

# **PRAYER GUIDE:** *October-December 2018*

*24-7 Prayer Movement South Sound*

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## **8 SECTORS OF SOCIETY PRAISE REPORT AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

# **CITY AND GOVERNMENT**

## **Praise reports from Police Chief Andy Hwang**

Thank you for praying for the first responders. They have a difficult and challenging job and the support received from the faith community is much appreciated. We know it is making a positive difference!

The positive trend is still continuing in our community.

Crime is still trending downward in Federal Way. We have seen a reduction in crime through the eight (8) months of this year. When comparing crime to last year, January – August (8 months), our crime rate is down overall 14%. In 2018, we anticipate having the lowest overall crime rate in five years. Crime fell on a number of property crimes (larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, residential burglary and vandalism). One crime we are up is robbery.

## **Prayer requests:**

- We ask that the faith community continue praying for the safety of Federal Way police officers, including other first responders. We also ask for prayers for the safety of our citizens. We also ask for prayers for the youth in our community.
- Pray for the upcoming elections Tuesday, November 6 that righteous leaders would be lifted up and highly favored in our city, state, and country. Pray that the 51 million Christians that are projected to say home again and not vote would rise up and make their vote be heard.
- Pray for unity and protection for our righteous leaders in authority who are being severely attacked by God-haters.
- Pray that righteous God-fearing leaders listen to the wise godly counsel of those around them.
- Pray that God's purposes are propelled forward in city, state, and federal law and that the ungodly leaders attempts to promote injustice and unrighteousness would be thwarted.

# CHURCH

## Praise Reports:

450 people from 15 churches served our city at the We Love Our City Serve Day September 30 and shined the light of Jesus everywhere they went.

The churches in Federal Way continue to work together in service projects, outreaches, prayer gatherings and fellowship.

The pastors in Federal Way have more and more of a camaraderie and concern for each other. They are not competing but they are praying together and uniting together.

## Prayer Requests:

- Pray for an increasing depth in our discipleship. The church is people, the people of God. As we live in holiness, love one another and serve the community, we are a sweet aroma of Christ to those who are looking for hope.
- Pray for effective evangelistic efforts. Ask God by His Spirit to bring conviction of sin, righteousness and the judgment. So, the sharing of the Gospel will be received as a welcome answer to heaviness of convicted hearts.
- Ask God to bring an intense presence of Himself to all of our churches. Pray that each congregation will host Him each Sunday and allow Him to have His way as the Lord of the Church.
- Pray for all of the sermons to be full of scriptures so people can understand His Word. God's Word is central to our transformation. Pray that the Word would become deeply ingrained in the life of each and every believer.

# MISSIONS

## Praise Reports:

God is bringing many people miraculously to Him through many different ways in our city.

The Saturate the Sound movement launched 10 cohorts this fall throughout the Puget Sound to pray, plan and prepare to reach many more people to become disciples who make disciples.

## Prayer requests:

- Pray that the Saturate the Sound movement hears from God as the cohorts meet all over the Metro region and that each meeting is bathed in fervent prayer, experiences God's compassion, and commits to win the lost at all cost.
- Pray that the church "equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13
- Pray for continued strong discipleship plans for our churches that raise up people who are strong in prayer, knowledge of God's Word, the regular infilling of the Spirit, and a passion to love and reach those who are far from God.

# **EDUCATION**

## **Praise Reports:**

Contracts for teachers has been resolved giving equity to the teachers and staff members of each school.

God has placed many strong followers of Jesus in key positions throughout the FWPS. There are many believers who are on these “front lines” within the educational system.

Young Life is highly involved along with other outreach organizations and programs making a difference with our children.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray that teachers and assistants within our school will have discernment when bullying is happening and how to pro-actively prevent bullying and intervene when it is observed. Bullying is becoming more and more of a problem and issue. Pray against bullying in any form whether physical, verbal or cyber.
- Pray that the parents of the children who go to school and the schools will see that they are a “partnership” to help children learn, be safe and graduate.
- Pray that teachers and students will settle in on the routine of class as the 2018-2019 school year begins and gets underway. That both teachers and children will settle into the day to day and weekly rhythm of school.
- Pray for a concerted and manageable form of discipline that both parents and/or guardians of students along with teachers will follow.
- Pray for God to give wisdom to Dr. Campbell for the staff of our schools to have a plan of action that addresses and have adequate solutions.

