

# PRAYER GUIDE: July-September 2018

## *24-7 Prayer Movement South Sound*

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## 8 SECTORS OF SOCIETY PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER TARGETS

### CITY AND GOVERNMENT

#### Praise reports from Police Chief Andy Hwang

I want to thank all of those who are praying for the men and women of the Federal Way Police Department. Police officers have a difficult and challenging job and it is comforting to know that the people in the faith community are supporting them with prayers. I am pleased to report that positive trend is continuing in our community.

**Crime is down:** We are still seeing a reduction in crime through the first five months of this year. **When comparing crime to last year, January-May (5 months), our crime rate is down by 17%.** This is a significant reduction since we typically might see a three to five percent either direction. It is always good to see some reduction, particularly with the community growing in population, **but to see a 17% is truly amazing.** We have had one gun related homicide this year, in comparison to six same period last year, and gun violence is down overall by 31%. I want to thank all of the people in the faith community who are praying to make our community safer. Chief Andy Hwang

1,200 people registered and participated in the Break the Chains Against Human Trafficking 5K bringing much support and awareness to this horrific issue in our city.

#### Prayer requests:

- Pray for our Judges Dave Larson and Rebecca Robertson who preside over our Municipal Courts, that they would have wisdom and peace to make just decisions for

our citizens. Judge Robertson was just appointed the president over the District and Municipal Court Judges Association, representing the 206 judges of the limited jurisdiction courts of Washington State. She will serve a term of one year as President. Pray for her as she serves as part of the policy-making body on behalf of our state.

- Please continue to pray for the safety of Federal Way police officers, as well as for the safety and security of our citizens. There are people and groups in this world that are a threat and want to bring harm to innocent people.
- Pray for dreams and visions and discernment to expose evil causes and strategies of the devil that would cause harm in our city.
- Pray to reduce the “demand” on illicit drugs in our community and in our nation. The demand for drugs, particularly heroin and methamphetamine, are responsible for significant amount of violence and property crimes. Our crime analyst believes that up to 80 or 90 percent of all crimes have a nexus to drugs. If we can reduce the demand for drugs, our community and country would be much safer.
- Pray for the ending of human trafficking in our city, including wisdom for our city leaders to confront the issue with God-given strategies that lead to transformed and healed lives.
- Pray again for the future plans and use of the Weyerhaeuser Building and properties to be a blessing to the city.
- Pray for the city in their efforts to balance the budget in preparation for 2019 (as reported in the Federal Way Mirror), for wisdom in bringing more revenue to the city, to spend wisely, and be a strong support to the citizens of our community.

## **FAMILY**

### **Praise reports:**

Many mothers with children are getting much more help with housing and other services for their well being.

Services for the families in poverty continue to expand and grow and help contribute much to our community.

### **Prayer requests:**

- Prayers for families in Federal Way. A high percentage of violent individuals grow up in abusive, neglectful households, with lack of parental supervision and positive role models in their lives. This is by far the one of the worst issues facing our community and beyond.
- Pray for the breaking of 'sin chains', generational sins and poverty mindsets. We long for all the children to thrive in every category of life!
- There are many signs and symptoms showing that families are desperate for marriage training, counsel and parenting helps because the children are reacting with major behavioral problems in our schools. Please pray for a unified strategy for the church to bring health and healing to the dire conditions of the families of our city.

## **MEDIA**

### **Praise reports:**

Media in our city continues to bring very positive and inspiring stories of people who are making a difference in our community.

### **Prayer requests:**

- Pray to change the media culture by eliminating the celebration and promotion of the gang violence culture in movies, music, and entertainment. There are too many kids idolizing guns and gangs – kids are exposed to so much violence. Law enforcement deals only with the most extreme and advanced parts of this social issue.
- Continue to pray for the Church to be more effective in using the media to broadcast the Good News and saturate the region with the message of hope and salvation.

# HEALTH

## Praise Reports:

Let's give thanks for all of our health care professionals and all those who pray for the sick as they care for and bring healing to our community members, the homeless and the disenfranchised. May the power and light of Jesus Christ flow through them.

