

## **Canada - A Prayer**

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### **O Canada**

*Lord we give you great thanks for creating such a beautiful country with its clean air, lakes, forests, grasslands, mountains, seas and resources.*

### **Our home and native land**

*We give you great thanks for breathing life into us in this country that has shaped our being.*

### **True patriot love**

*We ask you to nurture the type of love in our hearts that encompasses sacrifice, service peace and joy.*

### **In all our sons command**

*Help us not to get caught up on the word "sons" but recognize that your love must be nurtured in all the hearts of our citizens.*

### **With glowing hearts we see thee rise**

*Each morning when we wake give us the courage to see in the sunrise a beautiful day as it is a day of freedoms....freedom of expression, thought, movement, worship and opportunities.*

### **The True North strong and free**

*Help us to see that we have been shaped by our geographical position on the map.*

*We are strong because you give us the courage to face all the challenges the cold winter wind breathes upon us.*

*We are loving because we feel your love in the warm winds of spring bringing new life;*

*We are compassionate because we see how your love shapes summer through the rains and sunshine that nurture growth.*

*We are empathetic because autumn, the time of harvest teaches us to work with each other as we prepare to face the winter winds again.*

### **From far and wide**

*Give us the courage to accept all those you have invited and placed on your land.*

*Since the beginning of time we have all been guests.*

*Help us to open our hearts and accept the new guests who you have invited to become part of our family.*

### **O Canada, we stand on guard for thee**

*We have exchanged our sabers and guns for the weapon of prayer as we place our trust in your everlasting love for peace.*

### **God, keep our land, glorious and free**

*We invoke you Lord for your protection.*

*Help us to see that freedom is achieved in caring for one another; the kind of caring that erases all prejudices which allows us to be free.*

### **O Canada we stand on guard for thee**

*Lord help us to live your words so that Canada will remain strong.*

### **O Canada we stand on guard for thee.**

*Thank you, Lord, for our Canada.*