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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To reveal truth and beauty, and to advance the Kingdom of God through creative expression.

Primary Stronghold:

Idolatry - Exaltation of Man or creation

SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

Pray that Philadelphia sports teams would be used of God to advance His Kingdom. The national spotlight was on the Philadelphia Eagles as they won the Super Bowl against all odds this year. One of the major stories was the spiritual life of the team. Carson Wentz and others helped lead a spiritual revival off the field, including regular prayer, bible studies, and the baptisms of many teammates. After winning the Super Bowl, they were able to give glory to God with tens of millions of people watching.

- Pray that those with local and national platforms would use it to glorify God and boldly declare the truth.
- Pray that the fans, especially children that emulate the players, would see Godly role models, and Kingdom Culture at work.
- Pray that the Eagles staff and players would continue to set high standards of unity, excellence and Godly character, and this would pervade the other sports teams in Philadelphia and around the nation.
- Pray specifically for Carson Wentz and his AO1 (Audience of One) foundation, where the vision is to “demonstrate the love of God by providing opportunities and support for the less fortunate and those in need.”

Scriptures: James 1:17, Matthew 5:14-16, Titus 2:7-8, Proverbs 13:20, Ephesians 6:20

KINGDOM VENUES

Pray that the music and fine arts venues of our city will increasingly become platforms for Godly creative expression, and epicenters of Kingdom Culture. Pray that doors would be closed to those who would release darkness in our city, and open to those who would release the light. Pray specifically for these areas:

- Stadiums: Wells Fargo Center, Citizens Bank Park, Lincoln Financial Field, etc.
- Avenue of The Arts: Kimmel Center, Academy of Music, Merriam Theater, etc.
- Penns Landing Area: There is a specific prophetic word given that The Fillmore would become a hub for Kingdom expression. SugarHouse Casino.
- Temple University is trying to build a new stadium - pray that God’s wisdom and counsel would prevail.

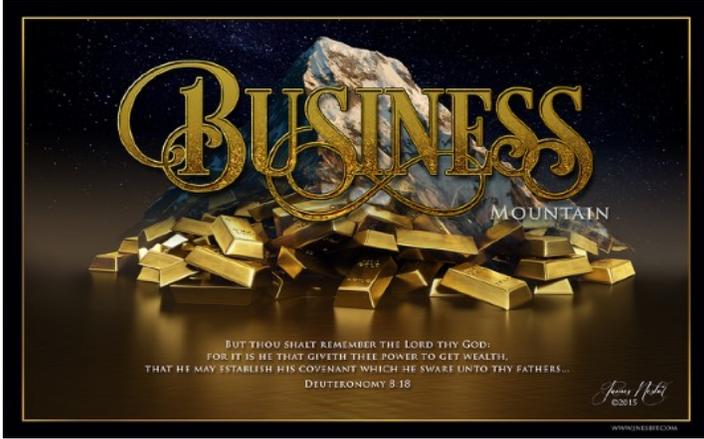
Scriptures: Exodus 25:40, Habakkuk 2:14, 2 Chronicles 2:5-7, Psalm 101:3, Colossians 3:1-2

WOUNDED HEARTS

Pray for healing and reconciliation of broken relationships between artists and church leaders. There has been a backdrop of marginalization and even hostility towards the arts coming from within the church for centuries. Many artists have been deeply wounded by this, or at the very least, struggle with their identities due to a lack of affirmation and basic discipleship.

- Pray that Fathers perfect love would overtake any ignorance or intolerance we hold towards each other in the church.
- Pray that the wounds inflicted on many artists, even by the church, would be healed, and that artists would arise in wholeness and maturity, fully reconciled with the body.
- Pray that artists would find their affirmation in the Father, and not in man’s approval.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 64:8, Psalm 139:13, Romans 11:29, 1 Peter 4:10



BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Wealth to establish God's Covenant

Primary Stronghold:

Greed, Mammon, poverty.

NEW JOB CREATION

Pray for 10,000 new jobs to be created in the Greater Philadelphia area (2 Thessalonians 3:12). 5 counties in the Greater Philadelphia area have an unemployment rate at or higher than the national average. According to reports, both Apple and Amazon have been considering Philadelphia as a possible city for their new office. Recently, a trusted prophet shared that he felt the Lord wanted to bring 10,000 new jobs to the Delaware Valley.

- Declare doors open that no man can shut and doors shut that no man can open for those seeking employment in the Delaware Valley.
- Pray that the Father would divinely connect employer and potential employee in a supernatural way.
- Pray for the Lord to bring new businesses to the Greater Philadelphia area, and for existing businesses to have greater success so as to expand employment opportunities.
- Declare favor over those who have criminal records, but whose hearts are changed and are seeking employment.

