

# **PRAYER GUIDE 24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT**

## **JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2021**

### **CITY & GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief Hwang's Message: (June 29, 2021)**

As a nation, we are experiencing a significant increase in murders, a 25% increase in 2020. This amounts to more than 20,000 murders for the first time since 1995, up from about 16,000 in 2019. And, so far this year the homicide rate is up another 24% and at this pace, our nation's murder rate will surpass the most violent era of the 1980's and 1990's when our nation grappled with the "crack" cocaine epidemic.

As for our region, King County is no exception and we are on record a pace for murders this year. The number of homicides in King County has increase 36% so far this year. In the first three months of 2021, there were 253 shots fired incidents, with a total of 69 people being shot, 16 of those people died. In 2020, King County saw a 58% increase in the number of fatal shootings. In Washington State, there were 302 murders in 2020 in comparison to 206 in 2019, an increase of 32 percent. In Federal Way, we have experienced three homicides for the first six months of this year, down from five the previous year.

We want to thank you and your congregation and other churches for the continual prayers that watch over and lift up police officers here in Federal Way, as well as continued support and prayers for the entire community. It has been a challenging year and the support from the faith community, in part, has helped us to endure during these difficult times.

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 all of our brave police officers who are working tirelessly to ensure the safety of our communities.
2. Pray specifically for safe communities and reduction in crime, particularly for the decrease of gun violence and murders in our nation and region involving young men.
3. Pray for families – a high percentage of violent individuals grow up in abusive, neglectful households, with lack of positive role models.
4. Prayers to reduce the “demand” on illicit drugs in our community and in our nation. The demand for drugs are responsible for a significant amount of gun violence.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

Faithfully,

Andy J. Hwang  
Chief of Police  
Federal Way Police Department

### **Prayer requests for Federal Way:**

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

### **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 President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris and their administration for God's wisdom and leadership in their lives.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Praise Reports:**

- There is a growing awareness by parents of some of the curriculum in our FWPS that promotes immoral and anti-Biblical values.
- There are many Christian teachers and leaders that are on mission in our schools and “shining their light” through their influence on the students.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for our new Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer for the transfer of leadership from Dr. Campbell and knowledge and wisdom and courage to lead the administrative team and District.
- Prayer for Dr. Campbell for God’s guidance as she takes on a new role of mentoring school Superintendents.
- Pray for teachers, substitutes, and administrative staff at all of our FWPS for rest, renewal and refreshing in the summer break and vision for the new school year.
- Pray for this recruiting season to attract more Christian people into key positions in FWPS leadership positions that are vacant.
- Pray for strong parental awareness and involvement especially when it comes to Comprehensive Sex Education alternatives and opting out, and other key areas that conflict with our Biblical morality.
- Pray for God's Presence to be known and experienced in every FWPS building and online classroom.

- 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**

### **Praise reports:**

- Many businesses have re-opened and are full with customers once again.
- There are many more job opportunities available now for those who were searching and unemployed during the Covid season.

### **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for our business leaders and Chambers of Commerce in our region to have greater strategy to foster healthy business communities in this post Covid season.
- Pray for the automotive industry as they are experiencing very difficult times with manufacturing of new cars due to the silicon chip shortage.
- Pray for the housing industry with low supply and high demand and for solutions that will help this great problem.
- Pray for the overall great need for awareness and training in the shortage in the trades industry for plumbing, electrical, and construction.
- Pray for wisdom for Landlords as they continue to have great challenges with missing much rental income from tenants as well as added stress from tenants who are experiencing more mental and emotional challenges.

## **CHURCH**

### **Praise Reports:**

- The churches have opened-up for the most part and many people have come back to worship and connect with other believers.
- Churches are reevaluating their ministries and priorities and strategies and mission as a result of Covid.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for a renewed commitment to making mature disciples of Christ and a reaching those who haven't heard the Good News of Jesus.
- 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 pastors to have wisdom to navigate their own personal health, family, and well-being in the post Covid season.
- 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 serve the tangible physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of our community.
- Pray for people's personal spiritual gifts and the gifts of the spirit to operate in increased fashion through God's church.
- 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."

## **HEALTH**

### **Praise Reports**

- Our state has “opened up” and numbers of Covid cases have greatly deescalated.
- The freedom of less restrictions and summer weather has brought a new joy and hope to our region.

### **Prayer Reports**

- Pray for those sick around the world and specifically in India and Indonesia and other high risk countries 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 the vulnerable in our community who have suffered greatly from not seeing their family and friends during Covid.
- Prayer for Governor Inslee and his administration for wisdom to help the state’s mental and emotional needs exacerbated by Covid.
- Pray for President Biden, Vice-president Harris, and their administration to have wisdom for handling the COVID-19 crisis.
- 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 that the Lord continues to use the pandemic and post-pandemic season to draw people to Himself.

## **MISSIONS**

### **Praise Reports:**

- The gospel continues to be spread by creative means online and in practical ways of meeting tangible needs in our communities.
- “We love our city” continues to coordinate and gather many outreaches in our city and area to serve our community: blueberry farm, picking up trash, FW Farmers Market, Light of Christ Community Garden, Towne Square family movie nights, blessing First responders, Red Canoe back to school supplies drive, and much more.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- 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 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.



## **MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **Praise Report:**

- The online platforms continue to be used more by the church and ministries all throughout the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray against the secular, anti-Christian message that permeates every sector of our media and social media and those who are promoting it.
- 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.