

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

James 5:16



United Prayer Items  
April 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday is May 1<sup>st</sup> - Prayer at City Hall - Mark your calendar and bring a friend**

**- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Heroes Hall : 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

**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 – Currently meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7-9 p.m. at Trellis HQ
- More prayer meetings and gatherings would emerge throughout the city & be connected

**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.
  - To hear clearly from God as they spend time with him.
  - Protection for them and their families.
  - Wisdom as they lead their congregations .
  - Pastors Lunch next Thursday at Newport Mesa Church
- 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
  - Praise God, the city is moving forward with a “Bridge Shelter” at 3175 Airway!
  - Pray for wisdom for city staff as they develop this facility and begin implementation.
  - 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.
    - Stacy Bowler & Muriel Ullman - strength & insight as they lead in the homeless arena
  - City Staff moral and rapport as new council steps into place.
  - Chief of Police - Rob Sharpnack - 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.
    - As enforcement of ordinances affecting homeless roll out – to be effective.
  - Fire Chief – Insight in how to handle the Chronic homeless folks they work with daily.
    - Chief - Dan Stefano
- Business Leaders
  - Pray for ongoing engagement with business leaders as they deal with homeless challenges.
  - Pray for business leaders to engage with “Love Costa Mesa” on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pray for a cohort of Christian Business leaders to emerge in the city to work together with our efforts in the city.

## Neighborhoods:

- 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 Sharon Hurd as she leads this initiative to have favor, creativity and to continue developing in her leadership.
  - Pray for “Love Costa Mesa – Serve Day” That all our churches would engage, that we would have at least 60 projects and 1,000 people participate throughout the city and God would use this to spread the value of loving our neighbors.

## Challenges:

- **Homelessness** - Praise God the temporary “Bridge Shelter is opening this week at Lighthouse”
  - Pray for John Begin as he leads the Homeless Initiative to have wisdom, favor and insight in how to build the team, work with leaders and impact lives spiritually through the work we are doing together.
  - Bigger Picture Homeless Issues to pray for breakthrough in:
    - Expanded Housing options - Specifically a proposal we will be talking with the city about on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - 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.
    - VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR CHURCHES TO STEP UP FOR THE BRIDGE SHELTER.
      - Orientations 10:00 a.m. at The Crossing May 4 & 11, June 1 & 15
    - 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 current leaders within the Network of care:
    - Reina Cuthill as she takes on the Managing role at The Check In Center
    - 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 – As they navigate the complexities of working with the city.
    - Bill Nelson with Fresh Beginnings ministry – As he trains new mentors the next few months.
    - Crystal Clark – Street Outreach as she works more with the city PD & Fire Dep.
    - Shannon Santos – at Someone Cares Soup Kitchen – Tough times on Budget issues.
    - Rudy Ramos & Mike McGlenn – at SOS
    - City Outreach workers – Muriel Ullman, Stacy Bowler, Doreen Penfil, Stephani Ogas
- **Education**
  - Pray for our schools
    - Administration
    - Teachers
    - Parents
  - Pray that we can have multiple churches involved at each school.
  - Pray for Dr. Navaro and his leadership team to have wisdom and humility in leadership
  - Pray for The Maple Learning Center and Center street Learning center – volunteers
  - Pray for a good group of leaders to be on the “Human Relations Task Force”
  - 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 - Materialism
  - Addiction - Hopelessness
  - Exploitation in Motels & through drugs - Prejudice