

FOUNDED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 - DAY 8

Praising God's Faithfulness

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 93

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.

Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

Prayer

By Marion Van Driel, who writes that her most life-giving moments take place in the garden, in her studio writing or playing with color, at her piano or in her music corner singing along with her guitar. She is a retired mother and grandmother enjoying life with her husband, Don, in Ladner, British Columbia. She has been involved in Ladner CRC's worship ministry for four decades.

Creator of the seas and the seasons, King of the universe, give us eyes to see your majesty and strength—to trust in your eternal faithfulness, even when it seems that our world is shaken to the core with brokenness and pain.

We confess our tendency to gaze at circumstance rather than your omnipotence. Assure us that you hold it all in your hand, for you are our Rock through storms, when mighty waves threaten to overwhelm us. Your rule of order remains—the earth still revolves in its orbit, the sun still rises and sets, and love is still stronger than death—you are faithful to uphold the order of all things. We praise you for your redemptive work throughout the world. Reveal your power in our weakness.

May we encounter your kingdom in unexpected places; show us where you are healing bodies, minds, spirits, and relationships. Compel us to accept your invitation to join in the Spirit's work. Renew us with joy for the privilege of being your witnesses, co-workers, and co-creators. May our thoughts, decisions, and actions be drenched in your kindness, humility, and love.

Where we need new patterns of thinking, carve them out in us. Where we require energy for the task, nourish us. Where we need greater love for your kingdom, encourage us. Raise up your church, in all its messiness, to be salt and light so that the world may see your amazing grace. Continue to pursue and shape us with your relentless love. May your wild waves wash over us for cleansing, renewal, and holy adventure.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, seated on the throne, and for whose return we eagerly wait. Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- What is your most persistent distraction—the thing/person/concern that most successfully holds your attention and keeps it from being trained on God? Have you talked with God about this struggle? Share it with him today!
- In what new way could you express your gratitude to God for his absolute faithfulness to you and love for you in the face of your struggles?

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MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 - DAY 9

Praising God's Faithfulness

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders. . . .

His love endures forever. . . .

Prayer

By Leah Dolman, a student at The King's University in Edmonton, Alberta, where she is in her third year of studying business. Leah grew up attending Rimbey (Alta.) Christian Reformed Church and became a professing member there in 2021.

God, our Father,

You are the God of gods and the Lord of lords. You are the Almighty Creator of the heavens and the earth. You are the everlasting God, who was and is and is to come. Yet you remember us in our low estate. You chose to be our Father. You chose to lavish your great love on us. You chose to come down to earth to dwell with us. Your faithful love endures forever. We give thanks for who you are. We give thanks for your everlasting love that continues for all generations. Your faithful love endures forever.

Just as you demonstrated your enduring faithfulness to the Israelites again and again, you have demonstrated your enduring faithfulness to us. You have been faithful to your people in every season. You have blessed your church for countless

generations, and we ask that you continue to bless it for generations to come. Your faithful love endures forever.

Renew your church for your glory. Use your church to further your kingdom here on earth. Guide your people as they gather to make decisions regarding the future of your church. Let these decisions reflect your will, not human will. Let these decisions be for your glory, not for human glory. We give it all to you. It is only in you that we live and move and have our being. Your faithful love endures forever.

Your everlasting love and faithfulness continue to be a promise for all generations to come. You are able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or even imagine. To you be the glory in the church throughout all generations. We give thanks to you, our Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever.

Praise be to you, Lord!

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- How much is the art of giving thanks a part of your church's worship life? And how much of that corporate thanksgiving relates to God's goodness and faithfulness in general, beyond his specific goodness to you personally?
- How about your personal worship life? In what ways are you reflecting, with God, on his goodness and faithfulness, and then sharing with him your joy and appreciation for them? What new ways might there be for you to do so?

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TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 - DAY 10

Praising God's Faithfulness

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Prayer

By Lorenzo Forieri, a member of Horizon Community Church, Downers Grove, Illinois. Lorenzo has Down Syndrome and serves on the praise team almost weekly at Horizon with his joy and enthusiasm.

Father, Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of my voice —
for the songs of worship I can sing to you,
and for the music that fills my heart when I listen.

Thank you for the energy you give me each day,
for my movement, my breath, my ability to dance in your presence.
Praising you makes me smile and fills my heart with joy.

Thank you for my family and friends —
for the love, support, and laughter we share.
Thank you for the gift of life itself,
for the blessings you pour out on me daily.

I give you praise with all my heart, my thoughts, my words,
and my actions to glorify you.
You are my joy, my strength, and my reason for singing.
Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- What makes you smile? What would it be like, the next time that you smile, to send your smile to God, in gratitude for whatever has given you such delight?
- Imagine God gladly sanctifying and accepting the praises named in Psalm 150. Now imagine experiencing gladness as those praises go to God, finding joy as instruments, voices, and all of creation honor him above all else. How might you speak such delight to God? How might you develop this as a new habit of your heart?