- Pray for more churches to become active supporters of FWPS and to build relationships and roads to help our students succeed in school.
- Pray that the load of paperwork, reports for teachers will lessen and therefore have more time
- Pray for continued and increasing support by mentors to help our scholars (every child is one caring adult away from success)
- Pray for favor for the two open School Board positions to be filled with righteous leaders.

## **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:**

- 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.
- Pray that God uses His people to infiltrate the media industry and influence the mission, motives, and outcomes for Christ and for the good of the families and society.
- Pray for favor for righteous people to be hired, promoted, and sought after to fill key positions of influence in the media industry.

# **FAMILY**

## **Praise reports:**

Many mothers with children are getting much 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:**

- Pray for our very multi-cultural and diverse families that live here from over 100 countries of the world. Our city continues to become more and more diverse and this presents great problems with language barriers in school as well as cultural differences between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation immigrants.
- The FWPS district is the most culturally diverse in the state of Washington and 5<sup>th</sup> most diverse district in America. The nations have literally come to our door step. Pray that we take this God-given opportunity to build relationships and share the creatively Good News with families about Jesus.
- Pray for the safety of our children and the exposing of abuse of all kinds so that they are protected and grow up in loving and safe environments.
- Pray for greater and greater awareness of human trafficking and that organizations like FWCAT - Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking, REST – Real Escape from the Sex Trade, and Shared Hope International have all the resources, favor and personnel they need.

# 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.

## **Prayer requests:**

- Pray that the church as a whole becomes far more health conscience with body, soul and spirit.
- Pray for a resurgence of practical training and modeling of healthy lifestyles so that God's people can be strengthened to be greater witnesses and more spiritually attractive examples to the world.
- Pray for bold faith to pray for and with people for "gifts of healings".
- Pray for healing, counseling and recovery ministries to rise up within God's church to help bring healing and freedom from childhood wounds, relational breakdowns, hurts, habits, and hang ups.

# **BUSINESS**

## **Praise reports:**

Our city is growing and new businesses are being built and transferred to Federal Way in an increased fashion.

## **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for young entrepreneurs to sense God's call to create new businesses that will be founded upon integrity, faith, and Biblical principles.
- Pray for city government to have favor with local businesses and create laws and conditions that will enhance the success and healthy environments for our businesses and new businesses.
- Pray for greater mentoring of young business leaders by more seasoned and successful business owners. Pray for the Chamber of Commerce to identify new ways and plans to engage the business community.

# Praying for Our Nation, the Elections, and the Church

By Harvest Prayer Ministries

The following prayer points cover major areas that relate to our national elections.

## 1. Our Nation and the Issues It Faces

- Pray for the judges of this nation, that they will seek the wisdom that comes from above. "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere" ([James 3:17](#)).
- Ask the Lord to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious freedom from our nation. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" ([Gal. 5:1](#)).
- Pray for truth to become valued again in American society. "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" ([John 8:32](#)).
- Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge in the midst of the troubles of this world. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" ([Ps. 46:1](#)).
- Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers—that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion, will guide our nation. "This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another'" ([Zech. 7:9](#)).
- Repent on behalf of our nation, because we have turned from making Scripture the basis of law, leaving behind wisdom and instead, looking to ourselves for truth. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" ([Isa. 53:6](#)).

- Ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance on our nation, that we might become a nation committed to following His ways. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).
- Pray that the United States will repent of its corporate rejection of the Word of God as the basis of law. "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings" (Prov. 1:22–23).
- Pray that a holy fear of God will sweep across our nation, leading us back to a place of wisdom and walking in the Lord. "Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God" (Isa. 50:10).

## 2. The Election Process

- Pray for wisdom for voters and a safe and fair election. "My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble" (Prov. 3:21–23).
- Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting. "I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place" (Isa. 28:17).
- Pray for a huge turnout of voters who use wisdom in their decisions. "Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you" (Prov. 4:5–6).
- Pray for protection from any attacks from enemies that would prevent or delay the election. "Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you" (Deut. 3:22).

## 3. Candidates and Leaders

- Pray for the salvation of those who are in leadership of our nation. Ask the Lord to remove all envy and selfish ambition. "For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice" (James 3:16).

- Pray that candidates will take brave stands for righteousness, even when it may not be well received. "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all" (Isa. 7:9).
- Pray that their families will be protected from harm and unnecessary scrutiny. "You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race" (Ps. 12:7–8).
- Ask the Lord to surround them with godly advisors. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise" (Ps. 111:10).
- Pray that each candidate will focus on the issues we face as a nation—and not on personal attacks on other candidates. "If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other" (Gal. 5:15).

