

Ottawa-Gatineau Tornado (Sept 2018)

God of mercy, look upon the people of Dunrobin, Gatineau, and Arlington Park and the entire Ottawa-Gatineau region with mercy.

We pray for those who have lost homes, apartments, property in the tornadoes of Friday evening, give them strength and resilience.

We thank you that while the damage is significant, people, for the most part, escaped injury. We pray for those who were injured and those who remain hospitalized, grant them healing.

We thank you that the emergency warning system worked to warn so many of the possibility of tornadoes. We pray for hydro workers and others who are seeking to restore infrastructure and clean away debris left by the tornadoes, grant them safety and perseverance.

We pray for the many in the region who are without power, and who need to make their way through the upcoming days without electricity, grant them creativity and patience.

On this Sunday, as people across Ottawa-Gatineau gather in places of worship, give your people strength and hope, show them your care and compassion, so that they may reach out to their neighbours with your love and grace in practical and tangible ways. We thank you for those who have reached out and continue to reach out to people in need, strengthen them.

We thank you for the opportunity all Canadians have to show compassion to Ottawa, a community we so often criticize.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Peter Bush