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 4:28, Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 & 5:18-20, John 4:34, Colossians 3:23, Psalms 90:17

STRENGTHENING SMALL BUSINESSES

Pray for healthy, strong, and multiplying small businesses in Greater Philadelphia (2 Corinthians 9:8). Small business (500 employees or less) is the backbone of the American economy. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employers, and since 1995, have generated 64 percent of new jobs, and paid 44 percent of the total United States private payroll. In recent years, Philadelphia has been lagging behind other cities of similar size in small business growth.

- Pray for wisdom and favor for current small business owners to conduct and grow their businesses with excellence.
- The connection between many small business owners and their employees is a unique one filled with opportunity for the Gospel. Pray that the Lord would be present and at work in these relationships.
- Pray for new small businesses to be attracted to the Delaware Valley and to come and be successful.
- Declare grace and favor over all those, especially in the Church, who have always had a dream of starting their own business. Declare freedom from the spirit of fear.

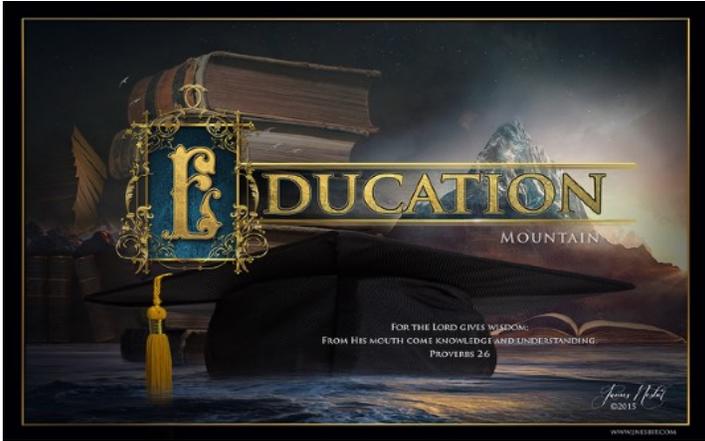
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:18, 2 Timothy 1:7, Ecclesiastes 11:4, Luke 19:1-24

BELIEVERS IN THE MARKETPLACE

Pray for believers to be promoted to places of influence and authority in the marketplace (Proverbs 29:2). Proverbs states that when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice. Of the top 100 economies in the world, 69 of them are not countries, but businesses. The market place is a critical leverage point of authority and influence in all societies.

- Pray for believers who have been overlooked for promotions to have favor and wisdom to increase their influence.
- Pray for believers to have pure hearts and to be kept from sin once promoted to greater levels of authority.
- Declare that God is raising up Daniels and Josephs in the marketplace to have great influence for the Kingdom of God.
- Declare that as the children of Abraham, we are blessed to be a blessing in the earth.

*Scriptures: Daniel 1:17-20, Genesis 41:37-40, Luke 2:52, Matthew 28:18-19, James 4:10, Genesis 12:1-3
1 Chronicles 11:6*



EDUCATION MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To teach the truth of God and His Word.

Primary Stronghold:

Satan - the father of lies (John 8:44), pride, secular humanism.

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Pray peace and protection over schools, their students, staff and families. A 2012 study of PSD found an average of 25 victims of violent crimes daily. In 2017 ABC News named Strawberry Mansion HS one of the most dangerous in the nation.

- Pray revelation and wisdom regarding root causes and Godly solutions.
- Pray for innovative ministry opportunities to reach violence prone children and youth.
- Pray for open doors and guidance to engage students and faculty with the good news of Christ.

Scriptures: Romans 1: 28-32, Ephesians 3:8-11, Hebrews 7: 25, Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Luke 18: 1-8, Psalm 91

NEW SCHOOL BOARD

Pray for God inspired innovation and boldness to transform Philadelphia schools. June 2018, the School Reform Commission that has run PSD since 2001 will be replaced by a school board, appointed by Mayor Kenney.

- Pray that practices that limit motivation and opportunity for needed change will be replaced with Kingdom principles, policies and procedures.
- Pray new board members have fear of God and courage to stand for righteousness and truth.
- Pray for Godly revelation about separation of church and state, prayer and bible reading in schools, PC agendas impacting schools.

Scriptures: Proverbs 23: 23, Matthew 20: 26-27, Proverbs 8: 12-21, Proverbs 9: 9

STRESS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Pray Shalom peace over all campuses. University of Penn was named the 2nd most stressful campus, nation wide, with high rate of suicide and sexual assault. Temple had high rate of hate crime.

