

Sept-Oct 2026 Prayer Points

Knowing Christ Better • Living in His Power • Serving Together

Key Scripture: Ephesians 1:15–23

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”
— Ephesians 1:16–17

September marks a return to familiar rhythms for many of us. Families return from summer vacations, students begin a new school year, and churches launch their fall ministries. In the midst of renewed activity, we want to begin not simply by doing more, but by resting in God’s presence, listening to His Word, and seeking Him in prayer.

Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:15–23 provides a beautiful pattern for us. He begins with thanksgiving, asks that believers might know God more deeply, prays that the eyes of their hearts might be enlightened, and reminds them of the incomparable power of God revealed in the risen and exalted Christ.

During September and October, let us pray in that same spirit—for ourselves, our families, our churches, our pastors and leaders, and for the entire BCBC family.

THANKSGIVING — “I have not stopped giving thanks for you”

- Thank God for His faithfulness.
Give thanks for the Lord’s faithfulness throughout the summer and for His continuing provision, protection, and grace toward our churches, pastors, leaders, families, and ministries.
- Thank God for one another.
Like Paul, who thanked God for the faith and love he saw among believers, take time to thank God for the people He has placed around us—our families, pastors, ministry leaders, volunteers, prayer partners, and fellow believers.
- Thank God for our local churches.
Praise God for BCBC congregations faithfully proclaiming Christ, making disciples, caring for people, serving their communities, and bearing witness to the Gospel throughout British Columbia.
- Thank God for those who serve.
Give thanks for the many people who faithfully and often quietly use their gifts in local churches. Thank God for pastors, elders, deacons, ministry leaders, teachers, worship teams, youth and children’s workers, administrators, volunteers, and all who contribute to the ministry of Christ’s body.
- Thank God for a new ministry season.
As churches begin their fall ministries, thank God for new opportunities to worship, disciple, evangelize, serve, build relationships, and reach our communities with the Gospel.

PRAISE & WORSHIP — “His incomparably great power for us who believe”

- Worship Christ, the risen and exalted Lord.
Ephesians 1 reminds us that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and seated at the Father’s right hand, “far above all rule and authority, power and dominion.” Let us worship Christ as Lord of His Church and Lord over all creation.

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- Praise God for the hope of His calling.
- Praise God that our future does not depend merely upon our plans, resources, or abilities. Our hope is found in Christ and in the purposes of the God who has called us.
- Praise God for His power at work among us.
The same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in those who believe. Praise God that He is able to renew churches, transform lives, restore relationships, raise leaders, open doors for the Gospel, and accomplish far more than we can accomplish in our own strength.
- Worship Christ as Head of the Church.
“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church” (Ephesians 1:22). As we consider the future of BCBC, let us remember that the Church belongs to Jesus Christ. Our first responsibility is to seek Him, hear His voice, and faithfully follow His direction.

Prayer for ourselves and our families

- Pray that we will know God better.
Ask the Father to give us “the Spirit of wisdom and revelation” so that our knowledge of God will be more than information. Pray for genuine encounters with God through His Word, prayer, worship, and the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that we will remain grounded in Scripture and prayer.
As schedules become busy again, pray that believers will protect time for God. Ask the Lord to renew our hunger for Scripture, deepen our prayer lives, and teach us to find our rest in His presence.
- Pray for our families.
Pray for meaningful relationships within our homes. Pray that families will make time to talk, listen, pray, worship, forgive, encourage, and care for one another. Ask God for unity, peace, grace, and spiritual strength within our families.
- Strong, Christ-centred families contribute to strong churches and healthy communities. Let us therefore intentionally pray for one another.
- Pray for children, youth, young adults, teachers, and schools.
As a new school year begins, pray for students and educators. Ask God to protect and strengthen our children and young people, give them wisdom in their relationships and decisions, and enable them to live courageously for Christ.

Prayer for our local churches

- Pray for spiritually vibrant fall ministries.
Pray that our fall ministries will be more than programs and activities. Ask God to make our gatherings meaningful times of biblical teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and Gospel witness.
- Pray for personal and authentic faith.
Pray that people in our churches will not simply inherit or observe Christianity but will personally know Jesus Christ. May “the eyes of our hearts” be enlightened so that our faith grows from genuine encounters with God through His revelation in Scripture and the work of His Spirit.
- Pray that Christ will be seen through us.
Ask God to reveal the life and character of Christ through our words, relationships, decisions, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods, and churches. May people see Jesus through the way we love and serve.
- Pray for evangelism and disciple-making.
Pray that every BCBC church will increasingly embrace Christ’s Great Commission. Ask the Lord to give us opportunities and courage to share the Gospel and to help people become mature, reproducing disciples of Jesus.

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- Pray for churches navigating pastoral transitions and other challenges. Remember BCBC churches currently searching for pastors, experiencing leadership transitions, facing conflict, financial pressures, declining attendance, or navigating other significant challenges. Pray for wisdom, provision, healing, unity, patience, and clear direction from the Lord.

Prayer for BCBC pastors and leaders

- BCBC Pastors' and Leaders' Prayer Summits — September 8 & 15.
Pray for BCBC pastors and ministry leaders gathering for the Prayer Summits on September 8 September 15.
- Pray for our pastors and their families.
Ask God to protect and strengthen our pastors, spouses, and families. Pray for spiritual vitality, healthy marriages and families, physical and emotional strength, wisdom in leadership, and joy in serving Christ.

Praying for God's direction for BCBC

- Pastors' Vision Forums — October 6.
- Pray for pastors and ministry leaders gathering on October 6 for the BCBC Vision Forums to prayerfully discern where God is leading us.
- Pray for unity with purpose.
Ask God to help us understand afresh what it means to confer as churches. Pray that our churches will see themselves not simply as individual congregations but as partners in Christ's mission—praying together, learning together, supporting one another, developing leaders, planting churches, strengthening congregations, and advancing the Gospel together.

BCBC Sunday — October 18, 2026

- Pray for BCBC Sunday.
Pray for churches throughout the conference as we observe BCBC Sunday on October 18.
- Ask God to use this day to help people understand who we are as a family of churches and why we serve together.

Prayer for youth, young adults & emerging leaders

- Pray for upcoming BCBC youth and young adult gatherings.

Our prayer from Ephesians 1

As we enter this new ministry season, let Paul's prayer become our prayer for the entire BCBC family:

Lord, give us wisdom and revelation so that we may know You better.

Open the eyes of our hearts so that we may understand the hope to which You have called us.

Help us recognize the riches You have placed within Your people.

Teach us to depend upon Your incomparably great power rather than our own strength.

Make Jesus Christ increasingly visible in our lives, families, churches, and communities.

Renew our pastors and leaders. Strengthen our churches. Raise up the next generation. Bring people to saving faith in Jesus Christ.



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Unite us as a conference of churches so that, together, we may faithfully participate in Your mission throughout British Columbia and beyond.

Above all, remind us that Jesus Christ is Lord and Head of His Church. May everything we do bring honour and glory to Him.