## **MORE WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY** By focused community strategies

We often get so caught up in the busyness of our days or meeting the needs and engaging neighbors in our path that it can be easy to forget to pray for them and the neighborhood in which we live. There are endless opportunities to pray for your community.

**Pray for families.** Families are a crucial social unit, and they can weather some significant challenges. Pray for the parents, aunts, grandparents, uncles, cousins, siblings, and children in your neighborhood.

*Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in families in our neighborhood. We pray for strength and understanding between the marriages in our neighborhood. We ask for loving, strong bonds between the children, teenagers, adults, and grandparents. We pray that each branch of the family would demonstrate love for one another.*

**Pray for safety and peace.** A neighborhood where all residents feel welcomed and safe is one we strive to create. Pray God would allow your neighbors to find safety in their living situation.

*God, our Prince of Peace, we ask for your presence in the streets and homes of our community. We pray for local law enforcement, for their safety and wisdom and compassion in all circumstances. We pray your comfort for those who have experienced violence, and we ask your protection for all our neighbors.*

## Pray for local politicians and leaders.

Many neighborhoods experience marginalization when important decisions are being made. Pray for community voices to be heard in matters that impact them at the local, city, and state levels.

*Father, we ask you to give our state and local leaders wisdom make decisions affecting our neighborhood. We pray they will be thoughtful in their decisions and listen to the voices of the community. We pray for courage to stand up for our community and to live with grace and dignity in our city.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT

**1 Timothy 2:1-3** says that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority. This is God's command to every believer today. Praying for godly leaders is productive toward God's plan and purpose for our nation. The Bible says the heart of a king is in the hand of the Lord. He can turn it however He wants, so your prayers are important. Here is a confession for you to use in prayer for our nation and its leaders. Pray it in faith, believing, and remember God watches over His Word to perform it (**Jeremiah 1:12**).

*Father, I bring the needs of our government before You and ask You to bless our nation through godly leaders. I magnify the Name of Jesus and declare that He is Lord over this nation.*

*Father, I pray according to **1 Timothy 2:1-3** which says, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."*

*I pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.*

*I pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word. A house divided against itself cannot stand, therefore, I pray for them to be unified in righteousness for the sake of the nation.*

*I pray for Your protection to cover all our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military. I ask for godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. In the Name of Jesus, I pray that You and Your kingdom of righteousness be manifested in the hearts of all those who are in authority in any way.*

*Father, Your Word says to pray for the peace of Jerusalem because those who love Jerusalem shall prosper. Lord Jesus, because You love Jerusalem and wept over it, I love it also. I pray for Jerusalem to receive the shalom of God, which brings wholeness—nothing missing, nothing broken. I pray that no leader of our nation will make any decision that will harm Jerusalem in any way. And in the Name of Jesus, I pray that You reveal Your perfect will to all the leaders of Israel. I ask You, Lord, to reveal Yourself to each person.*

*Thank You, Father, for hearing my prayers that are in accordance to Your will. I receive the answers, in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**Scripture References:** 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Psalm 122:6; Mark 3:25; Proverbs 21:1; 1 John 5:14-15

## PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS

*Almighty God, I set myself in agreement with the Word of God and with what You once established in American education. I release my hope and faith in Your Word. I patiently expect Your Glory to be manifest in schools all across our nation.*

*I come before You on behalf of the students, educators and administrators of the entire educational system in America. Lord Jesus, I ask You to restore honor, integrity, virtue and peace in American classrooms. I confess **Isaiah 54:13**: “All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.”*

*Every time I hear a report of violence and terror in our schools, I will say out loud, “Our children are taught of the Lord and great is the peace and the anointing on them!” And Jesus, You and I know the educators and the administrators cannot teach and run our schools without You and Your Anointing. So, I intercede and give thanks for those You have ordained and placed in positions of authority and responsibility in our schools across America. I believe for Your Anointing to be in them and upon them. I am not waiting until I see the Spirit of God moving in this situation. I am starting my confession NOW! I combine my faith with those who are also praying and believing for the wisdom, honor, power and glory of God to be demonstrated in our school system. I am releasing my faith for the next generation!*

*Lord Jesus, I thank You for the redemptive work You are doing in our schools and in the people who run them. The students and teachers are on Your heart and they are on mine, too. Our schools will be a joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth! Nations will fear God and tremble because of all the goodness, peace, prosperity, security and stability You have provided. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*