

Day2Pray
Sustainable - Strategic - United
Prayer for Whatcom County – August 2023

Praise and Worship

Jesus said in John 15:16 – “You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are the first family. We have been adopted into this family. You were chosen by God. You are family. Let’s pray that the body of Christ learns each day how to walk together as a loving family.

How does prayer become – Sustainable – Strategic – United?

Let’s look at the word prayer. This is a family conversation with the most loving Papa ever. This is the conversation between Jesus, our Bridegroom and us, His beloved (Revelation 19:9). As we join in this conversation our ‘prayer’ is sustainable because we are joining with God’s family. We do not have to carry the load by ourselves, for His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Our prayer is strategic because we are listening to our Papa and praying what is on His heart. Our prayer is united as we unite our hearts with His heart and therefore with each other.

Pray for your Home and Church Families

Church – Ephesians 4:15-16 – “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

- VBS & Christian camps. Pray the Spirit of God will draw 100’s to faith in Jesus and connect the body of Christ in families and generations to follow Jesus together.
- Praying for church creative teams to integrate the arts into our community and to build this ministry through prayer with His wisdom. Seeking prayers for God's favor working to display His Beauty to those around us.

Family – Job 1:5 – “And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.”

- Generational intercession needed – Parents/G’parents praying for G’kids... and Kids praying for parents/G’parents
- Pray God will heal the wounds due to past family issues.
- *Moms in Prayer Rise Up and Pray* event will be on September 18th from 7-9 pm at LOWPC. Prayer for: Grace for the promotion of the gathering, grace for unity within the women who attend, grace in the call to pray for schools in our community. We desire that every school have robust prayer coverage.

- *House of Refuge Churches* - Pray for ten churches to become House of Refuge Churches by September – Churches that will welcome and love the men and women who are abortion vulnerable. PRAISE that 4 churches have already committed to this.

Pray for your City: (city churches, government, school district)

Education – Romans 15:4-6 – “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- School board elections – Praying for the wisdom of God to lead candidates and for discernment on the part of voters.
- Hiring and re-arranging staff and Union negotiations – There are many decisions still to be made as schools continue to navigate budget cuts. Pray for God’s grace in decisions and communication. Pray for the teachers and staff who are now looking for new jobs.
- Summer input to kids...social media etc.

Government – Colossians 1:16 – “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

- Pray for the elections for County and city Councils, County Executive and Mayors. Pray Christians would get out to vote.
- Pray that those who are running for office and those currently in office will ‘see’ the people of this county. Pray they will not be motivated by their own ideas/career aspirations but by the wisdom and principles of God.

Pray for Whatcom County and missions:

Art/Media – Ephesians 6:11-12 – “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

- Michael and Shari Lienau are creating a teen film series called EVEN the DARKNESS and have just completed the first 5-episodes with an amazing cast and crew. They say, “The success of the project so far can only be credited to prayer covering and the kindness and presence of Holy Spirit as we ‘co-create’!
- Pray to get the series sold to the best platform to reach the audience Holy Spirit has prepared and so we can produce the next seasons.”
- Pray for the message that God is both loving and supernatural to go out to youth.

Business – Deuteronomy 8:18 – “You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

- Pray for Christians in business to see business as mission, that they will have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the business leaders.

Health – Proverbs 8:32-33 – (wisdom says) “And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.”

- There are national policies that drive short patient stays. Let us pray that our hospitals would be so committed at the admin level to full healing so that patients would be cared for as long as needed.
- Truth vs. cultural 'truth'. Pray the hospital admin will be awakened to God's truth about human bodies/sexuality.

International Missions/Israel/Native Americans – Jeremiah 31:3 – "...I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

- Israel – Pray that the unity between Jews and Arabs will deepen. Pray protection over all the leaders and their families.
- There was a conference in Amsterdam (6000+ people from 130 nations) launching a worldwide effort to reach every person on earth with the gospel. Pray for God's voice to be heard and for His Power to reach all unreached people groups through His church.
- Pray for the summer gospel proclaiming camps and Bible studies for Lummi and Nooksack tribes.
- **Laurel Missions: Our Church Family, The McGees; JungleMaster Missions in Peru. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers for Joel, Amy, and Carmen, especially for safety, health, and ministry for such a time as this.**
- We are thanking God so much for the time that we have been able to have here in the U.S.!
- Please be praying for Carmen as she is going back home to Peru by herself on Wed. getting through customs smoothly and safe travels, especially from the airport by taxi home.
- Joel and Amy are leaving next week. Pray they are able to wrap up everything here before going home and for all three of them to get over travels and a smooth transition back into the routine of ministry and catching up while they were gone.
- Please be praying for those in leadership positions in Peru and keep the government in your prayers. I have heard that there has been more political unrest.
- Please keep praying for the JungleMaster Peruvian team that has been maintaining the school project property.
- Pray for Rocio and Abrahams' daughter as well as Abrahams' wife Jessica as they are staying at our house in Nauta and keeping it maintained and safe for us. We are so blessed for these ladies to willingly stay in our house and keep it going while we are away in the States.
- We do ask that you lift Rocio (our Goddaughter) up in prayer as she is struggling with a personal battle and needs God's guidance.

Benediction Jude 24–25 (ESV):

"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, 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."