

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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CANADA DAY

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In another few days we hope to celebrate one of our country's National Holidays: Canada Day. On this day we remember that in 1886 Canada became a Nation.

What do we look forward to when July 1st comes close? Do we look forward to a day away from the regular daily tasks; a day to relax and maybe watch some fireworks? Do we ever stand back and think about how privileged we are to be able to live in a country like Canada? We live in a country where we have freedom of religion, we have food to eat, our children can go to school on a daily basis and we have homes to live in. Do we understand that all the blessings we so easily take for granted are actually given to us by the Lord?

In the refrain of our National Anthem we sing and pray: 'God keep our land, Glorious and free!' We sing our National Anthem regularly. Our children sing these words in school and each of us knows them from memory. When we sing this beautiful anthem we are confessing that it is only God who gives us a glorious and free country to live in. He gives us a country which is beautiful, with its breathtaking nature, the majestic mountains, the mighty waters, and the birds and animals of all sizes. He grants us sunlight during the day and the moon and stars to give us some light in the night. Do we take the time to be thankful for these and many other blessings we receive each day?

Do we understand that, as we read in Psalm 121, the Lord watches over us, that He will keep us from harm and that He will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore? Let us not forget to whom we should be thankful when we sing our National Anthem and when we celebrate Canada Day.

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