

## **A Prayer for Canada**

Loving Father, as we prepare to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation we thank you for the gift of our great country Canada.

We give thanks for our land, magnificent from sea to sea: blessed with frothy, meandering rivers, quiet, unassuming inlets and bays, verdant, towering forests, dew gleamed, crystal lakes, boundless, golden plains and majestic snow-capped mountains.

A home that welcomes refugees and immigrants alike; together with our founding citizens: Indigenous, French and British, we share our natural beauty and rich heritage with all who step onto our shores, may we continue to live in unity and peace.

We pray for all people of God in Canada that we will be true and faithful servants and stewards of our land. Let us be ever mindful of our carbon footprint and strive to preserve and protect our bounty and natural resources.

For the freedom of religion and conscience, for a system of government that provides us the right to speak freely; laws that are based on equality, respect for cultural differences, and a commitment to social justice, we give thanks.

Bless our leaders. Grant wisdom to those who govern so that justice and peace will thrive. Help us, as Catholic women, inspired by the spirit and responding to God's call to use our voices to guide our leaders as they make difficult and momentous decisions.

For all these gifts, most especially the gift of Your love showered upon this land, we give thanks, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

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