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 - DAY 11

Trusting God in Hard Times

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him. . . .

Prayer

By Jeremiah D. Bašurić and Sebastian Maldonado

Jeremiah Damir Bašurić is a senior coleader of Intercultural Ministry of the CRCNA in Canada and a pastor at mosaicHouse Church, a multicultural Christian Reformed Church plant in Edmonton, Alberta. He is also a hospital chaplain and a volunteer inner-city chaplain. From his Croatian father he has developed a love for soccer. From his Filipino mother he has developed a love for singing. When he is not eating Filipino food or playing music, he often hikes in the mountains with his Canadian-Dutch-Frisian wife, Sarah, a registered nurse studying to be a counselor to support first responders experiencing trauma.

Raised between Bogotá, Colombia; Atlanta, Georgia; and Toronto, Ontario, Sebastian Maldonado serves as a senior coleader of Intercultural Ministry of the CRCNA in Canada. He has experience working as a campus minister, program coordinator, and visual artist with a number of faith-based organizations and community-based projects within the nonprofit sector in Toronto. Both his academic and community work have focused on mentoring young

leaders of color, dismantling colonial patterns of thinking within Christian youth programs, and offering disadvantaged youth theological tools to encourage personal and community transformation. He loves punk, Ethiopian coffee, and 1990s football (soccer) shirts.

Oh, God, I feel as if I am speaking into the dark.
Please hear this prayer and answer with your strength.

Arrows pierce children's flesh.
Chains rip brown flesh.
My head, once lifted high among others, now is bowed down.
To make eye contact is dangerous.

How long will the nations follow delusion and false gods, gods that even claim they belong to your name?

Many of the young see no peace or prosperity in the days to come. They fill their lungs with the pleasures of the kingdom of the air with no hope. Many look to you, but I don't know what they want from you.

I am in my bed and cannot sleep.
I think I am better than others who claim to follow you, but search my heart, O Lord, and scrub it clean. Only you are light, joy, and peace.

Help me to trust in you alone, Jesus, the one who took arrows of death and whose ripped flesh rose again.

*Kibari pangantilod sa Makapyo
Magpangi sa lilingdon
Ogiwan pag agya't mga risgo
Indi pag agyan it apektado.*

("I pray to God. May you be protected from risks. May you be safe.")
Ambahan ("a chanted prayer") from Akeanon Bukidnon in the Philippines.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- What specific fears or sorrows can you bring before the Lord?
- Might there be any pride in your heart that keeps you from trusting God in your lament? Seek forgiveness, asking the Lord for cleansing and renewal. When we open our hearts to God, his light can shine in and through us.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 - DAY 12

Trusting God in Hard Times

Suggested Bible Reading:

(Korean)

시편 16

하나님이시여,
나를 보호하소서.
내가 주께 피합니다.
여호와는 나의 주시므로
주를 떠나서는
내가 아무것도 좋은 것을
가질 수 없다고 주께 말하였습니다.

땅에 있는 성도들은
고귀한 자들이니
그들과 함께하는 것이
나의 큰 기쁨이다.
다른 신을 좇는 자들은
괴로움이 더하리라.
나는 그들처럼 다른 신에게
제사하지 않고
그 신들의 이름을
부르지 않을 것이다.
여호와여,
주는 나의 모든 것이 되셔서
내가 필요로 하는 것을
다 주셨으니
나의 미래도 주의 손에 있습니다.
주께서 나에게 주신 선물은

정말 아름답고
귀한 것이었습니다.

나를 인도하시는 여호와를
찬양하리라.
밤에도 내 마음이
나를 가르치는구나.
나는 항상 여호와를 내 앞에 모셨다.
그가 내 오른편에 계시므로
내가 흔들리지 않을 것이다.

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. . . .

기도 (Prayer)

다니엘 두영 이 목사는 CRCNA 소속으로 15년 이상 사역해 왔으며, 교회 개척 사역도 해왔습니다. 현재 코암 노회 서기 및 교구 대리로 섬기고 있습니다. 그는 어려움과 부흥의 시기를 겪는 성도들을 목양하고, 설교와 기도, 그리고 공동체를 통해 성도들이 성장하도록 돕는 일에 열정을 쏟고 있습니다.

자비로우신 하나님 아버지,

시편 기자의 고백처럼

“하나님이여 나를 지켜 주소서 내가 주께 피하나이다”라고
오늘 우리도 주님 앞에 나아옵니다.

세상의 불확실함과 교회의 여러 도전 가운데서
우리의 지혜와 능력이 아니라
오직 주님만이 우리의 피난처가 되심을 고백합니다.

주님, 우리를 지켜 주옵소서.
우리의 교회를 지켜 주옵소서.
우리 교단이 주님의 뜻에서 벗어나지 않도록
은혜의 손으로 붙들어 주옵소서.