- Pray for prayer warriors committed to shifting the spiritual atmosphere on their campus.
- Pray parents and other significant people build strong, positive relationships.
- Pray young adults have a revelation of how much God loves them and their identity is not in grades, expectations of others, etc.

Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 20:17, 2 Samuel 22: 29, Jeremiah 29: 11, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 11: 28, 1 Peter 5: 7, Philippians 4: 6-7



FAMILY MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To demonstrate the unconditional love of God

Primary Stronghold:

Rejection (real or perceived)

FOSTER CARE

Pray that God would raise up Godly Resource Parents (Foster Parents) in the Greater Philadelphia area - (Psalm 68:6).

DHS needs 300 additional homes (in Philadelphia alone) and is staging a major recruiting for the first time in 10 years.

- Pray that the church would rise to meet the need to care for these children.
- Declare that God is the one who sets the solitary in families, and pray for the need of 300 homes to be met quickly.
- Pray for the number of children entering the foster system to be decreased because of better stability in the home.
- Pray that children can be kept in foster homes in the same area that they are coming from (same county, etc.) so there is minimal disruption in their lives.

Scriptures: Psalm 82:3-4, Mark 9:37, Psalm 72:4, James 1:27, Matthew 25:40, Proverbs 22:6

FATHERLESSNESS

Pray for the hearts of the fathers to be turned back to the children - (Malachi 4:5-6).

In 2008, then Senator Barak Obama said: "We know the statistics—that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison."

- Pray that God would break the cycles of fatherlessness and rejection of children by fathers.
- Pray that those who were rejected by their fathers would be healed so that they can receive and love their children.
- Declare the Father heart of God over males of all ages, young and old.
- Pray for high profile and godly examples of fathers as well as those who will mentor the next generation of fathers.

Scriptures: Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27, Psalm 68:5-6, Ephesians 6:4, John 14:18, John 3:16

OPIOID ABUSE

Pray for those trapped in substance abuse issues, especially opioids (John 8:34-36). Drug overdoses accounted for 64,000 deaths nationally and was one key factor in life expectancy declining for the second straight year in the US. Locally, over 3,000 have died from opioids in the last three years and ER overdose visits are up 81% in PA for the last year.

- Declare the freedom that Jesus brings over all those caught in opioid abuse.
- Pray for the families of the addicted.
- Pray that ministries would be mobilized to engage and bring freedom to those in need
- Declare the wisdom of God over public and private agencies seeking to aid in this crisis.

Scriptures: Hebrews 4:15-16, Psalm 50:15, Philippians 4:13, Galatians 5:1, Psalm 91, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 6:17-18, Galatians 5:1



GOVERNMENT MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To rule and legislate with righteousness and justice.

Primary Stronghold:

Anti-Christ spirit, pride, corruption

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Pray that Philadelphia's reputation for corruption is turned around by responsible leaders in City Council, state and federal representatives and all elected officials.

- Pray that transparency and integrity become the benchmarks for all officials.
- Pray that all corruption would be exposed and expelled, and God's Kingdom purposes fulfilled.
- Pray that churches of Philadelphia become actively involved with City Council members and functions.
- Pray that God would appoint Kingdom minded apostles to City Council and recapture what has been lost.

Scriptures: Isaiah 14:12-16, Matthew 20:28, Proverbs 29:2, Proverbs 14:34, Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 16:18

MAY PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Pray that the men and women chosen by God to lead in this season would be elected. In the last five years, Philadelphia officials in local, state and nation government have been indicted and removed from office.

- Pray that the hearts of all candidates would be turned to God and they will have the courage to stand for Godly values.
- Pray that the Body of Christ would turn out 100% to vote for the person trusted to uphold God's values.
- Pray that the election process would be free of any voter fraud.

Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 19:2, Psalm 1:1, Exodus 18:21, 2 Samuel 23:3, Mark 12:30

CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE

Pray to reverse the trend of increasing crime and drug use. Philadelphia has the highest rate of crime and poverty of the 10 largest US cities. In 2017, homicides increased by 15%, and are at the highest level since 2012. The increase is thought to be related to the high incidence of drug trafficking.

- Pray that the violent crime rate in Philadelphia would be cut by 50% and continue to decline.
- Pray that the churches of Philadelphia pray in one accord for the roots of drug trafficking, addiction, and crime to be revealed and broken.
- Pray for strategies from heaven as to how the churches of Philadelphia can play a part in reducing crime and drug abuse.
- Pray that the Philadelphia Police Department would be adequately staffed to perform effectively.

