

COMMUNITY PRAYER GUIDE



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“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1

Church

Pray for local Jesus-followers to have the Lord’s perspective on all issues of life.
Pray for your pastors’ & leaders’ families: God’s peace, joy and guidance.
Ask God to empower us, His people, to love our neighbors and one another.
Pray for God to give His solutions to His people to help solve community problems.

Education

Pray for every Christian educator to have a daily awareness of God's partnership with them:
His Spirit loving and speaking through them to students & staff.
Pray for educators to have creative solutions to cultivate healthy relationships within their classrooms.
Pray for students who have gaps from the covid disruption to have clarity and help to learn & grow.

Family

Pray for peace and stability for families as they transition into the new school year.
Pray for the refreshment, rejuvenation and protection of youth and family support workers/systems (ODHS, DYS, counselors, etc).
Pray for God to expose the fentanyl crisis, intervene before addiction begins, and protect the young.
Pray for marriages to be strengthened with the Lord’s love, persistence & joy.

Business

Pray for two of the largest local employers, the U of O and Sacred Heart Hospital:
for good and wise business practices that provide blessing & community well-being.
Pray for the financial sector to be strong & have integrity, so confidence grows in the banking system.
Pray for business leaders to have God’s wisdom and to lead with integrity and virtue.
Pray for Jesus-followers in every workplace to connect with each other and engage faith at work.

Government

Pray for clear communication among local city/county governments to better serve the community.
Pray for God to highlight truth and expose untruths in all local governments.
Pray for local governments to have a united and shared vision for our community.
Pray for God to give wisdom and guide the hearts of our local government leaders.



Answer to Prayer: Bethel School District Launches New Strategic Plan

Its mission statement is "to create relevant, responsive, and joyful learning communities where all students thrive," and their priorities address many of the ways we have been praying on the prayer guide: 1) Relevant and responsive learning, 2) Joy and wellness, 3) Belonging and engagement, and 4) Strong schools, strong communities. Additionally, they have implemented new plans and curriculum to bolster reading levels.

Let’s keep praying for “district leaders to have God’s wisdom and innovative, bold strategies to create environments where students can learn and grow.”

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

Health Care

Pray for God to unite & give wisdom to health care professionals (HCPs) to address the Fentanyl crises (Fentanyl is the leading cause of death in Oregon).
Pray for the leadership teams of Sacred Heart & Lane County Health: clarity of mission, God’s wisdom and joy.
Pray for HCPs to speak truth into areas of the sanctity of life, the beginning & end.

Arts

Pray for students interested in music & the arts to be encouraged and guided by God’s hand as they develop their abilities in school.
Pray for the Lord to inspire all types of art teachers with His enthusiasm & direction.
Pray for God to empower Christ-following artists to glorify Him with their art.

Media

Pray for local media to highlight stories of virtue that help build healthy community.
Pray for media leaders to create ways for more local news to be reported; pray also for clear vision and wisdom to effectively lead the local media organizations.
Pray for local TV, radio and print media employees to be guided by God’s hand.

Police & Fire Departments

Pray for health, protection, and wisdom for our local First Responders.
Pray for First Responders and their families to be encouraged at work and at home.
Pray for people of noble character to be hired, as all departments need employees.
Pray for the Oregon Legislature to fully fund the “Community Corrections Act,” so that no public safety cuts will happen.

Sports

Pray for God’s hand to be on local athletics: U of O, high school and youth sports.
Pray for God to use sports to help youth thrive, physically, mentally & spiritually.
Olympic Track & Field athletes are sharing their testimonies at Matthew Knight Arena. Pray for God’s love & power to draw people and fill hearts with new life. Read more below.



Hear the Glory: September 18th Olympic Athletes Share Their Faith

Olympic athletes are working together with local leaders host an outreach at Matthew Knight arena on Monday, September 18th. They will share their personal testimonies about Jesus. Check onehopenetwork.org/hear-the-glory and @onehopenetwork on Instagram for details.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Kids & Family Resource & Spanish Prayer Guide:
onehopenetwork.org/community-prayer-guide
Answers to Prayer: onehopenetwork.org/testimonies