

Let's pray.

Lord, we hear your invitation in Isaiah 55, to come to the waters,  
that he who has no money can come buy and eat.  
And Lord, you know our need,  
our unrighteousness, our weaknesses—  
and yet you invite us to come,  
to incline our ear to you and find life for our souls.

Lord, we are overwhelmed by your grace,  
the abundance and life of your gospel.  
Lord, please help us to turn from our unrighteous thoughts and actions.  
We ask your forgiveness for not trusting you with our future,  
for not seeing the value of the lives you've created,  
the people you love.

Lord, we pray today for those who are  
struggling with mental illness—  
our family, our friends,  
our neighbours, ourselves.

Lord, we ask that you would bring encouragement,  
that you would bring strength and hope.  
We pray for protection, for treatment and healthcare to support life.  
We pray that they – that we – would know how infinitely precious  
we are to you. That our lives matter to you.

Lord, we pray that as your people,  
we would be known by our love for one another,  
that we would walk alongside one another through difficult times,  
that we'd show love in practical, tangible ways,  
and seek laws that protect people in their times of vulnerability,  
and that bless our neighbour.

Lord, we pray for our country of Canada.  
We pray that this would be a place where  
life is protected and flourishes.

Lord, we pray for a miracle,  
We pray that the law allowing MAID for mental illness would be reversed.  
We pray for open hearts and minds among  
our elected and appointed officials,  
that they would hear and understand the impact of this law,  
that they would have wisdom, courage and grace in their office.

Lord, you are able to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
We know that you are good,  
and that our lives and our country are in your hands.  
We trust you.

Even if this law isn't stopped,  
may we be your faithful witnesses, your hands and feet.  
May we, like Hebrews 6:19,  
hold this hope as an anchor for our souls, firm and secure.

And Lord, we pray,  
that you would come and be light for our eyes,  
comfort for our hearts  
strength for our souls  
and restoration for our world.

Come, Lord Jesus.  
Amen.