

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27



**Special Prayer Bulletin  
March 2020**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

***“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”. Phil 4:6-7***

Let’s pray for God’s peace, presence and order to prevail in the hearts of those in this city, county and State in the midst of the COVID-19 situation, and that chaos, panic and fear would cease and bow to the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

- Pray for Christ followers to trust in the Lord, cast their cares and worries upon Him, and pray always! Pray for wisdom for churches, businesses and schools as they contemplate closures in adherence to, and in cooperation with government mandates.
- For the body of Christ to unite as one around this crisis to become the hands and feet of Jesus to this city
- For the Lord to be lifted up and magnified through this crisis, and that many would come to salvation.

**Leadership**

**Pastors**

- For God’s wisdom, grace and strength as they seek Him in regard to leading their congregations through this season.
- For churches and pastors and their staffs to be able to leverage technology effectively to keep their congregations connected, encouraged, and walking in faith.
- For congregations to work together more closely in the work of His kingdom, and to meet the needs that arise, together. Pray for Christ Followers, for a deeper awakening to God, and a renewed passion to serve, in every congregation.

**City Officials**

- Mayor Katrina Foley, City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Assistant City Manager Susan Price: as they work to guide, govern, and lead the city with order and excellence through any challenges that may arise. For the City Council to work in tandem, with a spirit of unity, care and concern, to address any special council mandates that arise.
  - Sandy Genis - Allan Mansoor
  - John Stephens - Arlis Reynolds
  - Andrea Mar - Manuel Chavez
  - Stacy Lumley & Muriel Ullman - as they work in the homeless arena – wisdom for any challenges/needs that arise.
- New Chief of Police Bryan Glass, for grace as he steps into his new role in the city. Pray that the Lord gives him a special grace and peace for him and his department to quell any chaos, and help maintain order, as situations arise.
  - Pray for our Police Chaplains, Mike Decker, Dave Brooks, Jeff Lee, Rod Randall
- Fire Chief – Dan Stefano – Wisdom in any crisis or situation that arises because of COVID-19.
  - Pray for Josh Harrison Chaplain to FD

○ **Business Leaders**

- Pray for businesses to flourish, despite smaller crowds and less customers visiting their establishments. That they would weather the storms intact.
- Pray for business leaders for wisdom in how to conduct their businesses and work with employees through any closures. For Christian business leaders to shine the light of Christ to all in the city.
- Pray for those affected by work closures (businesses and employees), to apply for financial aid.

- Neighborhoods:** - Please visit the [Lovecostamesa.org](http://Lovecostamesa.org) website to learn how you can be a part of a special Costa Mesa Care Team being assembled now in anticipation of any needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis. There are 6 ways you can sign up to help. There is also a place to fill out information should you have a need.
- Pray for more Christ followers to step up in our neighborhoods to help be a part of the solution during this season, and to help their neighbors with any needs that arise.
    - Pray for God to bring together a strong Costa Mesa Care Team
    - Pray for elderly shut ins and older folks who may become isolated, and may need fellowship and/or assistance – to receive both.
    - Pray for catalytic leaders from our churches to rise up in various neighborhoods to help serve and lead.

**Education -**

- Schools are now announcing closures –some will be closed until April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pray for Principals of schools and teachers – for wisdom in how to continue running and teaching, in light of school closures.
  - Pray for teachers as they implement a distance learning program for their students, as this may be stressful as they initiate this change.
  - Pray for the students affected by this closure. Many students depend upon school lunches as a vital, daily meal. Pray for schools as they continue to serve packed lunches for students to come and take home, to find the most efficient way to do this.
  - Pray for families where children have no one to attend to them while parents are away at work. Pray for viable solutions for child care so parents can continue to make an income.
  - Pray for the churches who are connected with each school, to work with them to help with any needs/situations.

**Homelessness –**

- Pray for the homeless out on the streets, that they will not contract COVID-19. Pray for those who have contracted the disease, for swift recovery and healing.
- L.O.T.S. program will be closed for a short time. Pray for the homeless that they will cooperate with Trellis and civic authorities trying to help them to shorten their duration of time out on the streets. Some have been resistant to help.
- Pray for the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter, and for the staff of Mercy House as they manage the shelter at this time - that they stay virus free, as there are 50 homeless people there.
- Pray for Fresh Beginnings and Bill Nelson as he works closely with Trellis and the city during this time to help feed those in need. Pray for ample supply of food and volunteers.
- Pray for all the leaders within the network of homelessness care, who work with the homeless on a regular basis, for continued wisdom, for ample volunteer support needed, and the finances for all needs to be met, during this season.
- Pray for the ongoing efforts at the Check-In Center, as they continue serving on the front lines with people on the street.

**Prayer:**

- For the CMPA army as they step up to pray for the needs of the city, as a special army who prays regularly for the city. (You can join the CMPA prayer army at: <https://wearetrellis.com/prayer/> )
- One of the ways to serve on the Costa Mesa Care Team will be as a prayer person who is available to call and pray for those who request prayer. Please consider helping us in this fashion if you desire to pray for others. This is a great way to minister to others and promote peace.
- Pray that as we begin a 24/7 prayer effort starting on Monday, that it would ignite a deeper sense of prayer throughout our community. Pray for Josh Harrison as he initiates this, that there would be great collaboration with every church involved.
- If you are a Christ follower in this city, please continue to stand in the authority of Jesus Christ, and in the power of His name, to stand against any disease (including COVID-19), which may try to gain a stronghold in this city, county, or State. In the name of Jesus Christ, we say “No!” to sickness and disease, and pray for, and speak healing and peace over our city, county and State.