

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.
James 5:16



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

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“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” Luke 18:1

Simply put Jesus asks us to pray. Let’s engage with Him as our mediator and create space for the Holy Spirit to move. God will move. As we pray for the City of Costa Mesa, we can approach Him knowing that he is already moving, and we have the honor of being a part of what he is doing.

Leadership

Pastors

- Praise God for friendships between Pastors.
- Pray for our pastors who do not have a building to meet in, to be able to find favor with building owners and to discover where God is wanting them to meet up currently.
- Pray for continued sensitivity and healthy shepherding during the ongoing tensions nationally and internationally.
- Pray that each Pastor hears the voice of the Holy Spirit as they read, study and lead. That they follow His lead and have the courage and faith to do what he is asking of them.
- Pray for the Pastors and pastoral leaders as they work with their staff and lay leaders. Pray that God will give them disciple making wisdom as they build into their teams.
- Pray for more unity among Church Leaders; looking for ways to love, partner with and encourage each other.

City Officials

- Continue to pray for our city civic leaders: New Mayor John Stephens, 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
- Pray for engagement in Love Costa Mesa Initiatives from City Leaders
- Pray for the new police chief Ron Lawrence, for his relocation into Costa Mesa and as he builds relationships and establishes his leadership that God would give him wisdom.
 - Pray for police Chaplains: Mike Decker, Dave Brooks, Jeff Lee
- Fire Chief Dan Stefano and his whole department – May God protect them as they serve our community. Pray for the Fire Dept Chaplain Josh Harrison.
- Stacy Lumley – Homeless Arena – Pray for her as she moves out of state and pray for the person that God will bring to fill her role.

○ Business Leaders

- Pray for their businesses to flourish and prosper during this season. Pray that any losses they have incurred will 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 businesses to flourish and prosper!
- Pray for provision over our city and community development to emerge through entrepreneurs and long-standing businesses. Pray they will be encouraged, pray for God’s protection over them and a flourishing business.
- Pray for the chamber of commerce as they have lost a lot of members this year and are trying to figure out how to encourage businesses in the community.

Prayer: - Pray for Kayton Garcia and other prayer partners as they discover what God desires around the Prayer Initiative in Costa Mesa. Pray for him as he engages in this role to establish friendships with pastors and leaders involved in the prayer initiative.

- Pray for Pastor Josh Harrison with Canopy Church, and Pastor David White from New Song Worship Center 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.
- Pray for God to unite intercessors and people of prayer in our city
- Pray for our city to become a praying city.
- Pray for God to raise up a dedicated team of leaders from various churches across our city to continue to walk out and establish a Spirit lead prayer strategy for our city.
- Pray for God to stir a hunger for more of Him among His people
- Pray for God's anointing on the Prayer Tent that is creating a space for unity and worship among the city. Every Monday night at Rock Harbor, led by Floodways.

Neighborhoods - Pray for Reina Cuthill as she transitions full time as Director of our Neighboring Initiative

- Pray for Pastor Christine Nolf from Redemption and Pastor Eric Wayman from Lighthouse Community Church that God would give them clear vision for the Neighboring Initiative.
- Praise God for the planning committee of Love Costa Mesa who come from various churches, the community and city hall.
- Pray for Reina as she listens to God for vision and strategy regarding the Neighboring Network
- Pray for our team of intentional neighbors throughout Costa Mesa to grow in their relationships with one another, grow in number and grow in their ability to impact their neighborhoods.
- Pray development of a strategy for effective neighboring.
- Pray for neighboring hubs to emerge in each city throughout Costa Mesa
- Pray for Reina to be able to develop a strong "Neighboring Initiative Team" to lead neighboring efforts throughout the city.

Education - Pray for Terrilee Stevenson as she has now stepped full time into the role of Director of the Education Initiative.

- Pray for Pastor Andrew Brownback from The Crossing Church, Pastor Drew Ross from Christ Lutheran Church, and Pastor Chris Kretzu from South Hills Church that the Lord would bless them with new and fresh vision to take the Education Initiative to a new level in 2021.
- Pray for the introduction of the Community and Family Engagement (CAFE) model into several of our schools later this Fall, that God would use this to galvanize our community efforts around impacting our schools.
- Pray for God to raise up more "School Champions" from within our church connections at the schools to really help establish a more robust community engagement in our schools from the entire community.
- Pray for the interim Superintendent Hank Bangser as he hands over leadership to the new Superintendent that has been hired for NMUSD.
- Pray for the new Superintendent that he would acclimate quickly, be a bridge to the community, to teachers and families. Pray for wise leadership as he leads through the continuing Covid reality and balances the needs of all segments of the school district.
- Pray for favor with School District Leadership and the ability to establish an MOU with them to implement the School Connect, CAFE. model as we move forward.

Homelessness – Pray for John Begin as he leads the charge on homelessness and works with leaders from various parts of the city.

- Pray for Pastor Dave Gundlach from Grace Fellowship Church, and Pastor Ben Applebee from Watermark OC that the Lord would lead and guide them as they speak into the Homeless Initiative.
- Pray for John as he continues to lead the charge for the city on follow up with our homeless friends who are now in housing, for wisdom in how encourage them and favor in establishing "Housing Support Teams" from our churches to help encourage these folks in their newfound scenarios.
- Pray for more volunteers at the Shelter to help with the meals.
- Pray God for the Support Contract with the City of Anaheim

Trellis: - Pray for Ian Stevenson and our operations team as they strive to be good stewards and leverage what God has given.

- Pray for the "City Catalyst" cohort we have started with 6 cities represented, for wisdom & favor in each city for the leaders we are working with, Next cohort meeting is August 26th
- Pray for the City on a Hill Leaders Round Table. Praying for 20 cities to participate
- Pray for the Trellis Team to continue to grow and develop as a team and as catalysts who can continue to stimulate, facilitate and lead in collaborative work in our city and beyond.
- Pray for wisdom as Ian leads our team, works with our board and develops the "Pastors Lead Team" in Costa Mesa.
- Pray for God's provision to be able to bring our initiative leaders on full time by year end.