Scriptures: Psalm 91, Proverbs 29:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:22, Isaiah 5:20, Proverbs 3:7, Galatians 6:7



MEDIA MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To share the good news of the gospel and the Kingdom of God through uncensored, unbiased truth.

Primary Stronghold:

Fear, terror, and manipulation of truth.

TRUTH

Pray that truth and unbiased reporting will become the standards for all forms of media in Philadelphia. According to Pew research, 88% of Americans believe 'fake news' or media manipulation create some level of confusion (64% believe it is a large amount of confusion) in our society.

- Pray that all deception in media be exposed, expelled, and replaced with truth.
- Pray for the Philadelphia Body of Christ and public to unify to hold the media accountable for reporting absolute truth.
- Pray that within one year, there would be a noticeable increase in reporting of unbiased, uncensored truth.
- Pray for strategies to deal with fake news and media manipulation on social media. Pray that believers would be discerning and not share fake news stories.

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Psalm 86:11, Matthew 6:33, Zechariah 8:16, Psalm 15:1-3

POSITIVE AND GOD-HONORING NEWS

Pray that “good news” will begin to replace negative and fear based news.

- Pray that salvation and fear of the Lord overtake every person within the media mountain.
- Pray for committed believers to pursue careers in and establish the media mountain for the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that the majority of the news reported would be The Good News, stories of redemption and hope, and positive news rather than negative and biased news.

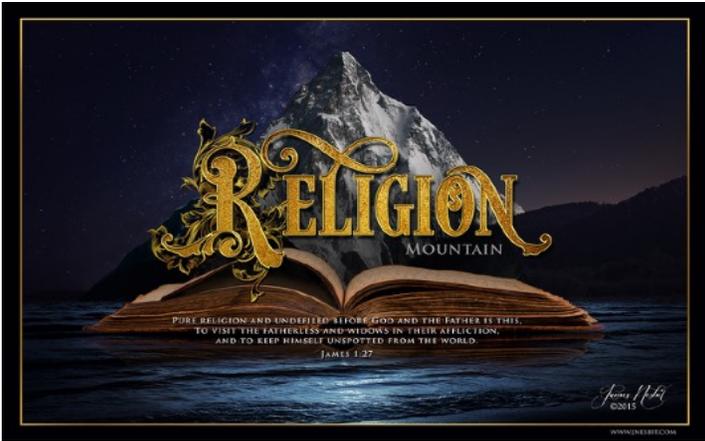
Scriptures: Proverbs 9:10, Isaiah 61:1, Isaiah 2:2, Isaiah 52:7, Philippians 4:8

SOCIAL MEDIA - CYBER BULLYING

Pray for strategies that deal with both the roots of this problem and how to stop it. Research shows that 70 percent of students report seeing frequent bullying online and more than 40 percent of children aged 12–17 say they have been a victim, with one in four saying it has happened more than once. Philadelphia School District is encouraging positive use of social media through kindness campaigns and contests, none of which are proving effective.

- Pray protection and healing for victims of cyber bullying, that they have a revelation of how much God loves them and find Godly friends and role models.
- Pray conviction in the hearts of the bullies, for them to stop and that the wounds that drive them to bully others will be healed.
- Pray for “safe” adults and organizations to whom victims of bullying can turn.

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1: 7, Deuteronomy 31: 6, Psalm 16: 7, Proverbs 15, 22



RELIGION MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Equipping the saints for the work of ministry.

Primary Stronghold:

Idolatry that steals worship from God.

UNITY OF THE BODY

Pray for Jubilee 2018 and One City, One Love. May 15-21, teams from across the region will worship 24/7 at Independence Mall, joined Saturday, May 19, by One City, One Love, which brings additional churches together to release love to Philadelphia.

- Declare Holy Spirit is preparing hearts and minds to receive a touch from God.
- Declare God is bringing his Body together in love, in the unity of spirit and the bond of peace.
- Pray favor for Jubilee / One City, One Love: arrangements, helpers, finances, etc.

Scriptures: Hebrews 10: 24-25, Psalm 133: 1, Ephesians 4: 16, Romans 15: 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1: 10

WORSHIPPERS RAISED UP

Pray for the restoration of Philadelphia as a city that worships God aligning with its founding as the City of Brotherly Love.

- Pray for a revelation of how to truly worship God in spirit and in truth.
- Pray that worship becomes a lifestyle of heartfelt praise and honor.
- Pray for worship leaders who have a deep relationship with the Lord and can lead people into His presence.

