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A word from Jamie

Friends,

Since our last prayer guide, the world has changed. Covid-19 has brought unimaginable disruption to all of our lives. At its worst, it has brought loss of life, and at its most mild, a host of collateral issues that we will be dealing with for months, years and possibly even decades to come. Amidst a vast array of opinions on virtually all the 'facts', one thing is sure - life as we know it has changed significantly. A 'new normal' is inevitable.

In the midst of all of this stands a Church that has been entrusted with an unshakable Kingdom by a God who changes not. This crisis has caused the Church to seek the Lord in a profound and deep way. We have been forced to reaffirm the ancient truths we hold so dear, but present them in new ways. Many have been forced into new ways of thinking and new paradigms. The mercy of God has been working good in us, His people, in the midst of this crisis. The way the Church responds in the days ahead will determine how much the aforementioned 'new normal' will lean toward the characteristics of the unshakable Kingdom or the characteristics of a worldly system. In the aftermath of culture defining events, such as this one, there is always a struggle over what the path forward will look like. For this reason, I believe this is our most important prayer guide to date. Our prayers will have direct impact on what new realities take shape in our city and nation. Right now, there is tremendous potential for a measure of true reformation in many of the seven mountains.

I pray we will press in at this critical moment. We know the forces of darkness and unrighteous agendas will not rest. There is a clashing of kingdoms, but we know that our King has already won the victory and believe that a glorious Body, unified in prayer, is rising up in this hour to see great good come to our city through these trying times.

*Edit update: This prayer guide was completed at the time that the tragic death of George Floyd came to national attention. However, we felt it extremely important to add some prayer points related to racial injustice as the Church and nation wrestle with both the physical disease of coronavirus and the spiritual disease of racism. The prayer points regarding racial injustice are found in a separate section entitled *Standing Against Racial Injustice*.

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STANDING AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE

Repentance— “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7: 14)

- We repent for ourselves and our bloodline for any of the ways we have knowingly or unknowingly, through words, actions or our inactions, contributed to racial oppression; not affirming that every person is created in Your likeness and image, destined for a hope and a future; and not recognizing the trauma of our brothers and sisters who have been victimized and dehumanized by racism and its oppression. (Acts 17: 30 NLT)
- We repent for any contributions we have made to building and maintaining the institutions, systems, policies and practices of systemic racism. (Isaiah 10: 1-2 ESV)
- Forgive us for any of the ways Your Word has been used out of context to justify slavery and systems of oppression. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Forgive the leaders of Your church throughout history who have capitulated with a spirit of greed that required the subjugation of man for economic gain and immoral purposes. (Ezekiel 34: 2-3)

Breaking Powers of Racial Oppression - "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

- We declare condemnation on every demonic tongue and confession aligned with the powers of racial oppression! We cast down such thoughts and imaginations at the feet of Jesus! (Isaiah 54:17, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
- Break the oppressors' submission to the demonic powers that attempt to negate and manipulate rights and privileges of marginalized groups for selfish gain. (James 4: 7)
- Just as You appeared to Saul in a flashing light from heaven, blind the oppressors to the dark powers of racial oppression and awaken them to the reality that they are oppressing those made in Your image. (Acts 9:1-19)
- Give the oppressors the Spirit of wisdom and revelation; enlighten the eyes of their hearts to know Your incomparably great power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him at Your right hand in the heavenly realms! (Ephesians 1:19-22)
- Pray that the oppressors, also having been made in the image of God, would not use their equality with God to their advantage; rather, they would make themselves nothing by taking on the very nature of a servant. (Philippians 2:6-7)
- Pray that those who have been raised/indoctrinated in oppression, would have ears to hear a new sound of righteousness and justice, and that ignorance would be replaced with wisdom and understanding. (1 John 1: 7-9)

Restorative Justice– “But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty flowing stream.” (Amos 5: 24)

- Father, draw the hearts of the oppressed people under the blood of Jesus; redeem them from the plague of racial oppression. Hide them in Your presence from the principalities that would try to murder them in cold blood. (Exodus 12:13-28)
- Reform those coming out of oppression back into the original image of God’s intent. May they no longer be conformed to the misshapen image of the oppressors, who have disqualified people from sharing in their inheritance; instead, may the captives be set free, expressing joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified them to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:12)
- Bring each of us back to the place where we can be taught, corrected, and trained in Your righteousness, abandoning every word that has made us all into slaves of the devil. (Jeremiah 17: 14)
- Let us all embrace a fresh breath directly from Your mouth that would make us into servants equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 17)
- Convert the pain of oppression to an infilling of power for the bruising of senseless, systemic oppression across the nation! (Luke 10:19)

Reconciliation– “Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22: 37-40)

