

# Congregational Prayer – Canada Day

Thank you God for this piece of the world,  
a slice of land broad and wide,  
green from sea to sea,  
blessed with rivers and great lakes,  
wide skies and great forests,  
high mountains and gracious plains,  
beautiful from sea to sea to sea.  
Thank you for letting us live in this land,  
even though we do not own it;  
this land is your land,  
which we use in trust for future generations.  
Thank you for its rich history,  
which includes Inuit, and Aboriginal and Metis peoples.  
Give us wisdom as we continue to work  
on issues of land use and ownership with these First Nations.

Thank you for our system of government,  
for the right to speak freely, and to elect our leaders.  
Thank you for the freedom of religion and conscience that we enjoy.  
Thank you for universal health care,  
and a social safety net, even though not all are caught by it,  
and not all dwell in safety.

We want a country that is the best it can be,  
a home for all, welcoming refugees and newcomers.  
We want to share this wealthy country with the world,  
so that we can be a blessing to others.  
Bless our leaders, our Prime Minister and all members of parliament;  
guide their steps, and empower us to use our voice to help them  
as they make difficult and far-reaching decisions.  
We thank you today for our home and native land,  
thank you for giving us a home here, where we live in peace and security.  
God keep our land, Canada, keep it strong and free,  
keep it safe and beautiful for future generations. Amen.

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