우리는 주님께 고백합니다.
“주는 나의 주님이시오니 주 밖에는 나의 복이 없다” 하였나이다.

우리가 다른 어떤 것보다
주님 자신을 가장 큰 복으로 여기게 하시고,
우리의 계획과 생각보다
하나님의 뜻을 더 신뢰하게 하옵소서.

다가오는 Synod와 교단의 모든 사역 위에
성령의 지혜와 분별을 허락하시고,
우리 모두가 겸손히 주님의 인도를 구하며
한 마음으로 기도하게 하옵소서.

우리를 지키시는 하나님께 피하며,
주님만이 우리의 참된 복이심을 고백하며
예수 그리스도의 이름으로 기도합니다.

아멘.

Prayer

By Daniel Duyoung Yi, a pastor in the CRCNA who has served in ministry for over 15 years, including church planting. He serves as stated clerk of Classis Ko-Am and as a synodical deputy. He is passionate about shepherding congregations through seasons of challenge and renewal, helping believers to grow through preaching, prayer, and community.

Merciful God,

Like the psalmist who prayed,
“Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge,”
we come before you today.

In the midst of uncertainty in the world
and many challenges facing the church,
we confess that our refuge is not in our own wisdom or strength,
but in you alone.

Lord, keep us.
Keep your church.
Hold our denomination in your gracious hands
so that we may not wander from your will.

We confess before you:
“You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

Teach us to treasure you above all else,
and to trust your will more than our own plans and understanding.

As our denomination gathers and discerns your leading,
grant wisdom and discernment through the Holy Spirit.
Help us to seek your guidance with humble hearts
and to unite in prayer before you.

Taking refuge in the God who keeps us,
and confessing that you alone are our true blessing,
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways are you tempted to trust your own plans more than God's?
- What would it look like to hold your own hopes and plans more loosely?

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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 - DAY 13

Trusting God in Hard Times

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 42

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God. . . .

Prayer

By Joey Tuttle, who is seeking ordination in the CRCNA, having grown up and grown in Reformed spaces and places. He looks forward to experiencing what God has planned in the coming years—the joys, the sorrows, the learning, and everything in between! In his

free time, Joey enjoys reading and writing fiction, playing board games, and drinking a great cup of coffee or tea with a good friend.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Your deer pant for water. Your bees need to pollinate. Your trees long to grow. The homeless desire homes. The grieving, relief. The worker, job security. The barren, children. The desperate, goals. The hopeless, hope. The discerning, clarity.

Lord, many of us have our own desires—some of them fit with those examples. Some of them don't. We ask that you guide us not toward instant answers or temporary hope, but toward eternal nourishment in you.

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.”

In closing church buildings, our souls pant for you.

In arguments among family and church family alike, our souls pant for you.

With friends, brothers, and sisters where division forms, our souls and theirs pant for you. In our lamentable pratfalls, broken mindsets, and ill-spoken words, our souls pant for you.

In our weariness, our exhaustion, and our unknown next steps, our souls pant for you.

In our wondering and our wonder, our souls pant for you.

In our hope, laughter, joy, and vision, our souls pant for you.

O Wellspring of Life, quench our thirst.

Wellspring of Life, refresh our souls.

Wellspring of Life, refresh our souls so that we may point others to that which forever quenches thirst—to you.

God our Rock, remind us who you are, what you've done, and who we are because of you. Then we put our hope in you, for we will yet praise you, our Savior and our God.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Where in your life do you experience a deep thirst for God?
- What are some examples of past moments of God's faithfulness that help you to have hope right now?

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 - DAY 14

Trusting God in Hard Times

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. . . .

Prayer

By Rachel Bouwkamp, a member of the CRCNA Council of Delegates who lives in Wyoming, Michigan, near a library. She enjoys reading in her favorite chair, canning produce from her husband's garden, spending time with her grandson, and praying with people. She has served Lee Street CRC for over 20 years as director of worship and administration.

O Lord,
Our rock and our salvation,
it is in you that we live and move and have our being.
You are our fortress.
And we will never be shaken.

But . . . are we?

We look around our world, and what do we see?
War.
Suffering.
Sickness.
Hunger.
Death.

Lies.

Injustice.

Pain.

Chaos.

Fear.

Brokenness.

We long for a less difficult world, Lord.

A world that would find rest in you alone.

But . . . do we?

Lord, you tell us to pour out our hearts to you at all times and in all places.

So we do!

When we are shaken by feelings and circumstances . . .

You remind us

to rest in the One who is never shaken.

In your mercy,

transform our hearts . . .

from indifference to love;

from fear to rest;

from despair to faith;

from worry to trust;

and from doubt to hope.

Thank you, Lord!

Our souls indeed will find rest in you alone.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what aspects of your life are you feeling “shaken”?
- Is there a specific fear God is inviting you to trade for his rest?