- We thank you for healing the spiritual, emotional and physical trauma of those who have been oppressed and restoring them to wholeness in all ways. (Lamentations 3: 21-13)
- We thank You for renewing our hearts that we, who are made in the likeness and image of You who are Love, may become love as well, and express that love in all we do, caring for others as Jesus taught us to. (Psalm 51: 10)
- We thank You for a spirit of humility to have honest conversations about racial issues across communities, government, and all sectors of society. Pray for conversations that transform communities and shift our national discourse. (James 1: 19)
- We thank You for strength and courage to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out Your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ Your son, who came to set us free. (Joshua 1: 9)
- Father, we declare that we will no longer know any man/woman by the flesh, but by the spirit, as You have instructed us to do. We declare that all who are in Christ are new creations and are reconciled to You. (Romans 8: 16)
- We declare that the supernatural ministry of reconciliation has been given to us, Your people, to take to a world desperately in need of such a ministry. Just as the Father was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, now we go and do the same; reconciling people to You and people to one another. (2 Corinthians 5: 16-19)



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

ARTS USED TO INDOCTRINATE CHILDREN

Pray for revelation and resolve to stop Drag Queen Story Hours and other indoctrinations to unGodly lifestyles. “Why You Really Need to Take Your Kid to Drag Queen Storytime” describes how “the pre-K set learns some invaluable lessons” in acting like a drag queen (Philadelphia Magazine, 7/24/19). Even the Please Touch Museum is hosting drag queens telling stories to 3 and 4 year olds. Pray Christians recognize the anti-Christ agenda to destroy the identity of children created in the image of God and are bold enough to stand against it.

- Pray for catalysts to organize parents to speak in one accord, not attacking those who know no better, but speaking wisely to point out agendas and protect the innocence of children.
- Pray protection for spirits, souls and bodies of children exposed to indoctrination.
- Pray salvation for those caught in unGodly life styles, healing from trauma and restoration of Godly identity.

Matthew 18: 6, Romans 8: 29, Leviticus 18: 22, Hebrews 13: 4,

FINANCIAL SURVIVAL OF MUSEUMS AND OTHER ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Pray the wisdom of God guides those making financial decisions regarding arts opportunities. The National Museum of American Jewish History filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Inquirer, 3/2/20) and The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is selling off parts of its collection (Inquirer, 2/15/20). Also, Mayor Kenney’s revised coronavirus budget cuts programs that support local artists, especially those in poorer communities.

- Pray that boards of directors and other decision makers have Godly wisdom in deciding what to cut from their budgets.
- Pray that exhibits and events that exalt man and mock God are the ones that are cut.
- Pray for private sector donations and volunteers to supplement the new budgets.
- Pray God’s people reject the spirit of humanism that idolizes man’s exploits and creations, and instead value them as representations of the gifts God has given mankind.

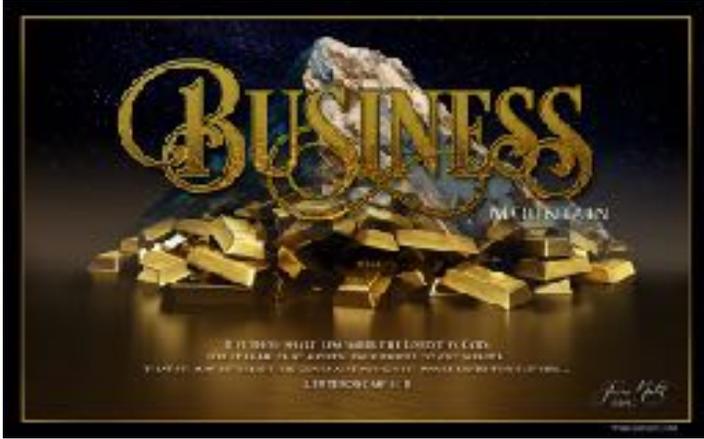
Philippians 4: 8, James 3: 17, Colossians 2: 8, 1 Corinthians 8: 1, Leviticus 19: 4

ART THAT TELLS TRUTH AND BRINGS COMFORT

Pray arts emerge to portray the reality of what has happened, from the devastation of loss, to the inspiration of hope. “DIY public art projects that have sprouted from the gloom of Philadelphia’s pandemic response — turning boarded-up storefronts and silent sidewalks into one big, open-air exhibition bearing messages of solidarity and comfort.” (Inquirer, 3/29/20)

- Pray the Christian community is inspired to contribute artistic expressions that share the experience and impact of the pandemic, as well as those that honor God and inspire people to look to Him for hope.
- Pray that these artists have opportunities to share their creations in secular arenas.
- Pray Christians mobilize to provide opportunities for children/adults to participate in arts classes and events that tell their stories.
- Pray for a renaissance of uplifting arts throughout the region as we move beyond the pandemic.