## Prayer requests:

- "They will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." Mark 16:18.
- "He (Jesus) broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. 2 Timothy 1:10
- Pray and take the authority in Christ against the forces of evil that are behind much of the increase in drug addiction, violence and mental illness in our communities. Pray for Divine inspired solutions to these challenges. Luke 10:19; Eph. 6:12
- Pray for our health care professionals to be healed from compassion burnout. Pray that they will not be weary from their well doing. Pray for strength and a refreshing in their spirit, soul and body so they can continue to serve with compassion and enjoy life. Galatians 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13

# CHURCH

## Praise reports:

The 24-7 prayer movement has now 337 people from 12 churches praying approximately 80% of the 30 minute segments of each day. Over 50 were added in May at the National Day of Prayer gathering.

The unity of the church of Federal Way continues to be strong and carries a great reputation with the Mayor, Superintendent of Schools, Chief of Police and many city and business leaders.

## Prayer requests:

- *These I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” [Isaiah 56:7]* Pray for the churches to be houses of prayer and to make fervent corporate worship and prayer central to church calendars.
- *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. [John 15:4-5 ESV]* Pray that the church leaders would respond to the Father’s call to abide in the vine and daily live deeply in worship, God’s Word and loving intimacy with their Father.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit anointing in the pulpits every Sunday with Rhema (revealed Words) to enlighten the Logos Word (written Word) of God. Pray for pastor’s preparation time to be rich and full so that they can “*speak as an oracle of God*” to their congregation each Sunday.
- *Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. [Jeremiah 29:12-13]* Pray that the Church would respond to the Spirit’s call to be awakened to seek the Lord with all of their heart.

# EDUCATION

## Praise Reports:

There are many strong followers of Jesus in key positions all throughout the FWPS in Administrative offices, schools, and the bus building who are praying and influencing many others for Christ.

FWPS continues to enjoy the support of many volunteers in schools through the B.A.G program, mentoring, Communities in Schools, reading programs, and Young Life and many other creative outreaches within the schools.

## Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the issues voiced by many at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting. The meeting has pointed to some specific problems within the district. The board and Superintendent Campbell need God's wisdom as they work to address the challenges. These problems primarily focused on safety and discipline. Several teachers have been verbally assaulted or physically assaulted. The horrible language, sexual behavior, disrespect to authority, bullying of students, and serious overall behaviors are increasing exponentially.
- Pray for the contract discussions which will happen this summer with the teachers.
- Pray that FWPS are able to retain and hire more high quality teachers. The special education department especially needs our prayer support. There have been some teachers expressing the need for special support with challenging students.
- Pray for the shortage of substitute teachers to be overcome.
- Pray for more churches to become active supporters of FWPS. Volunteers can do a great deal of good in the schools. Kids need to be good readers to succeed in school. The district is challenged with a large number of students who do not speak English as their first language. Any native English speaker who can read to or with the kids can make a significant contribution. (1 out of 2 students live in a home where English is not the primary language) Pray in more volunteers to help teach english and read with students.
- Pray for the availability of classroom space. Many of our schools are crowded.
- Pray for the safety of every school against violence of all kinds.

# MISSION

## Praise reports:

Many people are coming to Christ in our services every weekend and are taking steps to follow Jesus.

God has strategically placed His church in many locations, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses to reach others for Christ.

## Prayer requests:

- *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- *Acts 1:8* Pray that the Church be so filled with the Holy Spirit that they have the power to be bold witnesses for Christ all throughout our city and workplaces and schools.
- *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. [1 Peter 3:15]* Pray for the Church to equip our people to be diligent learners and effective witnesses for Christ to those in their sphere of influence.
- Continue to pray for the Church to be more effective in using the media to broadcast the Good News and saturate the region with the message of hope and salvation.

# **BUSINESS**

## **Praise reports:**

Many new businesses are opening.

Zoning is being approved for new industry.

Many investments are happening locally and nationally.

Volunteering is strong

The Chamber has been a catalyst for raising issues.

