

# PRAYER GUIDE - APRIL - JUNE 2019

## *24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT SOUTH SOUND*

### **8 SECTORS OF SOCIETY PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER TARGETS**

#### **CITY AND GOVERNMENT**

##### **Praise Report:**

From the Mayor's office: Thank you so much for reaching out to pray for us. What a great program! We at the city are so blessed to have such a caring and compassionate faith community supporting what we do every day.

Mayor Jim Ferrell hosted the annual State of the City address. He reported that crime continues to go down compared to last year. He included Pastors Dan Larson and Joe Bowman as event emcees and gave a shout out to We Love Our City. God is giving us, the faith community of Federal Way, much favor with the city government.

Young Life hosted their annual fundraiser. Many city leaders and community members attended and heard a very clear message of salvation and hope. Much money was raised for our young people to know Jesus.

##### **Report from Police Chief Andy Hwang**

While crime in general continues a subtle downward trend, like other cities in the King/Pierce County area we are dealing with a recent uptick in armed robbery. Unlike car prowling and burglaries, this wrinkle places victims themselves at greater risk. The robberies are attributed to increase in drug addicts.

God continues to show himself faithful as he is protecting our officers from harm on a daily basis. We attribute much of this protection to the prayers offered by believers in our community.

We appreciate your prayers of gratitude. We (the people of Federal Way) receive heaven's help and protection in enumerable ways and we want to be grateful recipients of that divine care.

##### **Prayer requests:**

Pray that robberies in our community will reduce before they become worse. We have seen a reduction for the first two months in 2019.

Pray for wisdom in dealing with the many challenges our city is facing with the crisis of homelessness. Mayor Jim Ferrell hosted an annual luncheon with the

faith based community and local non profits to discuss ways to assist the homeless, especially in times of extreme weather.

Pray for wisdom, protection and safety for our first responders and their families. Pray for Christian leaders to rise up to support those facing difficult situations, discouragement and thoughts of suicide.

We know that some in our community are likely struggling with opioid addiction, their own relationships with their families and loved ones, or even mental health. Pray that when approached by outreach workers or our police officers, they open their hearts to receiving help to deal with whatever is facing them.

Pray for our police officers going into the homeless camps and interacting with the transient population every day. They make difficult decisions with how best to proceed with those suffering from mental illness or those with nothing to lose.

Pray for our officers: We recently had a few officers that returned fire with their service weapons at a suspect a couple of weeks ago. Pray that they can come back to work without long-lasting effects from the shooting.

Pray for our road maintenance workers, who will likely be out and about more in the coming weeks. Please help protect them from distracted or aggressive drivers out on the road.

Pray against SB 5689 The bill singles out and promotes protection for Transgender Students. All students deserve to be protected from bullying; no group deserves special treatment. Like the Sex Ed bill, it is a way for OSPI to force its own ideological system on every family, school, and school district.

Pray against SB 5395 The bill violates the local control of parents and the elected school boards. WE do not want Comprehensive Sexual Education as defined by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) SB 5395 seeks to make CSE 'integral' to the district's curriculum. Usually, integration means cross-teaching, or integrating, curricula into one another – Math into English, Science into History, etc. Doing so with CSE would make it impossible for parents to 'Opt-Out' their children from CSE.

Pray against SB 5082 No Social Emotional Learning programs in our public schools.

Pray against SB 5356 No special LGBTQ commission that would destroy religious freedom in our state.

## **CHURCH**

### **Praise reports:**

The Churches in Federal Way are planning to worship and pray together on Good Friday. Unity brings about spiritual transformation. Praise God for the Churches in Federal Way and their cooperation in the Gospel.

We are also going to gather for the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd at Integrity Life Church. Pray for all 24/7 slots to be filled so every moment in Federal Way there is a prayer covering over our city.

### **Prayer requests:**

Pray that the Church of Federal Way is full of love and kindness, and the truth of God's word. (Romans 2:4)

Pray for the church leaders who are burnt out. Pray that God will continue to give them energy and hope in the dry seasons. Pray for the believers to be constantly refreshed by doing the work of ministry. (Psalm 46:1)

Pray for each and every church leader and member to walk before the Lord in integrity and humility. (Proverbs 11:3)

Ask God to provide all the resources needed to fund missionaries, community outreach and church ministry.

Pray that the Christians of our community are on task and doing the part of the work God has called us to do.

Ask God to raise up more people of prayer. (Eph. 6:12)

Pray for the churches of the city to be full of God's Word and the preachers to be full of the Holy Spirit! Ask God to bring a strong presence of His Spirit as His Word is preached.

Ask God to change the lives of many young people at upcoming kids and youth summer camps.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Praise Reports:**

God continues to bring His people into various key positions within the FWPS.

There is continued favor with FWPS district officials and people of faith in our community.

Pastors/ministry leaders continue to pray together every Thursday at the School District building.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray that in this last quarter of school, scholars would have strength to excel as they prepare for graduation.

Pray that our graduation rates, which have been steadily increasing over the last few years, would exceed last year's.

Pray safety and security over our scholars.

Pray over the open school board position and wisdom for the selection process.

Pray for the remaining two school board positions opening later this year to be filled with righteous and highly competent people.

Pray that more believers flood the school district in various volunteer and staff positions. Pray that God will give believers a heart for his lost kids. (Luke 19:10)

Pray for funding and wisdom as Federal Way Public Schools, and other districts across the state, face legislative changes to the budget structure.

Pray that funds will be released and properly allocated where there is a need.

Pray that God's Presence will be known and present within each and every school. His Word declares: "Where two or three come together in My Name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20).

