

PRAYER GUIDE 24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT

APRIL - JUNE, 2021

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

1. Pray for a national spiritual awakening. Pray that Jesus will revive the church and awaken our nation to His greatness and supremacy.
2. Pray for life to be valued and protected through all stages of life beginning at conception.
3. Pray for racial reconciliation. Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and that God will use the church to stand against racial conflict, violence, and prejudice.
4. Pray for our new President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris and their administration for God's wisdom and leadership in their lives.

CITY & GOVERNMENT

Chief Hwang's Message: (March 30, 2021)

Once again, I want to thank you and many others for the prayers that lift up our sworn and civilian staff. Being a police officer has never been easy and even more difficult with our society asking and demanding more from the law enforcement community to address law and order, and the increasing number of social issues. Having said that, we always appreciate the prayers of gratitude. We receive heaven's help and protection in enumerable ways and we are grateful recipients of that divine care.

First off, I would like share the latest crime statistics for Federal Way. In the first two months, crime across the board declined 1% compared to the same period last year. Crime fell on a number of property and violent crimes, resulting in Residential Burglaries down 23%; Aggravated Assault dropped 26%, while Robbery remained flat. These are crimes that have a direct impact on residents' quality of life and comfort in their community. While many communities are grappling with significant crime increases, we are fortunate that crime has remained unchanged in Federal Way this past year.

Prayer requests:

1. First, the community's guardians need *protection*. We appreciate the faith community's continued support and prayers for the safety of our officers. We know that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much (James 5: 16).
2. Prayers to reduce the "demand" on illicit drugs in our community and in our nation. The demand for drugs, particularly heroine and methamphetamine, are responsible for a significant amount of violence and property crimes; 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. The State vs. Blake ruling regarding simple drug possession in our state, and the use of controlled substances without a prescription, without a doubt will have a negative impact, particularly over time, on the health, safety, and welfare of the communities in our state.

3. Prayers to change the media culture by eliminating the celebration and promoting 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.
4. 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 one of the worst issues facing our community and beyond.

Thank you, again, for your support. Faithfully,

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Prayer requests for Federal Way:

- Pray for Mayor Jim Ferrell for wisdom and insight to lead our city well.
- Pray for Council members: Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Greg Baruso, Susan Honda, Hoang V. Tran, Leandra Craft, Martin A. Moore, Linda Kochmar

EDUCATION

Praise Reports:

- Reports have recently come in that there are many Christians permeating all types of job positions all throughout the FWPS.
- The FWPS has navigated well through very challenging times through Covid-19.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Dr. Campbell continually for wisdom and courage to lead the administrative team and District through hybrid learning at home and returning to the school buildings in April.
- Pray for teachers, substitutes, and administrative staff at all of our FWPS for wisdom to navigate teaching our children in a hybrid environment.
- Pray for this recruiting season to attract more Christian people into key positions in FWPS.
- Pray for strong parental involvement in the schools especially when it comes to Comprehensive Sex Education alternatives and opting out.
- Pray for health and safety and protection from Covid-19 in the schools.
- Pray for God's Presence to be known and experienced in every FWPS building and online classroom.
- Prayer for wisdom for churches to be strongly involved in mentoring and influencing our PTA's and school leadership for morality and civility.
- Pray like Jesus declared: *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY AND INFASTRUCTURE

Praise reports:

- Washington State ranks #1 in the Best States Rankings by US News and World Report.
- The Best States ranking of U.S. states draws on thousands of data points to measure how well states are performing for their citizens. In addition to health care and education, the metrics take into account a state's economy, its roads, bridges, internet and other infrastructure, its public safety, the fiscal stability of state government, and the opportunity it affords its residents.
- More weight was accorded to some state measures than others, based on a survey of what matters most to people. Health care and education were weighted most heavily. Then came state economies, infrastructure, and the opportunity states offer their citizens. Fiscal stability followed closely in weighting, followed by measures of crime and corrections and a state's natural environment.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for the many small business owners who have closed their businesses due to Covid-19. Ask God to give them vision to see ways to restore their businesses or create or find other gainful employment.
- Pray for small business: Nearly 2500 Washington restaurants permanently closed their doors in the first 6 months of the Pandemic.
- Pray for wisdom for Landlords as they continue to have great challenges with missing much rental income from tenants.

- Pray for the numerous people who are still unemployed and unable to find adequate jobs for their former pay scale and lifestyle.

HEALTH

Praise Reports

- We have graduated to Phase 3 statewide showing that Covid-19 numbers have greatly reduced.
- First responders and health care workers continue to serve and help those with health issues including Covid-19 to receive top level care.

Prayer Reports

- Pray for all the first responders and Doctors and Nurses who are caring for those with the COVID-19 virus here and all around the world.
- Pray for those sick around the world with the COVID-19 virus and their families. Pray the Lord will comfort all of those who have lost loved ones to this virus.
- Pray for President Biden, Vice-president Harris, and the new administration to have wisdom for handling the COVID-19 crisis.
- Prayer for Governor Inslee for wisdom how to manage the state through the Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for the vulnerable in our community who are more susceptible to contracting COVID-19.
- Pray that the Lord continues to use the pandemic to draw people to Himself.

CHURCH

Praise Reports:

- “We Love Our City” continues to serve over 32,000 pounds of USDA farm to family food each Thursday to multiple apartment complexes, neighborhoods, churches, and charities.
- The final numbers are not in yet, but the March of Diapers was a huge success among Church of the Nazarene, Anthem, Legacy, Journey, LDS, Pac Christian Academy, and Family Life Community Church.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for pastors to have wisdom to hear God’s heart for change in ministry plans in order create environments for highly effective family ministry.
- Pray for new highly effective ministry for training up the next generation to be world changers. (Statistics are very low for Bible literacy and church involvement among Millennials and Gen Z.)
- Pray that the church would be unleashed to creatively bring hope by all possible means to a fearful world.
- Pray for the churches to be deployed to meet the tangible physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of our community.
- Pray for the gifts of the spirit to operate in increased fashion.
- Pray for pastors to have wisdom to navigate their own personal health and well-being through Covid-19 season.
- Pray for small group discipleship and house churches to flourish.
- Pray 2 Chronicles 7:14. “If my people who are called my Name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins, and heal their land.”

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Praise Report:

- The online platforms have never been used more by the church and ministries all throughout the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Netflix, Amazon Prime video, YouTube, cable networks, and the Entertainment industry at large to have much greater conviction about their immoral and ungodly output into our society.
- Pray to silence the agenda of the media that is promoting fear, violence and dissent in our land.
- Pray that truth, justice, and good will in the communities would be reported.

MISSIONS

Praise Reports:

- The church is engaged in a greater fashion throughout America and the world in very creative and practical ways to meet tangible needs during the Covid-19 crisis.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the church speak the truth in love and stand up for Christ and His Word through all of their social media platforms.
- Pray for local churches in FW and the South Sound Region to hear God's heartbeat for our community and to share the gospel by all possible means.
- Pray for world missions committees and teams to increase their support for missionaries and missions throughout the world.
- Pray for world-wide revival that influences every sector of society.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the movement called "Saturate the Sound" and "Light up the City" to have far reaching influence in the Puget Sound Region.
- Pray for wisdom for missionaries to effectively navigate through the needs of their community through Covid-19.