

“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches



Prayer For Our Government

Lord God

Remember those who today govern our country,
our prime minister, cabinet ministers,
and members of parliament.

You have ordained these leaders for such a time as this.
We ask that wisdom be granted to these men and women.
May they govern with patience and prudence.

As they draft laws and policies,
give them keen insight and understanding.

Give our country's governing leaders servant hearts.
May justice and moral integrity prevail among them.
Remind them of the poor and the broken.

Embolden them to do what is right and shun evil.
When they succeed, may they do so with humility.
When they fail, bless them to fail forward,
to learn and grow from their mistakes.

We pray for the peace and prosperity of our nation.
We pray that our government will steward our resources well.
We pray that those who govern us would look to you for help.
Remind us to submit to those in authority over us,
to give respect to whom it is due.

Impress upon our hearts your love for our political leaders,
teach us to offer grace toward those who govern.

Lord God

Under your sovereign economy,
in harmony with your perfect will,
pour out upon our governing leaders your favour.

Amen.

Rev. Philip A. Gunther

Director's Calendar

July

12 - Hepburn MB Church
26 - Wynyard Gospel Church

August

DM not travelling / Vacation / on call...

September

6 - Hafford Gospel Church
13 - Hillside Christian Fellowship Church (Beechy)
19-25 - NMT/NFLT Mtgs. (BC)

October

2-4 - Grace Community Church (Dallas Valley Ranch Camp):
Marriage Retreat
11 - TBA
17-25 - Leader & Spouse Retreat

Retreat Please pray for travelling mercies.

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How do I start my
new life with Jesus?

Beauty For Ashes



There is hope in your heartache.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Romans 8:28 NLT

"God never allows pain without a purpose in the lives of His children."

Jerry Bridges

On April 6, 1979, 16-year-old Dallas Lutzer was travelling with his teenage friends to a church youth event in Brandon, Manitoba, when the vehicle he was in collided with another, resulting in his tragic death. Dallas' death was a devastating loss for his parents, Albert and Jean Lutzer. From the ashes of their loss, the Lutzers gifted the Canadian Sunday School Mission 150 acres of their recreational land in the Lumsden Valley (Saskatchewan) to create a Christian camp in Dallas' honour. The Lutzers wanted the camp to proclaim the gospel to children, young people, and adults. Today, Dallas Valley Ranch Camp hosts 2000+ campers each year, all of whom hear the gospel. Out of the Lutzer's loss and mourning came the salvation of many souls at the camp they started in Dallas' honour. This is indeed a story that reflects the essence of what the Bible calls "beauty for ashes."

The biblical phrase "beauty for ashes" comes from Isaiah 61:3 and powerfully illustrates God's work of restoration and redemption: "To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory." In biblical times, ashes symbolized grief, loss, repentance, and suffering. When Isaiah declares that God will bring about "a crown of beauty for ashes." At its root, the Hebrew text refers to a floral headdress. As such, Isaiah declares that this garland of flowers (beauty) will replace the covering of ashes, associated with deep mourning and loss.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised to replace sorrow with beauty, joy, and praise. The phrase reveals God's character as one who does not abandon His people in their pain but transforms hardship into blessing. Though believers may experience trials and heartache, God can bring purpose from suffering and hope from despair. "Beauty for ashes" reminds Christians that God can redeem broken circumstances and bring glory from life's deepest wounds.

About 1100 years before the birth of Christ, in a turbulent period when judges ruled the land of Israel and

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