

Day2Pray

Sustainable – Strategic - United Prayer
for Whatcom County - September / October 2021

1. **Worship** Psalm 108

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

2 Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

3 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

6 That your beloved ones may be delivered,

give salvation by your right hand and answer me!

2. **Prayer Focus**

Eph 4:1, Col 1:10, 2:6

The circumstances of our lives change constantly. Sometimes in dramatic fashion as they have in this last year and a half. However, God does not change at all (Heb 13:8). His will for the church, for His Body, for His Bride has not changed either. We are to be “on mission” as the body of Jesus Christ. Join with us in praying for the people of God in each of the spheres that we will be filled with the Spirit of God, to do the will of God, for the purposes of God, in the power of God, for the Glory of God.

Ask the Holy Spirit for “ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (seven times in Rev 2 & 3, 2:7...). How is God calling you, your family, your church, and our community into His Mission for the world? We know He is calling us to love our neighbors as ourselves (John 13:35) and to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19). What does this look like in your setting?

These prayer targets were compiled by leaders of LOWPC's strategic teams.
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3. **Strategic prayers for Whatcom County**

Arts & Media: (James 1:5, 2 Corinthians 2:15)

- Pray for Praise 106.5 as they proclaim the message of hope and encouragement in our area, including Canada, sharing the gospel to a diverse audience. Pray for guidance as they seek a new morning host for the radio station.
- Pray for The CHOSEN series on the life of Jesus to be viewed by millions around the world and 10,000's in our county. Pray that those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus will be provoked by the shows to seek Him.

Business: (Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21, 6:33)

- Pray for the business leaders of faith conference: Illuminate on November 18. Pray for protection for both spiritual and physical aspects of this event.
- Pray for godly relationships between business leaders as they seek to run their businesses according to the values of the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Pray for the follow up after the conference. Pray that many weekly prayer times would start in businesses around our county.

Church: (Matt 24:4, Acts 17:11)

- Father we ask for hearts of worship every day. Draw us into worship of You and with You so that the world may see our first priority is to honor You.
- Father we ask that you fill our hearts with a desire to fulfill the mission of the church, to reach those who don't know Jesus personally with the Good News of the Gospel.
- Father we ask that the churches of Whatcom County will walk in unity of purpose and spirit to the Glory of God.

Development: (2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Galatians 2:10)

- Father we ask for comfort for our Social Services people, that they may be able to comfort others with the comfort they themselves have received. Father we ask for your intervention in physical, mental, and spiritual challenges in our community.
- Pray for all those who work with the poor, homeless, and marginalized in our communities for their physical safety, spiritual safety. Pray for the marginalized that they will not be 'used' as pawns for a political agenda.

Education: (Isaiah 11:2-3, Ephesians 4:1)

- Pray for each believing educator to understand the calling of God on their lives that they can love the student in front of them and strive for righteousness in an environment increasingly challenging to biblical values.
- Father we ask that educators at all levels will have wisdom and understanding to teach and lead in a manner worthy of the gospel.

Family: (Colossians 2:2-5, John 4:23-24)

- Pray for parents to have the wisdom to navigate in a Christ-exalting manner all the messages that their children are being exposed to.
- Father we ask that You continue to draw your children to your heart and equip them to worship you with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Lead youth leaders in the churches and at LOWPC to teach kids the value, the art, and the glory of worship.

Government: (Luke 6:35, 1 Timothy 2:1-5)

- Pray for the body of Christ to prayerfully engage in promoting and voting Biblical values in local, state, and national elections and conversations. Holy Spirit teach us how to talk about challenging and/or divisive issues and love as Christ loves.
- Father we ask for You to move the hearts of Christ-followers in each governmental office to meet together for prayer each week.

Health: (Hebrews 12:1, 2 Thessalonians 2:15)

- Pray for the protection and strengthening of our medical professionals as many of them are working in understaffed and emotionally / physically demanding settings.
- Pray for a spirit of unity among medical professionals as they seek to balance state mandates, their workplace demands and their own personal challenges.

International Missions: (Matthew 5:15-16, 9:37-38)

- Father we pray for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan, both those who can get out and those who will stay. Father we ask for Your Kingdom to come.
 - Pray for the power of the Gospel to reach the lost and broken! Focus on the gospel as the ultimate answer (not the government). Rom. 1:16
 - Pray for the hurting brothers and sisters enduring severe persecution and suffering during this season. Heb. 13:3
 - Pray for finances to help bring in the Harvest. Get behind RUN (runministries.org) and/or numerous other ministry initiatives that understand how to multiply in spiritually dark times. Phil 4:19
 - Pray for an increase in spiritual discernment and wisdom for our government leaders around the world. 1 Timothy 2:1-5
- Father we pray for our brothers and sisters of the Nooksack and Lummi people. Father we ask that you send out (literally 'thrust forth') harvesters into the tribes that everyone for whom you died will know they are loved and cherished by God.
- Pray for indigenous missionaries in many countries like India where the efforts of governmental crackdown on Christians and the Covid virus combine to create a very challenging setting. Pray for open hearts that in the midst of all these difficulties many people will be open to the gospel.

4. Pray for Your Family & Friends

Luke 18:1 tells us that we ought to pray and not give up. This is a challenging verse in our culture. We like to do something then be done with it. Here God is asking us to persevere. The motivation to continue comes from knowing what it is we are actually praying about. In a word: eternity. We are asking for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those we love to draw them into the Kingdom of God for all eternity. That is worth it! Father would you move in the hearts of these 3 people as you did in Lydia's heart in Acts 16:14, "The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul."

5. Pray for your Church

The power of the Church comes from our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Pray for this knowledge and experience of intimacy from Ephesians 3:14-21. This prayer from the Apostle Paul is a gift to us to pray over our pastors, their families and over our churches.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.