## **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for courage to stand together from business to business.
- Pray to break down business silos.
- Pray for courage to explore new businesses with leaders from minority cultures.
- Pray for more people to raise their voice and come to the table to help the business culture of our community as well as help the Chamber of Commerce to fulfill its mission.
- Pray to create more opportunity to access the capitol in Olympia for a more healthy and prosperous business community.
- Pray that we escape ego driven strategies.

## **100 Prayer Points for Cities** – Taken from John Eckhardt Ministries

1. Prayer for Jesus to be glorified.
2. Prayer for Evangelistic Anointing to increase in your city.
3. Prayer for Apostolic Breakthrough believers to increase.
4. Prayer for the level of worship to increase.
5. Prayer for miracles and power of God to increase.
6. Prayer for immorality to be restrained in churches.
7. Prayer for Godly leaders to lead in churches
8. Prayer for an increase in finances for churches.
9. Prayer for the prophetic to increase in your region.
10. Prayer for deliverance to increase in your region.
11. Prayer for sound doctrine and teaching to increase.
12. Prayer for the youth to be ignited for revival.
13. Prayer for the government of your region.
14. Prayer for witchcraft and sorcery to be destroyed.
15. Prayer for church growth.
16. Prayer for land and property to be released.
17. Prayer for unity between churches.
18. Prayer for strife and division to be destroyed.
19. Prayer for carnality to be destroyed in churches.
20. Prayer for anointed ministries to be released.
21. Prayer for healing of sickness to increase.
22. Prayer for anointed preaching of the word.
23. Prayer for revelation to be increased.
24. Prayer for order in the churches.
25. Prayer for pastors and their families.
26. Prayer for men to come into the kingdom.
27. Prayer for marriages.
28. Prayer for the unmarried.
29. Prayer for revival in schools and colleges.
30. Prayer for perversion to be rebuked.
31. Prayer violence and death to be restrained.
32. Prayer against poverty and lack.
33. Prayer against gang violence and drug addiction.

34. Prayer against foreclosures and property loss.
35. Prayer for against terrorism.
35. Prayer against weather disasters.
36. Prayer against mass shootings.
37. Prayer against corruption and theft.
39. Prayer against mental illness.
40. Prayer for transportation systems.
41. Prayer against excessive taxation.
42. Prayer against false ministries in your region.
43. Prayer against the spirit of control in churches.
44. Prayer for backsliders to return to God.
45. Prayer for the kingdom to advance in your region.
46. Prayer for the right people to be elected.
47. Prayer Holy Spirit to be poured out.
48. Prayer for unusual miracles and visitations.
49. Prayer for mass conversions.
50. Prayer for the media to be opened for churches.
51. Prayer for ungodly laws to be stopped and overturned.
52. Prayer for the righteous to be promoted.
53. Prayer for the wicked to be exposed.
54. Prayer for favor for churches and ministries.
55. Prayer against witches and the occult.
56. Prayer for angelic intervention.
57. Prayer for apostolic strategies.
58. Prayer for an increase of wisdom.
59. Prayer for the fear of the Lord to come into the region.
60. Prayer for creative miracles.
61. Prayer for economic growth in your region.
62. Prayer for new technologies.
63. Prayer for racial reconciliation.
64. Prayer against racism and injustice.
65. Prayer the release of apostolic teams.
66. Prayer against lukewarmness in churches.
67. Prayer against false religions and temples.
68. Prayer for widows.
69. Prayer for the elderly.

