank You for the creativity flourishing through Hamilton's arts community.
- Raise up artists who communicate truth, beauty, hope, and life.
- Let Art Crawl continue to strengthen healthy community and celebrate the gifts You've placed within our city.

Scripture: Exodus 35:35- *“He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread and fine linen, and of the weaver-those who do every work and those who design artistic works.”*

5. HEALTH CARE SPHERE - Emergency Services

Hamilton Fire and Paramedic Services continue to face increasing service demands due to population growth, staffing shortages, and rising emergency call volumes. City leaders continue to assess future staffing and resource needs to maintain effective emergency response throughout Hamilton.

- Strengthen every firefighter, paramedic, dispatcher, and emergency worker serving Hamilton.
- Protect Emergency Service personnel physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually as they respond to increasing demands.
- Provide the staffing and resources needed so every resident receives timely care.

Scripture: Psalm 121:7-8- *“The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. He shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and even forever more.”*

6. GOVERNMENT SPHERE - Housing, Homelessness & Community Supports

Housing affordability and homelessness remain among Hamilton's greatest challenges. The City is seeking major infrastructure funding to accelerate housing construction, while organizations including YWCA Hamilton, Indwell, Hamilton is Home, Good Shepherd, Sacajawea, Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis Housing, and CityHousing Hamilton continue expanding affordable and supportive housing throughout the city. Despite significant progress, demand continues to outpace supply, and ongoing investment in affordable housing, mental health services, addiction treatment, and homelessness supports remains essential.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Father, we ask for compassionate and wise solutions that restore dignity to every person experiencing homelessness.
- Raise up partnerships between governments, churches, charities, and businesses to address addiction, mental health, and affordable housing.
- Thank You for every ministry faithfully serving vulnerable people throughout Hamilton.

Scripture: Isaiah 58:10- *“If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday.”*

GOVERNMENT - Civic Leadership

Hamilton continues to face significant decisions regarding infrastructure, economic development, technology, and environmental planning. The city is also working to restore financial reporting following the 2024 cybersecurity attack after receiving criticism for delays in releasing audited financial statements.

Prayer

- Raise up leaders who govern with wisdom, integrity, humility, and transparency.
- Give City Council discernment as they make decisions that shape Hamilton's future.
- Thank You for every public servant faithfully working for the good of our community.

Scripture: Proverbs 11:3 - *"The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them."*

GOVERNMENT - Technology & Environmental Stewardship

Hamilton continues to debate the future of AI data centres as City Council studies their environmental and infrastructure impacts. At the same time, the city is investing in environmental improvements, including projects to reduce blue-green algae in local waterways. Additional investments in wetland restoration and the reopening of the Pier 14 biodiesel facility highlight Hamilton's commitment to environmental stewardship, renewable energy, and sustainable economic development.

Prayer and Thanksgiving

- Give civic leaders wisdom as they make decisions that affect Hamilton's future.
- Thank You for those working to restore and protect creation throughout our region.
- May innovation and environmental stewardship work together for the flourishing of our city.

Scripture: James 1:5- *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given him."*

7. FAMILY SPHERE - Children

Hamilton continues to face a child poverty rate above both provincial and national averages (1 in 4), highlighting the need for ongoing support for vulnerable families.

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Father, we ask You to break cycles of poverty and their impact on children across Hamilton, providing every child with food, housing, education, safety, and opportunity.
- May more and more families with children turn to their neighbourhood churches and find a warm welcome, generous support, excellent resources, and true freedom in Christ.

- Stir governments, churches, businesses, and citizens to work together for lasting change among the children of our city.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:8–9- *“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”*

RELIGION SPHERE – Hamilton Church

The second annual Hamilton Leadership Prayer Breakfast brought together approximately 550 leaders from churches, ministries, education, business, and government in a strong demonstration of unity across the Body of Christ on June 04th. The Pray Hamilton **One Church–One Day** initiative was also launched, encouraging churches across the city to participate in continuous, coordinated prayer throughout the year, with the vision of covering Hamilton in prayer 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Prayer

- Thank You for growing unity among Hamilton's churches and ministry leaders.
- Pour out a fresh move of the Holy Spirit, bringing salvation, healing, discipleship, and revival throughout our city.
- Establish continual prayer over Hamilton and empower every church to shine the light of Christ in its community.

Scripture- Psalm 133:1- *“Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!...for there the Lord commanded the blessing-Life forever more.”*

CANADA

National Day of Prayer

The second annual **National Day of Prayer** will be held in Ottawa from **July 9–11**. Pastors, ministry leaders, and Christians of all ages from across Canada will gather to seek the Lord together, crying out for His mercy, wisdom, and blessing over our nation. As Canada continues to face significant moral, spiritual, and legislative challenges—including concerns surrounding Bill C-9 and the protection of freedom of conscience and sincerely held beliefs—our confidence remains in the Lord, who is able to heal and restore our land.

Prayer and Thanksgiving

- Pray that pastors and church leaders will boldly and faithfully proclaim the whole counsel of God's Word with wisdom, grace, and courage.

- Pray that many believers across Canada who cannot attend in person will unite in prayer by joining the livestream from their homes, churches, and prayer groups.
- Thank the Lord for raising up a growing movement of united prayer across Canada, and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that brings repentance, revival, and transformation to our nation.

Further Information-

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.ca/?zlinkid=b03e5a49-135a-4368-8c2b-65437b917fe1>

Scripture: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* — **2 Chronicles 4:17**