

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

## **Community Prayer Guide**

# January 2020

### Church

Pray for Jesus-followers to actively share personal testimonies & the Gospel with friends, family & coworkers. Pray for God's people to have a positive and faith filled vision toward our community. Pray for young leaders to be raised up in churches and harmoniously integrated into leadership teams. Pray for the Pastors' Prayer Summit: God's love, power and renewal as 50 leaders gather for 3 days.

#### Education

Pray for more mentors to engage with every school:

equitably distributed, and to be committed for the entire year. As more presentations to churches and groups go out, that people would respond to mentoring and investing in vulnerable students.

Pray for Jesus-followers to prayerfully give their input to the student success survey, and for great wisdom to guide all decisions made for allocating these funds to bring fruitful, measurable results for students.
 Pray for fresh strength, vision, and power from the Holy Spirit for Jesus-followers in education to effectively

shape the environment God has given them leadership and stewardship in.

#### Government

Pray for God to guide the implementation & leadership selection of the comprehensive city/county strategic plan to house the unhoused. Pray for our community to have shared commitment and accountability in fulfilling the plan.

Pray for God to guide the process and selection of the new city managers of Eugene and Springfield.
Pray for God to guide local elections in May that include county commissioners, city counselors & sheriff.
Pray for government leaders to have the Lord's wisdom that is: "first of all pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:17

#### Business

Pray for the leadership of local Chambers of Commerce to be peacemakers who have wisdom & clear vision. Pray for all Jesus-following business leaders to live & lead like Jesus, to be fruitful witnesses and to

discover each other and build good friendships. Pray for healthy business mentorships to increase. Pray for local governments to create helpful and supportive policies for the growth of businesses. Pray for ethical & flourishing wealth development that provides for God's purposes in our community.

#### Arts

Pray for funding for music programs in public schools.

Pray for more Jesus-followers to be involved with the Very Little Theater and for the Lord's blessing. Pray for the OSAA Dance Competition: for Christian coaches to build good relationships with students. Pray for the New Zone Art Gallery: for God's Spirit to minister to people as they view the displays.

#### Family

Pray for God's Spirit to lead fathers to turn their hearts to their children and that the children turn their hearts to their fathers.

Pray for those struggling with drug addiction: for God to intervene, that they would be delivered of their dependency and find peace in Jesus, and have stability in jobs and housing.

Pray for an increase of local resources to strengthen marriages: i.e. conferences, ministries & counselors.

#### **Health Care**

Pray for God's hand in the treatment of mental illness: pray for resources, collaboration and compassionate hearts to treat those who are suffering.

Pray for unity among local health care providers: encouragement with each other & greater collaboration. Pray for Christian HCPs to view their work as a calling empowered by God to bring healing, to share their

Faith and to build into local culture a Biblical worldview.

Pray for the local medical community and residents to place a higher value on protecting the unborn.

#### **Police and Fire Departments**

Pray for the families of our First Responders: healthy marriages, peace, & joyful times together. Pray for a Mental Health Crisis Center to be established (a necessity according to first responders & civic leaders). Pray for our local police, sheriff and fire departments to be fully staffed by men & women of noble character. Pray for the leadership teams of our First Responder Agencies to have God's guidance, wisdom and blessing. Pray for the wisdom, peace and safety of those serving in our police and fire departments.

#### Media

Pray for God's Spirit to move upon all of the staff at The Register Guard.

Pray for community-building and Jesus-glorifying stories to be reported through local T.V. stations. Pray for local media leaders to have clear vision, blessing and protection, & report all sides of the stories. Pray that God will use all local media to bring hope and direction to those struggling with depression & suicide.

#### Sports

Pray for God to bless and guide the YMCA leadership teams as they serve kids and families. Pray for God's wisdom and shalom to be upon the "decision makers" of all local athletics. Pray for God to raise up strong, Christ-following athletes as role models and ambassadors. Pray for safety, protection and peace over every public sporting event.