

### **Community Prayer Guide**

#### "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion..." Philippians 2:1

# Church

Pray for Jesus-followers to contribute relevant resources, healing and hope to those impacted by the fire. Pray for pastors, leaders and their families to be strengthened by God's love, power and peace. Pray for God's people to wisely discern the times and follow God's leading vs. reacting emotionally. Pray for reconciliation, love and strong friendships to grow among pastors and people of all ethnicities.

# Education

Pray for wisdom, peace and joy to strengthen school leaders and families, as they do school differently. Pray for encouragement, refreshing, and creative strategies for all educators. Pray for students with learning disabilities and/or unstable homes, to be seen & empowered to learn. Pray for churches to see and engage the new supportive role they have with schools and families this year.

# Government

Pray for effective collaboration of government, non-profits and individuals in local fire relief. Pray for God to intervene in the process and selection of leaders in all local and national elections. Pray for the Lord's wisdom to be given to national, state, county and city leaders. Pray for leaders to have empathy and understanding to recognize injustice and then to bring solutions.

### Business

Pray for local business leaders to have a healthy work/life balance: personal health, family relationships, etc. Pray for local business leaders to have perseverance, wisdom and hope to navigate this season. Pray for local businesses to rebuild, rehire employees, and become profitable again.

"...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." Philippians 2:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph. 4:2-3

#### Arts

Pray Jesus-following artists to go where God sends them to express their artistic gifts. Pray for God's wisdom and provision over local theaters & galleries; for peace & safety as venues reopen. Pray for the Christ-honoring artists to be inspired to create art that brings hope & encouragement. Pray for God to encourage music/art students and teachers as they teach and learn in this unique time.

#### Family

Pray for families as they engage a unique school season: God's guidance, strength, and peace. Pray for God to strengthen marriages with joy, agape love, and good communication. Pray for families to engage in healthy activities, relationships and resources that strengthen them. Pray for God's power and peace to be upon families facing mental health challenges.

#### **Health Care**

Pray for God to provide a safe vaccine and other effective treatment for COVID-19. Pray for peace and resilience for health care providers (HCPs) and their families. Pray for HCPs to have God's wisdom, strength, perseverance and good health. Pray for HCPs to provide wise leadership that promotes health and respects life (elderly and unborn).

### **Police and Fire Departments**

Thank the Lord for protecting our police and fire personnel during the recent fires. Pray for the encouragement, wisdom, peace and safety of those serving in our police and fire departments. Pray for our community to have accurate knowledge, confidence and peace about how local law enforcement

operates with higher standards and different policies (as compared to other cities.) Pray that all First Responders will be "ambassadors of peace" and then bring peace to every situation.

#### Media

Pray for hope filled stories to be highlighted in all local media. Pray for genuine God-transformation stories to be broadcasted and celebrated locally. Pray for our local news outlets to have clear vision to bring accurate reporting through all types of media.

#### **Sports**

Pray for coaches to have strength and wisdom to lead teams while sports seasons are modified. Pray for God's guidance for high school/college athletic programs, as they decide how and when to compete. Pray for the Lord's strategies for all who oversee youth sports: Kid Sports, YMCA, and others.

#### "I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation." Psalm 118:21

Find answers to prayer on our website: onehopenetwork.org/testimonies.