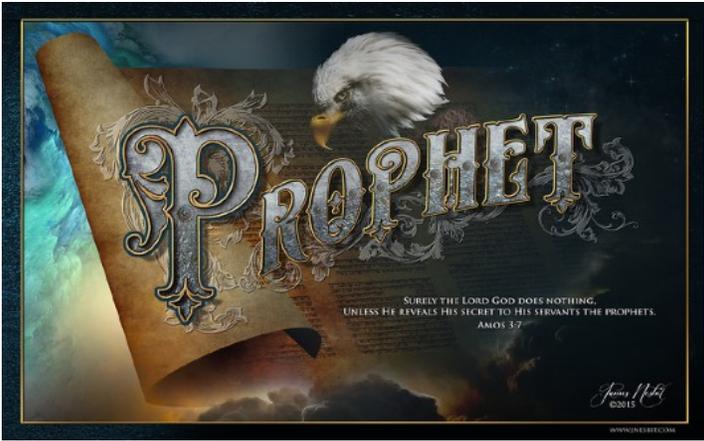
Scriptures: John 4: 23-24, Isaiah 61: 11, Ephesians 5: 19-20, Psalm 34: 1, Psalm 9: 1-2, Psalm 66: 1-4, Psalm 95: 6, Psalm 100

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

Pray for a revelation of the importance of marketplace ministry. The Hebrew word “avodah” means both work and worship, thus work can be a form of worship to honor God. 85% of the Christian workforce spends 60-70% of their waking hours in the marketplace where they encounter non-believers who would never enter a church.

- Pray the Body becomes intentional about demonstrating the gospel by the way we act in the marketplace.
- Pray discernment and boldness for Christians in the marketplace, so they fearlessly share their faith, when Holy Spirit leads them to.
- Pray Christians begin holding prayer meetings and Bible study in their workplaces.

Scriptures: Ephesians 4: 11-16, 1 Peter 2: 9, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6, Romans 12: 3-8, Matthew 22: 37-39, Colossians 3: 23-24



GENERAL PROPHETIC

The following are prophetic perceptions gleaned from a time of prayer and sharing of several respected leaders in the Greater Philadelphia region. The points below are areas where many were sensing the same thing from the Lord.

JOY

Pray for the joy of the Lord to flood the Delaware Valley in a profound way (Romans 14:17). The joy of the Lord is our strength, and it is also a critical part of the substance of the Kingdom. Surveys have consistently shown Philadelphia to be among the top most depressed, or unhappy cities.

- Declare a divine turnaround from mourning to the oil of joy (Isaiah 61:3). Sorrow has endured for the night, but it is now a new day (Psalm 30:5).
- Declare that strength is filling the Church as our joy is renewed (Nehemiah 8:10).
- Pray for the manifestation of joy as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22)

Additional Scriptures: Psalm 45:7, Psalm 104:15, Philippians 4:4, John 15:11, John 16:20, Isaiah 35:10

WATERS

Pray for spiritual wells, fountains, and rivers to flow in the Greater Philadelphia area. Water is a powerful symbol in the Bible. It speaks of cleansing and life among other things.

- Declare that there is a river whose streams make The Delaware Valley joyful! (Psalm 46:4)
- Declare that the Body of Christ is joyfully drinking deep from the wells of salvation, and that salvation is springing up all around us (Isaiah 12:3, 45:8)
- Declare that fountains of revival are springing up all over the region to refresh the weary saints (Judges 15:19)

Additional Scriptures: Psalm 1:1-3, Revelation 22:1-5, Number 21:17, John 4:13-14, Genesis 26:18, Zechariah 13:1, Proverbs 18:5, Amos 5:24, Psalm 105:41, Ezekiel 47:5-9

WISDOM

Pray that believers across the Delaware Valley would receive specific action steps to implement new vision from the Lord as they walk more closely with Him (Ephesians 1:17). In this new season, many have received new vision from the Lord. However, wisdom is needed for carrying these plans out effectively.

- Declare that God is releasing His wisdom to those who are asking - liberally and without reproach (James 1:5).
- Pray that people would not go back to what is comfortable or familiar, neglecting the new thing. Declare the new way breaking forth like streams in the desert (Isaiah 43:18-19).
- Declare we are receiving wisdom and revelation that transcends what we have seen and known in past seasons (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

Additional Scriptures: Ephesians 3:20-21, John 14:25-26, Proverbs 29:18, Habakkuk 2:2-3, Deuteronomy 34:9, 2 Chronicles 1:10