

“One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may.....behold the beauty of the LORD...” (Psalm 27:4)



“..Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith..” (Hebrews 12:2)

## Prayer Bulletin January 2021

***“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:15-18).***

Beloved, what better way to start off the New Year than to make a fresh commitment to seek the face of Jesus – the face of our God! In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He is the express image of the Father, an image of exquisite beauty and majesty! May each of you be filled afresh with a new joy in 2021 to gaze upon the loveliness of our beautiful God, and to know His love for you in a new and deeper way!

Pray that the corporate body of Christ in Costa Mesa would walk with clearer focus on Jesus in 2021, and a truer, deeper unity with one another, as led by the Holy Spirit.

Pray that the peace of God blankets this city, state and nation, in Jesus’ name, and that lawlessness and civil unrest is quelled in Jesus’ name.

Pray for the blessing and peace of Costa Mesa, and that truth, justice and righteousness would reign in our streets.

### Leadership

#### Pastors

- \* Pray for “New Beginnings” for Pastors in 2021 - and for the fresh and new to come in and revitalize lives and churches with a fresh wind from the Holy Spirit. Pray that each Pastor hears the voice of the Holy Spirit much clearer this year, and follows His lead as He guides each church into His plans for this New Year.
- \* Pray for the Pastors and pastoral leaders to receive new and fresh strategies from Heaven to train the saints this year in the work of the ministry in every capacity, and to grow into the maturity of Christ.
- \* Pray for each Pastor to receive new boldness and courage to step out this year into what the Lord wants them to do. Pray for an abundance of finances to come in for them to fund kingdom projects.

#### City Officials

- Continue to pray for our city civic leaders: Mayor Katrina Foley, City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Assistant City Manager Susan Price and the city council. May God give them continued wisdom to lead this city for the betterment and blessing of all who live here:
  - Loren Gameros - Jeff Harlan
  - Don Harper - Arlis Reynolds
  - Andrea Mar - Manuel Chavez
  - Don Harper
- Stacy Bowler – Homeless Arena - Pray for her as she leads the city efforts on neighborhood improvement and homelessness.
- Pray for Chief of Police Bryan Glass and his department, Fire Chief Dan Stefano and his whole department – May they protect and serve their communities well, with truth and justice and compassion.
- Pray for police Chaplains: Mike Dekker, Dave Brooks, Jeff Lee, Rod Randall, and Fire Dept Chaplain Josh Harrison. May they always shine with the light of Jesus, and lead the way to Him!
- Business Leaders
  - Pray for businesses and small business leaders in the city. Pray for them to be favored and protected and given the ability to continue to support themselves and make a living. Pray for their businesses to flourish and prosper during this season. Pray that any losses they have incurred would be reversed. Pray that business leaders would be so blessed that they would be able to employ many in the city, thus reversing any unemployment trends here.

- We speak life and health and healing over the economy of Costa Mesa, in Jesus' name! We pray for the city's business to flourish and prosper! We pray and rebuke COVID, and command it to dry up in Jesus' name! We pray that no more restrictions would hinder the city's economy and small businesses. Pray for business owners and their employees to trust in the Lord during this time, and come to salvation, in Jesus' name.

- Neighborhoods:** - Continue to pray that Trellis will choose the right person to step into the role of Director of Neighboring. Pray that the Lord would bless this person with the wisdom and creativity needed to continue on finding ways to unite neighbors across the city, and to also show the love of Christ as well.
- The two Costa Mesa Pastors who will be stepping in to take the lead with the Neighboring Initiative are Eric Wayman from Lighthouse Community Church, and Christian Parra from Iglesia Harbor Church. Both of these pastors have a heart for their communities and for Costa Mesa. Pray for them as they start afresh in 2021 to speak into the Neighboring Initiative and help lead the way.

- Education** -
- The three Costa Mesa Pastors who will step into taking a lead with the direction of the Education Initiative beginning January 2021 are Pastor Andrew Brownback from The Crossing Church, Pastor Drew Ross from Christ Lutheran Church, and Pastor Chris Kretzu from Southhills Church. Each of these pastors and volunteers from their churches have been championing the cause of education in our city for some time now. Please pray for them that the Lord would bless them with new and fresh vision to take the Education Initiative to a new level in 2021.
  - Pray for Terrilee Stevenson as she has her 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting in January and also works to plan a meeting with the Pastors overseeing the Education Initiative. Pray for grace, vision, wisdom, and a spirit of unity as they all work together.
  - Pray for the Virtual Tutor Training that is being planned to help tutor and mentor kids. Volunteers are needed for this program. With all that has been going on this past year, kids are in dire need of support and mentoring, and in need of positive and impactful influence in their lives. Pray for this to come together with the right leadership and volunteer support. Pray for Terrilee as she plans this out.

- Homelessness –**
- The Costa Mesa 70 bed homeless shelter is on schedule to be complete by April 2021. Pray for John Begin as he prepares to meet with city Pastors in February to begin to discuss how the city churches will be involved in this new facility and how it will be run.
  - The two Costa Mesa Pastors who will be stepping in to help lead the direction of the Homeless Initiative are Pastor Dave Gundlach from Grace Fellowship Church, and Pastor Ben Applebee from Watermark OC. Both of these churches have heavily invested in helping the homeless in Costa Mesa. Please pray for them both, that the Lord would lead and guide them as they move forward in 2021 with a bigger role of speaking into the Homeless Initiative.
  - Pray for John Begin as he reaches out to meet with the Homeless Initiative Pastors on January 14<sup>th</sup>, to plan, strategize and pray for God's wisdom, vision and guidance.
  - Pray for more volunteers at the Check In Center to be trained to know how to move the Laundry and Shower Trailers around. It helps when more than one person is trained so that things run smoothly.

- Prayer:**
- Elaine McCullough's last day with Trellis is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for the Lord to raise up a new Prayer Initiative Director who can step in and take the prayer initiative to the next level! ☺
  - The two Costa Mesa pastors who are stepping in to take the lead with the Prayer Initiative are Pastor Josh Harrison with Canopy Church, and Pastor David White from New Song Worship Center. Both of these Pastors are passionate about prayer and about expanding prayer in our city and beyond. Please pray that God gives them the wisdom and guidance they need as they begin helping to direct and to shape the prayer culture in our city and among our churches.

- Trellis:**
- Praise God, the Year End Trellis campaign has raised \$32K+ thus far! We are praying and believing for the desired \$100K to continue to come in through January. Please stand with us in agreement!
  - 2021 will see the "Trellis model" of church and civic leadership tackling the city's issues together – begin to be taken into the surrounding cities and duplicated. Please pray for a smooth transition, both for implementation of the Trellis model in other cities and the raising up of leaders there, and the network of pastors in Costa Mesa (listed above under each Initiative) who will work closely with the Trellis initiative leaders to continue on in the work of Trellis in the city of Costa Mesa. Please pray for the first meeting in January on the 21<sup>st</sup> where these Pastors will come together with Ian Stevenson to begin discussing and planning their leadership steps with their respective Initiatives.