

PRAYER GUIDE 24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2021

CITY & GOVERNMENT

Chief Hwang's Message:

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.

Gun violence continues to plague our communities in our nation. Our country is experiencing an increase in gun violence, and the greater Seattle-Tacoma region is caught up in it. Recently in Federal Way we experienced several shootings in a short span of time.

In United States, there were 21,570 murders in 2020, compared with 16,425 murders in 2019, an increase of 29%. In Washington State, there were 302 murders in 2020 in comparison to 206 in 2019, an increase of 46%. In King County, there were 102 murders in 2020, and 69 fatal shooting victims, an increase of 27%. In the first six months of 2021, there has been 42 fatal shooting victims in King County, which is up 46%. In Federal Way, we have experienced six murders year to date. Violent crime is on the rise in Washington and in King County.

With changes in our public environment, it is likely that unacceptable level of gun violence will continue in our region. Much of gun violence has nexus to drugs. Shootings often stem from drug transactions and

drug rips. Drug activity is a primary contributing factor for gun violence and other crimes in our community.

Prayer requests:

1. Pray for all of our brave police officers who are working tirelessly to protect our community.
2. Pray for all those impacted by gun violence, that they feel the presence of the Lord's protection and love.
3. Pray specifically for a safe community and reduction in crime, particularly for the decrease of gun violence in our region involving young men.
4. Pray for families – a high percentage of violent individuals grow up in abusive, neglectful households, with lack of positive role models.
5. Prayers to reduce the “demand” on illicit drugs in our community and in our nation. The demand for drugs, particularly fentanyl and methamphetamine, are responsible for a significant amount of violence. If we can reduce the demand for drugs, our community and country would be much safer.

Thank you for your continue support!

Faithfully,

Andy J. Hwang
Chief of Police
Federal Way Police Department

Prayer requests for Federal Way:

- Pray for the upcoming elections for godly people of wisdom to be placed in positions of leadership.
- 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:

- The FWPS year launched so far well with few reports of Covid cases spreading in the schools.
- 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 knowledge and wisdom and courage to lead the administrative team and District.
- Continue to pray for Dr. Campbell for God’s guidance as she takes on a new role of mentoring school Superintendents.
- 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:

- There are many more job opportunities available now for those who were searching and unemployed during the Covid season.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for solutions to the shortage of workers in every area of society and for the state and federal government to assist in this great problem.
- Pray for our business leaders and Chambers of Commerce in our region to have greater strategy to foster healthy business communities.
- 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:

- Churches are reevaluating their ministries and priorities and strategies and mission as a result of Covid.
- Many people have come back to church and many connecting online.

Prayer Requests:

- 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 a renewed commitment to making mature disciples of Christ and 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 to 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 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

- There is a growing greater awareness of what is helpful and harmful with treating those with Covid.

Prayer Reports

- Pray that the Lord continues to use the pandemic and post-pandemic season to draw people to Himself.
- Pray for those sick around the world in 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.
- 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 continued 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.

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 thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Saturate the Sound movement to connect networks of pastors and churches in the Puget Sound to more effectively spread the Good News throughout our region.
- Pray for the upcoming Turkey Drive for Thanksgiving and the FWCares4Kids outreach for Christmas.
- 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” 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 disunity in our land.
- Pray that truth, justice, and good will in the communities would be reported.