## **HEALTH**

### **Praise Report:**

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:**

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. (Jeremiah 30:17)

Pray that the church models healthy lifestyles in body, soul and Spirit. (1 Thess. 5:23)

Pray for pastors, ministry leaders and small group leaders to plan sermons, teachings, and small group lessons on fostering healthy lifestyles.

Pray for our health industry leaders to offer city-wide health seminars that lead to much healthier lifestyles in the families in our region.

## **FAMILIES**

### **Praise Reports:**

Services for the families in poverty continue to expand and grow. Healthy, thriving families 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:**

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.

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 for the church to be powerfully effective in bringing real training, hope, healing, and restoration to the families of our community.

Pray that struggling parents find help instead of keeping silent.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Praise Reports:**

Our city continues to grow and foster new business development.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for great faith for Christian entrepreneurs to have vision and strategies for new businesses that will provide more jobs in our community and influence on other business leaders for Christ.

Continue to 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.

Continue to pray for business leaders to treat employees fairly and provide healthy work environments.

## **MISSIONS**

### **Praise Reports:**

Churches are doing much in our city to serve the homeless, less fortunate, and the poor.

The Saturate the Sound movement is growing in unity and collaboration with approximately 10 cohorts meeting to pray and prepare to Saturate the Sound with the Good News of Jesus.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for the church to be prepared to reach more than ever before this Easter Season and May and June.

Pray for God's people to be so filled with the Holy Spirit and His power to be emboldened to share their testimony with others and bring people to church.

Pray for each small group in our churches to see one new disciple of Jesus made in 2019.

Pray that the church becomes highly intentional about leaving the "ninety-nine and going to get the one"

Pray that we would Saturate the Sound with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray that we would capture the souls of the children for Christ before the enemy does.

## **MEDIA**

### **Praise Reports:**

More and more positive news continues to be reported in the FW Mirror and the FWPS newspapers.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for creative ideas of articles, stories and posts on social media and local newspaper that will bring encouragement, truth and hope, rather than division and controversy. (Phil. 4:8)

Pray for righteous people to seek places of influence in the media world of this region to influence and persuade reporting to be much more positive and inspiring.

## **10 War Room Prayers For Our Nation:**

You can use these as intercessory prayer points for our nation. (From arabahjoy.com)

### **II Chronicles 7:14**

Lord, I come to You with this prayer for our land. You promise that when your people pray, humble themselves, and seek You, You will hear and answer. You even promise healing in the land. Lord, our land needs healing and I believe it starts with me. I humble myself before You right here, right now. I'm seeking Your face. I ask You to grant me a repentant spirit so I may be an instrument that ushers in Your blessing for this nation.

### **Psalms 33:12**

Lord, Your blessing has been upon this nation and I thank You for your kind mercies! But Your Word says the blessed nation is the one whose God is the Lord and our nation has turned from You. God, on behalf of myself and my people, I confess our disregard of You. Bring Your people to repentance and let this nation once again be one who calls You "Lord."

### **Proverbs 14:34**

Righteousness exalts a nation, Lord. Not flagrant personalities and foul speech. Not the boastful pride of man or "progressive" lifestyles or quick talking politicians who present themselves as the solution for the world. Righteousness, Lord, righteousness is what we need. Oh Lord, let Your righteousness rain down on us and spring up from within every home and community in our land!

### **Proverbs 9:10**

Many of the things I hear coming out of the mouths of those in the media make me shudder, Lord. Fear of You is sorely lacking and I humble myself before You to beseech Your mercies on behalf of a people who don't fear or acknowledge You. Forgive us, God! Strike a fear in the heart of Your people! Show us the seriousness of our sin and the holiness of Your majesty. Let us see and understand You as God... King... Sovereign One... Ruler of heaven and earth. And let us be wise!

### **Matthew 16:18**

Lord, You promise that the gates of hell will not overcome Your church. You have a people and You have a plan that will not fail. No matter what, Your purposes will prevail. You are in Your church and indwell Your people. In this we take great hope. Strengthen Your people, Lord! Strengthen Your church in this country! Let us rise to the battle cry and faithfully stand firm! Stir up our passions and desires for purity, holiness, and intimacy with You. Let us walk in the unquenchable fire of Your Spirit.

### **II Corinthians 6:17**

God, call Your people to come out and be separate. All across this land, call Your people to set aside worldly wisdom, pride and appearances, materialism, the need for approval, idolatry of all sorts. Lead us out and lead us up. We are a holy nation, a royal priesthood, set apart for worthy purposes. Stir in each and every heart to come out and be different!

### **Isaiah 6:1**

Oh Lord, we need to see You as You truly are, not as what others say You are. Let Your people see You high and lifted up! Let us see You as holy. Let us understand Your nature, character, and sovereignty. Let us know Your word. Sweep across this land and reveal Yourself like never before. Let us know You, God!

### **Isaiah 60:1**

Cause each of Your children to shine brightly in this dark land, Lord. Let each light take its place on a lampstand and draw others to You. May those without Christ see our good works and glorify You. We pray that many will come to know You and confess You as Lord.

### **Daniel 2:21**

Lord, we believe in Your sovereignty. We know You are the One who sets up rulers and kings. The buck stops with You. We pray for our leaders and future leaders...and those who elect them... to have wisdom, knowledge, and discernment, for these things come from You.

### **Matthew 6:10**

We pray for Your Kingdom to come, Your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We know Your will is for righteousness, salvation, and truth. We pray for these things to define our lives, our marriages, our homes, our communities, and our nation. We ask for Your church to be vessels that usher in Your Kingdom and fulfill Your will. Grant us, Your servants, success as we seek to glorify Your name.