

PRAYER GUIDE: *January-March 2019*

24-7 Prayer Movement South Sound

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8 SECTORS OF SOCIETY PRAISE REPORT AND PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSION

Praise Reports:

Evidence of God's Grace

A small and incomplete glimpse into the work 5 churches are doing locally and around the world.

1) Location of missionaries supported by 5 churches in Federal Way - a snapshot

Federal Way, Auburn, Australia, Germany, South Sudan, Fiji, South Asia, England, Thailand, Middle East, Germany, Mexico, Ethiopia, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Lybia, Honduras, Rwanda, Uganda, Brazil

2) Location of Church Plants/US Missions supported by churches in Federal Way

Des Moines, Auburn, Orting, Vancouver BC, New York City, Russia, Portugal, Slovakia, Romania, Seattle, Sierra Leone, India, St. Louis, Minneapolis

3) Dollar amount given towards missionaries/church plants/US missions and Community Partnerships

At Least \$200,000

4) Local mission initiatives (Missional Communities, Outreach events, local partnerships, etc)

Local School Partnerships, Tacoma Homeless Camp, Local Homeless Breakfast, Genesis Project, Healing Hearts, We Love Our City, FWCAT, Reach Out Federal Way, Saturate the Sound, Light up the City, Union Gospel Mission, Apartment outreach, Food Banks, Clothing Banks, Adopt a Block, World Vision, Prison Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Young Life, Young Life Capernaum, FW Day Center,

Prayer Requests:

- That each church would train each disciple of Jesus to learn how to make disciples who make disciples.
- More communities of disciples would be sent to parts of our city with the Gospel of Jesus.
- That each small group in our churches would see one new disciple of Jesus made in 2019
- That each local church and the “Big C” Church in our region would be people who love one another so that the world will know we are disciples of Jesus (John 13:35)
- The Lord would continue to send new workers of the harvest in our region by new churches being planted (Luke 10:2)
- That we would let God break our hearts for our city with compassion and action
- That the unified movement of 13+ churches called “We Love Our City” would be powerfully effective in meeting great needs and partnering even stronger for a better community.

CHURCH

Praise Report:

In 2018, 1000's of new Christians were born in Federal Way churches!

The Churches in Federal Way are planning to pray and fast together in January and February. Churches are working together in unity to bring about a spiritual transformation in the City of Federal Way and across the South Sound.

The Performing Arts and Event Center in Federal Way will be the venue for the City Wide Prayer Meeting on February 13, 2019. This is a time to praise God for the unity of His people as we pray for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for each and every church leader and member to walk before the Lord in complete integrity. We have had a season of correction. The Lord disciplines those whom He loves. Pray that anyone who needs correction will be fully receptive to the Lord's discipline. Not one of us has arrived at perfection, but each of us should be humble of heart and willing to be redirected when we are wrong. Ask God to soften our hearts to receive His correction.
- Pray for the pastors and leaders in our churches to be directed by God to do the work which is most important. Church leaders often struggle with over commitment and busyness. Ask God to clarify the tasks He is calling each leader to be involved in.
- Pray for an increase in the participation of ministry from the members in our churches. The harvest is plentiful but the

workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send His workers into the harvest. Ask God to open eyes to the many opportunities for ministry that are all around us. Ask Him to give us all a Holy Spirit led creativity and inspiration for serving Him and serving our neighbors.

- Ask God to watch over you His intercessors. The enemy is not happy when the church prays and pushes back the influence of his kingdom. He will seek to discourage and distract you. So don't forget to pray for each other. '...for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.' (2Corinthians 10:4)
- Ask God to provide all the resources needed to fund missionaries, community outreach & church ministry.

EDUCATION

Praise Reports:

School relationships and partnerships are developing and getting stronger and stronger with many schools.

Many Christians have been called to key positions in the FWPS and are shining the light of Jesus through administration, teaching, mentoring, counseling, and various other roles.

Pastors and ministry leaders continue to pray at the ESC building every Thursday at 1pm and are experiencing direction from the Holy Spirit, unity with one another, and increasing favor with the FWPS leadership. This is miraculous!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders and staff and unity in schools.
- Pray for protection and healing for our scholars from depression, anxiety, and all types of emotional, mental, and behavioral issues.
- Pray for prevention programs for students who are exploring and using drugs and drinking alcohol
- Pray for wisdom for counselors, Family Liaisons, and Outreach Coordinators to support our families
- Pray for peace in the hearts of our kids and their families so that they may be able to learn.

