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Prayer for Whatcom County and the World - May-June 2023

Praise and Worship

Psalms 24 is a call to personal and corporate repentance and a great encouragement of God's own desire to "Come in" to dwell or abide with us. I encourage you to pray this for every group.

Psalms 24 (New English Translation - NET)

¹ The LORD owns the earth and all it contains, the world and all who live in it. ² For he set its foundation upon the seas and established it upon the ocean currents.

³ Who is allowed to ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may go up to his holy dwelling place? ⁴ The one whose deeds are blameless and whose motives are pure, who does not lie or make promises with no intention of keeping them. ⁵ Such godly people are rewarded by the LORD, and vindicated by the God who delivers them.

⁶ Such purity characterizes the people who seek his favor, Jacob's descendants, who pray to him. (Selah)

⁷ Look up, you gates! Rise up, you eternal doors! Then the majestic king will enter! ⁸ Who is this majestic king? The LORD who is strong and mighty! The LORD who is mighty in battle! ⁹ Look up, you gates! Rise up, you eternal doors! Then the majestic king will enter! ¹⁰ Who is this majestic king? The LORD who commands armies! He is the majestic king! (Selah)

- Pray for the 'gates' of your heart and family to open up.
- Pray for the 'gates' of depression to open up and the King will come in to heal.
- Pray for the 'gates' of immorality to open up that the King of Glory, the Lord of Righteousness may come in and purify His Bride.

Pray for your Church (Families and the schools your kids attend)

The pressure that society is putting on families and churches is very intense. But God has given us His promises and His strategies for thriving even in very difficult times. Let's pray for our own churches (pastors/leadership), families (youth programs, small groups, ...) and our neighborhoods with the following verses.

-**John 4:24** - God is Spirit, and the people who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

-**John 13:34** - I give you a new commandment—to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

-**Psalms 71:3** - Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come....

Pray for the Body of Christ (Pray for your city focusing on other churches and your school district)

Church – John 17:21 - that they will all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. I pray that they will be in US, so that the world will believe that You sent Me.

-Pray for a culture of prayer and worship to grow in our pastors and congregations.

-Pray the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His harvest.

-The Church would uphold the sanctity of life from womb to tomb.

-Pray for pastors facing disease and discouragement to receive healing and refreshment.

-Pray for 30 churches to become Houses of Refuge for the abortion vulnerable by the fall of 2024.

Education – James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

-Due to State budget cuts most of our school districts are reducing staff...pray for peace, kindness, creative problem solving, God's will.

-Pray for people from the body of Christ to volunteer in the schools.

Family – Acts 4:29-30 - And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

-Pray for the Legislature/Governor and the laws being discussed that could have terrible impact on education and families.

-Pray earnestly for the Whatcom Pregnancy Center and all pregnancy centers as the bills going through Olympia are targeting any Pro-Life speech and/or action, aiming to shut down centers like ours.

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Art/Media – Exodus 35:35 - He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers.

-truth and honesty in the media concerning elections (see gov't)

-Pray that God inspires local artists and media personalities ... to display the Gospel.

-Pray that the film "Jesus Revolution" will captivate our nation, and that God will send REVIVAL again!

Business – Matt 6:33 - But seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness.

-Pray that business leaders will conduct their businesses in concert with God's principles and with a primary focus on impacting the world for Christ – putting people before profits.

-Pray that we will see an overwhelming spirit of generosity coming from more and more businesses in order to support God's work throughout the world, starting first with our local community.

Development – 3 John 2 - Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

-Pray for Christians to befriend those whose loneliness dramatically impacts physical health. Pray these people can find a counselor.

-Prison ministries as they are able to run Bible Studies but need more leaders, particularly women to go into the jail and teach.

Government – Psalm 72:1-2. O God, grant the king the ability to make just decisions! Grant the king's son the ability to make fair decisions! ² Then he will judge your people fairly, and your oppressed ones equitably. Also 1 Timothy 2:1-4

-There are 60 significant offices in county, city gov't and school boards open for election this year. Pray for godly candidates and then pray for wisdom in candidacy. Filing week is May 15-19.

-Pray for our current elected officials. County Executive Satpal Sidhu, County council, your city mayor and council, Governor Inslee, President Biden and those in state and national governments.

Health – Isaiah 41:10. Don't be afraid, for I am with you! Don't be frightened, for I am your God! I strengthen you—yes, I help you—yes, I uphold you with my saving right hand!

-Health care workers need a Rom 5:5 filling with the love of God (lots of grumpy people who are hurting and coming in for treatment).

-People not getting well...and unusual presentations at unusual ages... pray for wisdom for those diagnosing treatment.

International Missions/Israel/Native Americans – Matthew 28:18 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

-Pray for the millions of Muslims in the middle east that had an encounter with Jesus during these last 2 months. Pray they fully give their life to Jesus, pray for their safety and for disciplers.

-The main prayer focus for May is Israel and Jews around the world. See the prayer guides and other opportunities in the list below.

Laurel Missions: Our Church Family, The McGees; JungleMaster Missions in Peru.

Since the McGees are in the states for 2-3 months with a very busy schedule I wanted to give them a break from a LOW update this month – just ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers for Joel, Amy, and Carmen, while they are here in the states.

Here some ideas:

Praise God that He provided a solution for a responsible adult staying in their house while they are in the States for three months. Pray for safety for them and their property while gone.

Pray for Carmen while she is back in the States since she is more used to her Peruvian culture than of the US. Pray that she will feel at peace and close to God while here. Also pray for wisdom, direction and discernment as she seeks the Lord's will for His guidance now that she has graduated from high school.

Pray for Amy as she works out preparations for Carmen's graduation party in Mississippi and planning a family reunion while in Mississippi. May His peace rest upon her and give her strength for all of the traveling the family will be doing.

Pray for Joel to be refreshed; body, soul, and spirit, when he returns to the ministry of JungleMaster in Peru. Pray he will be able to renew and make connections with family, friends, ministry supporters, and the board of JungleMaster.

Also, pray for Joel as they return back to Bellingham for him to be a blessing to Casey Smith and Kayla Ray as he will officiate their wedding July 16 th.

In conclusion, I strongly encourage you to watch their new JungleMaster video they just finished. It is a real blessing to see how God is answering your prayers and how to focus your prayers for the Kingdom of God through their ministry with JungleMaster.

You can look up: JungleMasters Documentary, on YouTube, it is 19 minutes long or try cut and paste: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYBNE_qzNRM

Benediction for you and the McGee family:

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24–25 ESV