

PRAYER GUIDE 24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION

From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association:

Franklin Graham calls for prayer following Capital chaos:

Per Franklin Graham Jan 6th, 2021: “I am deeply saddened by what took place in our nation’s capital today. Our country is in trouble. We need God’s healing and we need God’s help. Pray for peace and the protection of our nation. Let’s come together—on our knees.”

Here’s how you can pray for our nation:

- For the safety of its leaders, law enforcement, all in Washington, D.C., and around the country
- For peace and unity nationwide
- Trust in God for strength, restoration and hope for the future.

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.”

—Psalm 62:8, ESV

Here’s how else you can pray for our nation:

- Pray for our new President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris and the administration for God’s wisdom.
- To have courageous conversations concerning racial issues and injustice to bring greater unity and reconciliation.
- For peaceful protests and protection for our country
- For America to turn back to God in these troubling times.

CITY & GOVERNMENT

Chief Hwang's Message: (Jan 7, 2021)

We want to thank you and your congregation and other churches for the prayers that watch over and lift up police officers here in Federal Way, as well as continued support and prayers for our entire community.

It has been a challenging year! Our community, along with the rest of our nation and the world, continues to experience the coronavirus pandemic, bringing its own inherent set of health and economic crises. In regards to police, the number of police officers who have died in the line of duty in 2020 has jumped by nearly 60% compared to last year as the ongoing spread of the coronavirus continues to take its toll on police officers. In 2020, a total of 210 total death – a 58% increase from the 133 it recorded in 2019. It has been one of the most challenging and deadliest years for the police profession.

Another serious issue coming out of this pandemic is the increase in gun violence in our country. America has experienced the largest single one-year increase in homicides since keeping such records. Homicides in metropolitan cities saw an increase of 37% in the first nine months of the year. The Seattle area is no exception with gun violence in King County also being sharply up for the first nine-months of this year, with a **58% increase** in the number of fatal shooting victims and a 34% increase in the number of non-fatal shooting victims. Of the 256 shooting victims from 2020, 90% were male; and 41% were under the age of 25.

To meet the challenges that lie ahead of us, we must continue to ask God for added wisdom and guidance, as we know that there are no

burdens too difficult and nothing is impossible with God. We want to thank you and many others who are continually praying for our officers and professional staff for their safety and well-being.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for those on the frontline, especially our medical professionals who are treating patients who are infected.
2. Pray for all of our brave first responders, police and fire, who are working tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of our communities.
3. Pray for all those affected by the virus, that they feel the presence of the Lord's protection and love.
4. Pray specifically for a safe community and reduction in crime, particularly for the decrease of gun violence in our region involving young men.
5. Pray for families – a high percentage of violent individuals grow up in abusive, neglectful households, with lack of positive role models.
6. Pray for Mayor Ferrell, Council President Honda, the entire Council for wisdom and courage to lead in these challenging times.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

Faithfully,

Andy J. Hwang
Chief of Police
Federal Way Police Department

EDUCATION

Praise Reports:

- The FWPS has navigated through very difficult waters to place the whole school district online.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Dr. Campbell continually for wisdom and courage to lead well in these unusual times.
- Pray for teachers, office staff and other staff at all our FWPS for wisdom how to navigate teaching our children online.
- Pray for parents and guardians that have had to take a role to train their children at home to be more involved in the educational curriculums and values that are being taught. That they would speak out against that which is against their moral and religious values.
- Pray for God's Presence to be known in every FWPS building and online classroom.
- Pray and declare over our FWPS system and children: "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
- Pray for good financial stewardship concerning the financial resources and assets for school programs and facilities.

BUSINESS

Praise reports:

- Even in Covid season, many businesses have survived and many have even thrived.

Prayer requests:

- Many small businesses are struggling with closures or being shut down for various periods of time. Ask God to give them vision to see ways to restore their businesses to prosperity and their employee teams to regular hours.
- Our national economy has entered uncharted territory. Pray for God's peace over the financial markets. That they would be orderly and remain a positive influence on the U.S. and global economies.
- Pray for the landlords in our community. Many people have lost jobs or had their hours greatly reduced. This puts pressure on tenants and causes them to not pay their rent or be late paying. Ask God to give these owners and managers great wisdom and creativity in managing their cash flow and working out compassionate payment terms for their tenants.
- Economies, the production and distribution of goods and services, function best in settings of political and environmental peace. Ask God to restore a stable and peaceful business environment.

HEALTH

Praise Reports

- We have a vaccine for Covid-19 in the U.S. and Washington state.
- First responders and health care workers have done amazing things to help treat and save many lives.

Prayer Reports

- 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 uses the pandemic to draw people to Himself.
- Pray for all the first responders and Doctors and Nurses who are caring for those with the COVID-19 virus 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 those who lost loved ones to this virus.

CHURCH

Praise Reports:

“We Love Our City” just finished the year feeding approximately 800,000 lbs. total to multiple apartment complexes, neighborhoods, churches, and charities.

In 2020, “We Love our City” also served our community in astounding ways with: March of Diapers, First Responders, FWSC Food Bank, Young Life and Capernaum, FW Day Center, ECEAPS head start preschool program, Turkey drive, FW Cares4Kids and so much more!

In 2020, many churches partnered with the food outreach to supply food for thousands of people.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for wisdom for pastors to navigate the troubled and confusing waters of uprisings, protests, and diverse opinions and movements.
- 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.”
- Pray for pastors to have wisdom in regards to the new direction of ministry for their churches in order to be highly effective in raising up strong disciples of Christ.
- 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 gift of faith and the gifts of healings to operate throughout the church to see the major healings from this pandemic.
- Pray for pastors to have wisdom to navigate their own personal health and well-being through Covid-19 season.
- Pray for house churches to expand and grow all throughout the NW.

MEDIA

Prayer Requests:

- Pray to silence the agenda of the media that is promoting fear, violence and dissention in our land.
- Pray that truth, honesty and righteousness would be reported.
- Pray that the church speak the truth in love and stand on Jesus and His Word through all their social media forms.

MISSIONS

Praise Reports:

- The Good News is being spread throughout the world in very creative and practical ways to meet tangible needs.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for world missions support to continue and increase and for churches to add new missionaries as a result of increased needs.
- Pray for world-wide revival that influences every sector of society.

- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the movement called “Saturate the Sound” 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.