The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16



# United Prayer Items January 2019

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.
Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7

NEXT MONTH – The 1st Wednesday is February 6th - Prayer at City Hall - Mark your calendar and bring a friend

#### TODAY WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE & AGREE TOGETHER FOR WHAT WE ARE TRUSTING HIM IN

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matt. 18:19-20 NIV

Prayer: That people's connection and communication with God (prayers) would go deeper and broader in the city.

- House of Prayer would emerge
- More prayer meetings and gatherings would emerge throughout the city

#### Leadership:

- Pastors
  - For God to strengthen their relationships with one another and give them a desire to know, encourage, challenge, pray for and love one another.
  - Wisdom as they lead their congregations into a New Year. For God to speak to and through each of them.
  - Pastors Advisory Team To become a dynamic team that leads Trellis into the future well.

#### City Officials

- For our first elected mayor of Costa Mesa Katrina Foley
- For the New City Council to develop a strong rapport with one another and learn to work well together. A vision, spirit of unity, wisdom and insight to what is best for the variety of people in our city.

Sandy Genis - Allan Mansoor
 John Stephens - Arlis Reynolds
 Andrea Mar - Manuel Chavez

- City CEO's Office Wisdom in walking out the plans the council mandates. Favor in dealing with the County and State.
  - Pray the new City Manager hiring process to be efficient and effective.
  - Muriel Ullman strength & insight as she continues leading in the homeless arena
- City Staff moral and rapport as new council steps into place.
- Chief of Police Favor and insight as they work to establish Neighborhood watch program again and insight in how they can work with Trellis in our Neighboring Initiative.
  - Rob Sharpnack
  - Insight in how to crack down on the drug problems on our streets an in the city.
- Fire Chief Insight in how to handle the Chronic homeless folks they work with daily.
  - Wisdom in dealing with the Problems they encounter.
  - Chief Dan Stefano

#### Business Leaders

- Pray for the ongoing engagement with business leaders in terms of dealing with homeless challenges.
- Pray for business leaders to engage with "Love Costa Mesa" on May 18th.
- Pray for a cohort of Christian Business leaders to emerge in the city to work together with our efforts in the city.

### Neighborhoods:

- o Pray for more and more Christ followers to step up in our Neighborhoods to be part of the Network.
  - Pray for the ongoing development of the Neighboring Lead Team currently 11 leaders form 6 churches and 2 organizations.
  - Pray for our campaign to engage people to be intentional in their neighboring during Christmas.
- Pray for Sharon Hurd as she leads this initiative to have favor, creativity and to continue developing in her leadership.

#### **Challenges:**

- o **Homelessness** Pray specifically for the development of a Transitional Housing center in the city.
  - We are seeing more older people and families living in cars from being priced out of their rental situations, illnesses of breadwinner, family challenges ...
  - Bigger Picture Homeless Issues to pray for breakthrough in:
    - Expanded Housing options Specifically the "Costa Mesa Living Facility" that our team is working to develop - that God would provide the right location.
    - For The Community Impact Team to establish more structure and clarity and be able to reach more of the younger, resistant group on the streets.
    - Coordination with the County and cooperation between cities
    - The Count on Jan 23 -24
    - The education of the public on homelessness.
    - Coordination & Cooperation between service providers
  - Pray that those on the street with Mental Health issues and Addiction issues that are resistant to open their hearts and minds to receive some help & care.
  - Pray for more Advocates, willing to engage with people, to step up from our churches.
  - Pray for current leaders within the Network of care:
    - Santa Bob at The Check In Center Stepping down due to health issues.- New Lead
    - Shawn Davidson with Saturday Life On The Streets CORE Team development.
    - Chris Cuthill with Community Impact Team CORE Team development.
    - Pastor Phil Eyskens & Lindah Miles at Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene Need some folks to be on the Inclement weather team to stay and pray on rainy nights.
    - Bill Nelson with Fresh Beginnings ministry Been dealing with health issues.
    - Crystal Clark Street Outreach as she works more with the city.
    - Shannon Santos at Someone Cares Soup Kitchen Tough times on Budget issues.
    - Rudy Ramos & Mike McGlinn at SOS
    - City Outreach workers Muriel Ullman, Stacy Bowler, Doreen Penfil, Stephani Ogas

#### Education

- Pray for our schools as they have started back
  - Administration
  - Teachers
  - Parents
- Pray that the engagement with schools can go to "Next Level" in terms of impact on students, parents and root issues and we can have multiple churches involved at each school.
- Pray for us to be able to connect businesses with our various schools
- Pray for Ashley Anderson in her leadership of this Initiative, for wisdom and strength.

## Strongholds to be broken

- Lack of Unity in the Body of Christ
- Addiction
- Exploitation in Motels & through drugs

- Materialism
- Hopelessness
- Prejudice