

## **5. Pray for your Church**

### **For Your Pastors and their family:**

Pray for the pastor/s God has placed in your church that they would work and rest well, closely with the Good Shepherd.

*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. Ephesians 4:15-16*

### **Church Leadership and Staff:**

Pray that your church will love your leadership staff well, seeking to understand and to serve alongside one another.

### **Congregation:**

Pray that all God's people will come to love as Jesus loved and live together in a refreshing unity of heart and mind...so that the world will know (John 13:35)

### **Outreach:**

Lovingly intercede for those in the world who have a great need for love: the least, the last, the lost, the hopeless, the helpless, and the hungry.

Be praying for 3 specific needs in your church:

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## **Day2Pray**

### **Whatcom Prayer Strategy**

### **November/December 2019**

### **1. Worship**

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:12-14*

Praise the Lord for how he has loved you. Write down three ways that he has shown love to you.

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### **2. Pray for Yourself**

- Thank Jesus for loving you and for setting the love-standard for us by laying down his life for us.
- Promise Jesus that you will do your best to love others as He loves you.
- Praise God for His lavish and everlasting love, so clearly shown to us – “in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- Ask God to give you a heart so full of love that it will overflow in love to others, even to those who are hard to love.

### **3. Pray for Your Family & Friends**

Pray for family members, friends, or co-workers that have not yet experienced Jesus' love by name:

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## 4. Pray for Whatcom County

These prayer requests were compiled by leaders of LOWPC's strategic teams – individuals who serve in those areas of society.

### **Arts & Media:**

- Pray for Christian music artists to write songs that reach into the secular world. Music can shape culture so we are praying for culture shaping artists that have influence outside the church.

### **Business:**

- The Illuminate conference (Christian business Leaders) opened a door for effective ministry. Pray for wisdom, direction and Divine strategies for the committee as they plan the next steps. Ephesians 1:17-19.
- Pray for business leaders to mentor each other in humility and transparency creating relationships that transform the business community. Ezekiel 11:19
- Pray for 5+ new businesses to have morning prayer times at the work place.

### **Church:**

- Pray for the church to grow in thanksgiving, gratitude, and generosity. Pray for giving (tithes and offerings) to triple this holiday season.
- Pray for the Christmas season and Christmas Eve services to effectively share the gospel with the unreached, and unbelieving families members. Pray for Operation Christmas Boxes, and love-motivated outreaches to poor and needy families in our churches.
- Pray for 3 new church plants in the county; Bless the City (AOG), Sonlight (CRC), and Holy Preparation (Anglican).

### **Development (Social Services):**

- Pray that churches would work for each person in their care to experience transformation in their walk with Christ. Praying that more and more people will experience freedom from besetting sins.
- Pray that God would open the hearts and minds of both Christians and non-Christians who serve the same people and cause of social justice and human need, to work together in mutuality and respect. And that God would encourage and promote His children who work within secular agencies.

### **Education:**

- Pray for the boldness to stand up for Jesus. September had "Meet you at the pole" as a time for students to pray together before school. Pray that students, teachers, staff and administrators would find and make bold statements that proclaim their faith in Jesus. Pray for teachers and staff to pray together before school once a week. Matthew 16:24

- Bellingham School Partnership prayer targets: Continued favor from the School District to continue to help serve in this way.
- Find more churches to partner for the schools within the Bellingham School District (till all schools are reached).

### **Family:**

- Please pray for families/marriages in distress to find the resources in our community available and pray for abundance in the church and Faith ministries ie. Family Promise Bellingham, Love after Marriage, Band of Brothers, Retrouvaille.
- Please pray for the Lord to stir the hearts of the Church Parents toward the children that we would receive and desire more than our capacity carrying a heart for the orphan. Malachi 4:6, James 1:27. Whatcom County Pregnancy, Bethany Christian Services, Skookum Kids, 40 days 4 Life.

### **Government:**

- Pray that the Church of Whatcom County and specifically the church of *Bellingham*, would get involved, be engaged in City government, pay attention, and let their voices be heard.
- Pray for the TRUTH to be sought after in committee meetings, hearings, debates over city, county ordinances and policies.

### **Health:**

- Pray that health care workers of faith would model healthy boundaries including Sabbath rest.
- Pray that Christian health care workers will create times to pray together before their shifts at each facility in the county.

### **International Missions:**

- Pray that the government of India does not succeed in their plans to make witnessing illegal (their goal is to enforce this by the end of the year). Pray for mighty evangelism efforts through the Project 92 missionaries in India in these two months!
- Pray for the salvation of unbelieving Jews in Israel. Pray for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit upon all Israel, and that God would remove the blindness over their eyes so they can see the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus! 2 Cor. 4:4-6
- Pray for an administrative assistant for our local ICR base (International Christian Response)

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