- Pray for safety for students in a broken world as they walk to and from school, ride in buses, and while they are at school.
- Pray for encouragement for staff so that they would see the difference that they are making and would not give up.
- Pray against inappropriate sex education that it would be kept out of our schools. Pray that parents, above all, would speak up and stand up against this type of teaching.
- Pray for strength for all teachers, and continuity for children as we enter 2019.
- Pray that teachers would prepare themselves in prayer to be filled with the Word and God's Spirit for greatest impact in their schools.
- Pray that Christian students would rise up and follow God's lead to reach out and lead other students to Christ through campus groups and Young Life and creative ideas.

CITY AND GOVERNMENT

Praise Report from Police Chief Andy Hwang

The positive trend is still continuing in our community when it comes to crime. We have seen a reduction in crime through the nine (9) months of this year. When comparing crime to last year, January through September, our crime rate is down overall by 13%. In 2018, we still 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). This will be a second year in a row that we had a crime reduction.

In 2017, we had an overall crime reduction of 10%. Furthermore, we have only had one (1) homicide year to date, with 24 days to go in the year. We typically experience about five (5) homicides in a given year, with the national average being 5.53 per 100,000.

We appreciate the faith community's continue support and prayers for the safety of the officers and our community. Thank you again for all your support!

Prayer Requests:

- We ask that the faith community continue praying for the safety of police officers, first responders, citizens, and youth.
- 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.
- Pray for Mayor Ferrell and city leaders to listen to the godly counsel of those around them and make wise decisions.
- Pray for prophetic words, dreams, and visions to expose and prevent crime and protect our city from evil.

MEDIA

Praise reports:

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

There is a growing disgust for the “bad news” promoted in our main line media

Prayer requests:

- Continue to pray for the Church to walk out intentional plans to broadcast the Good News and saturate the region with the message of hope, healing, and salvation.
- Pray that God uses His people and His Church to influence the mission, motives, and outcomes of media for Christ and for the good of the families and our society.
- Continue to 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:

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

Churches continue to help many families in need with food, clothing, rent and housing.

Prayer requests:

- Continue to 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 that parents see clearly their great influence upon their children and decide to change their behaviors to not bring them harm, trauma, or lifetime wounds.
- Pray for the church to be powerfully effective in bringing real training, hope, healing, and restoration to the families of our churches and community.
- Pray for the growing number of families in poverty and homeless families to have wisdom to navigate to safe and healthy environments for their children.

HEALTH

Praise Reports:

The church is the hope of the world for healing. We have the answers in Christ because He is our healer.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10:38 ESV

Prayer requests:

- Pray that the church models healthy lifestyles in body, soul and Spirit in this New Year.
- Pray for pastors, ministry leaders and small group leaders to plan sermons, teachings, and small group lessons on fostering healthy lifestyles.
- Continue to 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 continues to grow and foster new business development.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for young entrepreneurs to sense God's call to create new business that will be founded upon integrity, faith, and Biblical principles.
- Pray for city government and Mayor Jim Ferrell 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 the Chamber of Commerce mission:

As an advocate for its diverse member businesses, the Greater Federal Way Chamber supports and enhances the talents and resources of its members to create a climate, of economic growth, and business success in the region.

Billy Graham prayer for the New Year! (written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.)

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this New Year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

Inspiring New Year's Bible Verses

(Isaiah 40:30-31) Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

(Psalms 98:1) Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

(Romans 8:18) I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

(Isaiah 43:19) See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

(Proverbs 16:9) In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

(Ephesians 4:22-24) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

(Deuteronomy 7:13) He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

(Jeremiah 29:11) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

(Proverbs 23:18) There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

(Psalms 31:23-24) Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

(1 Peter 1:3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

(Lamentations 3:22-24) The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”

(Romans 5:5) And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

(Ezekiel 11:19) I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

(Colossians 3:9-10) Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

(Revelation 21:5) He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

(Micah 7:7) But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

(Isaiah 54:1-5) “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD. “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband— the LORD Almighty is his name— the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

(Philippians 3:13-14) No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven.