

# Year of Focused Prayer

## February

### Praying for Your City

Week 1 – Mayor/City Leaders

Week 2 – Businesses/Economy

Week 3 – City Employees

Week 4 – Revival and Outpouring

As servants of the Lord, we can not be slothful in the harvest. We realize that as the need for a Savior comes into people's lives, the responsibility on each one of us is to reach these people. Our prayer should be baptize us with **passion** and **compassion** for our city! Whether rich or poor, young or old, healthy or sick, we must have compassion for those who need Christ.

Pray for:

- the transformation of your city
- God to remove spiritual powers of darkness
- God's light to bring many to abundant life
- righteousness to be established so blessings can flow
- relationships to be restored throughout our cities
- the Word of God to be understood
- our eyes to be opened to what God sees for our city and county
- God to make us life giving streams to help in the restoration of this land
- the glory of God to be made known in your city!

### Week 1

#### Mayor/City Leaders

City leaders are faced daily with difficult decisions. Pray that they:

- will be persons of integrity and above reproach.
- might have wisdom and good sound judgment.
- will be courageous, have boldness to do that which is right and good, regardless of the consequences.
- will enjoy good health, stamina, and strength.
- will be persons of deep, abiding faith and trust in God.
- will have their attention drawn to the inestimable value of relying on the Holy Bible for wisdom and guidance
- may be just leaders who rule in the fear of God
- will be persons free from covetousness and immorality who do not misuse power, position, or possessions
- will be persons with a heart for the poor, will be charitable and compassionate. Proverbs 29:14.

*\*\*Why not give your mayor a call and ask if he/she has any specific requests that your church can pray for? Have focused prayer for these needs and then send a letter from the church letting them know that you prayed.*

## **Week 2** **Businesses/Economy**

Pray for:

- Godliness to prevail over the businesses
- employees of local businesses
- for businesses to prosper; and as they do, the owners and employees would give God the glory!!
- God to bless the economy in your city or town
- for those unemployed to find jobs

Local workforce:

make a list of local businesses to pray for (be sure to include those owned by members of your church)

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## **Week 3** **City Employees**

Have focused prayer for those employees who serve your city. These are people who impact our lives on a daily basis, yet are frequently overlooked. Try to find a way to say thank you this week to someone who works for the city. Send a card or take a cake or box of cookies by city hall or by to those who work on the roads.

- Pray that they Lord would be a shield for every employee of this city. Pray His protection around them. Let no harm come to them.
- Pray that city employee's would be followers of that which is good and not that which is evil. Pray they be God-fearing and righteous- protecting people.
- Pray blessings on their lives as well as their families.
- Pray if they do not know Christ, that a door will open for someone to share the Gospel with them

## **Week 4** **Revival and Outpouring**

### **How to Pray for Unbelievers**

Prayer on behalf of lost people is clearly mandated by Christ in Matthew 6:9-10. The Apostle Paul models and exhorts believers concerning prayer for the lost (see Rom.10:1-2; I Tim. 2:1-4). Below is a guide that can be used to pray biblically and effectively for those that are lost.

- Pray for Receptive and Repentant Hearts (Luke 8:5-12)
- Pray for their spiritual Eyes and Ears to be opened to the truth of Christ (2 Cor. 4:3-4; Matt. 13:15).
- Pray for them to have God's Attitude toward sin (John 16:8).
- Pray for the person to be Released to believe (2 Cor. 10:3-4; 2 Tim 2:25-26)
- Pray for a Transforming life (Rom. 12:1-2).
- Pray for God to Send them into his harvest field (Matt 9:35-38).