

Prayer for the Province
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Your Honour, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Meskwich. Shalom. Salaam. Peace. Ohm.

Good morning! It is an honour to be here to bring this prayer.

Before we start, I would like to invite you to settle into your seats and take a deep cleansing breath. Close your eyes and visualize your favourite place in our Province. Perhaps it is by a lake or in a park. Maybe you are hiking or sailing. Wherever you are, take a moment and be there. Take another deep breath bringing in that amazing air, and with it the smells and fragrances of the place where you now find yourself. And now while holding that vision, a prayer.

Holy One of Blessing:

Help us to appreciate daily the work of Your hands, the varied beauty and richness of our Province. Help us to balance our needs with the needs of the land and all that draws nurture from it. Help us to learn not simply to recognize our similarities but to respect and embrace our differences. Remind us to remember daily that this province is not just for us, not just for now, but for future generations of all Your creations, and to be good stewards of this precious land.

Ruler of the Universe:

We ask Your blessings for our Province of Saskatchewan – for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.

Creator of all Flesh:

Bless all the inhabitants of our Province and indeed our country with Your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard the ideals and the free institutions that are our pride and glory.

May this land, under Your providence, be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom – helping them to fulfill the vision of Your prophet: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).

And let us say, Amen.