

# COMMUNITY PRAYER GUIDE

**“THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN: THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND WILL CALL HIM IMMANUEL.” ISAIAH 7:14**

## Church

Pray for times of refreshing for your church and for all churches in our community.  
 Pray for your pastoral and church leadership teams to have God’s wisdom & plans for the coming year.  
 Pray for the Lord to send harvesters into our local harvest, and for people to turn & have faith in Jesus.  
 Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fill local Jesus-followers to both love & speak the truth in love.

## Education

Pray for all those leading in schools (superintendents, administrators and teachers) to have brave and innovative strategies to educate in new ways, meet students right where they are, and help them holistically grow and learn.  
 Pray for overflowing joy for teachers & students in every classroom with laughter, connection & shalom.  
 Pray for increased unity and support between educators and the families they serve.  
 Pray for qualified people to fill all vacant positions in schools.

## Government

Pray for God to guide the process and selection of the next Eugene/Springfield Fire Chief.  
 Pray for every local governments’ mayors, commissioners, councils and staff to have God’s wisdom.  
 Pray for every government leader to lead from a place of selfless love.  
 Pray for the local housing crisis:  
 For God to lead government, church, business & non-profits to effectively shepherd the unhoused.  
 Pray for new community partners to continually come to the “table” with solutions.

## Business

Pray for peace and kindness to fill businesses who are short-staffed; pray for effective hiring.  
 Pray for God’s grace for business leaders navigating the season: supply chain, COVID-19 issues, hiring.  
 Pray for God to raise-up business leaders with vision & boldness to advance God’s purposes.  
 Pray for business, church & government leaders to coordinate efforts and increase the housing supply.

## Family

Pray for every family to love and encourage other actively during the holiday season.  
 Pray that families would open their homes and hearts to the lonely (seniors, singles, widows, etc.)  
 Pray for parents to have peace and wisdom to make decisions for their children’s highest good.  
 Ask God to show you how to encourage your family, and bring peace & reconciliation this holiday.

**“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.” ISAIAH 9:6**

**“SIMEON WAS THERE. HE TOOK THE CHILD IN HIS ARMS AND PRAISED GOD, SAYING, “SOVEREIGN LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT DIE IN PEACE, AS YOU HAVE PROMISED. I HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION . . .” LUKE 2:28-30**

### **Arts**

Pray for the Lord's anointing and drawing power to be on every Christmas and New Year's artistic effort.  
Pray for God to pour out His Spirit upon all artists in our community: music, visual, dance, writers, & theater.  
Pray for people who are struggling with mental health to express their emotions and find healing through art.

### **Health Care**

Pray for local health care leadership to have the Lord's healing plans & wisdom: Lane County Medical Society, Lane County Health, Peace Health, McKenzie Willamette & Local Clinics.  
Pray for the protection, health & strength of HCPs (Health Care Professionals).  
Pray for God to bring hope to people who are in a "despair epidemic" and for HCPs to effectively treat them.  
Pray for HCPs to have peace, wisdom and biblical solutions to treat those suffering from mental illness.  
Pray for God's healing hand to be upon all people suffering with COVID-19.

### **Police & Fire Departments**

Pray for our first responders to have perseverance, strength & encouragement.  
Pray for the wisdom, peace & safety of those in our police and fire departments.  
Pray for God to move people of noble character to apply and be hired as first responders.  
Pray for first responders and their families to have peace and joy.

### **Media**

Pray for God to guide local media leaders with His wisdom: in radio, newspaper, television and social media.  
Pray for local television stations to air local stories that highlight virtue and character.  
Pray that the local media would be used to promote stories that help build-up the community.

### **Sports**

Pray for God to guide the preparations for the 2022 World Championships:  
Pray also for God to show Jesus-followers and churches how to serve together at the Championships.  
Pray for all youth coaches to be equipped to lead their teams with encouragement and skill.  
Pray for God's favor and protection for chaplains and Jesus-following coaches serving in university athletics.

**“...WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ALL PEOPLE. HE IS A LIGHT TO REVEAL GOD TO THE NATIONS, AND HE IS THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL! THE CHILD'S FATHER AND MOTHER MARVELED AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT HIM.” LUKE 2:31-33**