

The Power of Prayer: CWL in Action (2022)

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"The wifi isn't working!" ... "My internet connection keeps dropping!" ... "My cell has no service again!" ... "Can you hear me?"... " You're on mute"

Over the last 2 years we've all said and heard these types of comments and just like you, Toronto Diocesan Council has said the same thing many times during our virtual events.

Technology companies are constantly trying to get its customers to buy the next-level, high-speed, innovative "solution". Unlike these companies, God has provided for us an always-on, high-speed, wireless connection directly to Him and His price is free. There is no device manual to try to figure out or a 2-year service agreement that is impossible to break. God's solution is prayer and the members of the Toronto Diocese have signed up for His plan unreservedly.

Our members used this wireless connection many times over the last year but most especially during our prayer service for peace in Ukraine, held on March 10th. Three hundred and forty five members from across the diocese, the province and the country joined us in prayer for peace. A second prayer for peace event was held on March 26th by our sisters in the Toronto Eparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. Again, our members participated in a wonderful display of solidarity much appreciated by our Ukrainian sisters.

Members combined their prayer action with a temporary voluntary fund that was established and a generous \$14,665 was presented to the UCWLC for their relief work. A previous \$1,000 had been donated to Development and Peace also for Ukraine relief from our Development Day held in February.

As CWL Women we know prayer is very powerful.

The Apostle Paul tells us, in Philippians 4, that we need not be anxious about anything but instead to pray to God with thanksgiving and to make our requests known to Him.

When we "upload" our prayers to God, we gain access to "unlimited downloads" of His peace! There are no data or storage limits! God wants us to upload prayer and download peace continuously!

The women of Toronto Diocese never underestimate the power of prayer and we are always thankful for this wonderful, always-on, lightning-fast, free-of-charge, unlimited access, communication tool that has been given to us by our loving Creator!

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world.

Prayer truly is the world's greatest wireless connection!

Thank You God!

This concludes my report,

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