70. Prayer for the homeless.
71. Prayer against abortion and murder.
72. Prayer against teen pregnancy and illegitimacy.
73. Prayer for inner cities to be rebuilt.
74. Prayer for people incarcerated.
75. Prayer for emerging ministries.
76. Prayer for bible schools and ministry training.
77. Prayer for christian bookstores and businesses.
78. Prayer for visions and dreams to manifest.
79. Prayer for love to increase.
80. Prayer for ushers and helps ministries.
81. Prayer for children's church.
82. Prayer for police and fire departments.
83. Prayer for military bases.
84. Prayer for hospitals and nursing homes.
85. Prayer against crime and vice.
86. Prayer for family restoration.
87. Prayer against unemployment.
88. Prayer for safety and protection of cities.
89. Prayer to expose satanic and demonic agendas.
90. Prayer for anointed psalmists and minstrels.
91. Prayer for church administrators.
92. Prayer for the creative and godly arts.
93. Prayer for new things to be released.
94. Prayer for God's mercy over our cities.
95. Prayer against legalism and religious bondage.
96. Prayer honor to be restored to the church.
97. Prayer against church and ministry scandals.
98. Prayer for the gates of the city to be opened to the King.
99. Prayer for the gatekeepers of the city/region.
100. Prayer for Revival.

# How to Pray for Transformation in Our City and Region

***“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you” - (Isaiah 60:1-2).***

**Transformation is the reflection of God’s character coming forth in every way possible.** This is what we want in our cities. Let us not draw back at such a critical hour. We are now at the desperate stage in our cities. Let us move forward in prevailing, passionate prayer by the grace of God and seek Him for transformation and revival! This is an opportunity that we must grasp now.

**The following are principles that can bring life to our city. [Quickening DVD]**

- **Pray and invite God into our city and our Region**

God wants to be invited into our communities. He wants His presence to become so strong that men see themselves as lost and start coming to Him. If God is to increase our spiritual appetite, we must ask Him. First we must be emptied of our own satisfaction and feel the awareness of our emptiness. We are "undone" like Isaiah, which will cause a cry from our heart (Isaiah 6:5-8). As God's watchmen, we must call on the Lord and invite Him into our cities.

*“I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth”* Isaiah 62:6-7

- **Pray for holiness and humility.**

God is drawn to holiness and humility. If we want to be change agents in the city, we must be changed agents. The humble and the poor in spirit He brings to himself. The biggest thing that impedes unity is our own pride. What is ready to die? We have to make the basic decision, *“I will not be offended by others.”* God uses humility and broken people. A sincere heart cuts into the frozenness of the world.

*“Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. ‘These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit and who tremble at my word’”* (Isaiah 66:2).

- **Pray for corporate revival.**

It begins with individual obedience and solitary decisions. The most important thing is that we begin. It's not what we do but why we do it. Man is impressed by activity but God is impressed with obedience. We will encounter resistance and get discouraged, but God is focused on us. We must make that commitment ourselves and search out a core group who have that commitment. It starts with a few who won't give up, press on and keep praying and crying out to God month after month with fasting, prayer and humility. This will have a domino effect.

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).*

- **Pray for unity.**

Biblical unity is a majority with God. It's not based on numbers. Unity is a byproduct of relationships. When kingdom connection occurs, we then live under kingdom rule. Where two or three hungry hearts join together in the cause of revival, God is there. The presence of God unites people in a supernatural unity. Leaders must be committed to a community.

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1, 3b).*

- **Pray for fervent prayer among the churches in our city and Region**

Breakthrough, fervent prayer releases destiny. It's desperation and humility, a foundation of fervent, persevering prayer when we become desperate for God. People of travailing prayer have a determination with a desperation that says, "We will not let go of you until we hear from you." Allow Him to break and mold you. Pray for your city's destiny. We forget that God is the God of destiny, and we are people of destiny. Prayer has to be more of a priority, and we must hear the trumpet call.

*"They all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14).*

**God's work will always be unique.** It's risky, aggressive, and brought about through prayer. It's not predictable and out of our control. There is an unexpectedness of God. We are often fooled by strategy, but we lack God's processing power. You can't format God. We are proud and impatient, but God's approach is to come in through the back door. He shows up, not shows off. There is a flow with the Holy Spirit that is not stage-managed. He is willing to be invited but only on his terms. We must persevere through

apathy and not give up. It's not a quick start but a long run. The goal is to love God and direct men and women toward the kingdom.

**God is looking for leaders who will stand in the gap for their nation who don't care who gets the credit.** They are not stakeholders but shareholders. They give God the glory. Revival leaders are often unlikely choices. The measure of leadership is not influence with the public but influence with God.