Romans 12: 2, Jeremiah 29: 11, Romans 15: 13, Ephesians 1: 18



BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Wealth to establish God's covenant

Primary Stronghold:

Greed, mammon, poverty.

THE ECONOMY OF PHILADELPHIA

Pray for the local policymakers and elected officials to be conscientious about the magnitude of potential economic loss due to shelter in place. In a recent study done by professors at Drexel University, Philadelphia was estimated to suffer an economic loss that could total in the billions. Much of this is a direct result of keeping the local economy closed for an extended period of time.

- Pray for city and state officials and local business leaders/owners, that God would grant them wisdom and strategy to reopen the local economy with measures in place to protect the people.
- Pray for city and state officials to prioritize the reopening of the economy. The unemployment rate is at 6% and continues to rise (national rate is 4.4%) as of April 17th, 2020, Pray for the families who have been impacted by unemployment or a decrease in hours.
- Pray for business owners and CEO's as they address potential losses directly related to the pandemic and come up with an adaptive response tailored to reopen with the safety of the people in mind.

Daniel 2:23, James 1:5 -6, Proverbs 19:20, Proverbs 4:7

SMALL BUSINESSES

Pray for the local small businesses in Philadelphia. Small businesses are the heart and core of our economy. Many of these businesses have been closed or are operating with strict limitations. It is estimated as of March 16th small businesses had from 55% to 62% decline (nationwide) in the numbers of hours employees worked. Philadelphia is believed to be around 60%. Many full time staff have been reduced down to part time or they aren't working at all.

- Pray for our city officials to prioritize Small Businesses and help these businesses stay open and get to a place of sustainability.
- Pray for the citizens of Philadelphia to support local Small Businesses and that they would recover.
- Declare protection over our economy and that Philadelphia will rise from this economic crisis.
- Pray for small business owners to receive stimulus money and no/low interest loans to help them recover.

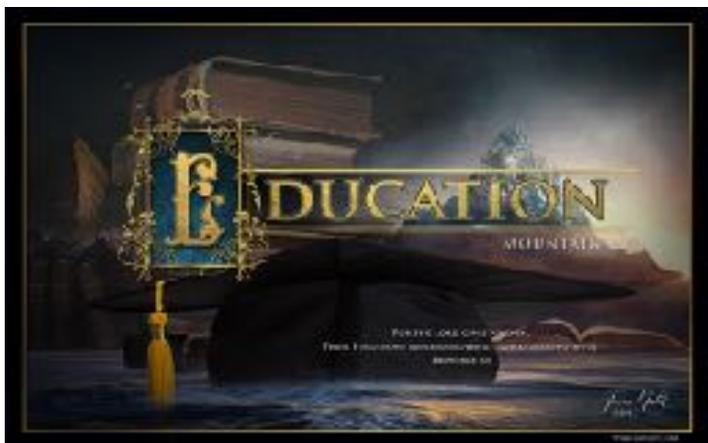
Matthew 7:7, Habakkah 2:2, Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 16:3, Phil. 4:6

HEALTH CARE AND TOURISM

Pray for these industries that are important to the economy and well being of Philadelphia. According to the Inquirer (4/28/20), projected loss of revenue will slash budgets of tourism industry by 1/3 to 1/2 for 2020 and see a loss of 1/2 of those employed before COVID 19. Health care has been equally hard hit with loss of revenue and unanticipated expenses for protective equipment and setting up telemedicine and other alternate delivery services.

- Pray peace, hope and new opportunities for those who have lost their jobs.
- Pray wisdom for decision makers as they prioritize expenditures and initiatives.
- Pray for innovative solutions that will harness the ideas and experience of those on the front lines and flatten top down decision making and planning.
- Pray tourists return quickly and are inspired by resilience they see as the city rebounds with vigor.

Mark 9: 22-24, Isaiah 41: 10, Palm 119: 116, Philippians 4: 19



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

EXPOSING THE INEQUALITY OF RESOURCES

Pray for allocation of resources. In the midst of coronavirus, it has become apparent that school districts and families vary in their means to access technology and the internet. This has always been true, but now due to remote learning, this is more evident than ever. Let Kingdom resources be allocated!

- Pray that the stakeholders in the community will have wisdom and discernment on how to appropriately allocate resources in technology to create a functioning learning environment for students at home.
- Pray that churches, and non profits will sacrifice their platforms for community purpose and be impassioned to assist in the allocation of resources to those in need.
- Should remote learning continue, pray that remote learning will be implemented in its original purpose: to close educational gaps for disadvantaged communities (not to give privileged communities more privileges).
- Pray that universities will return back to their original purposes and serve their communities and abandon bureaucratic practices that continue to exploit the poor and disadvantaged people.

James 1:5, 1 Timothy 2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

SUSTAINED STUDENT LEARNING

Pray sustained hunger for learning. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, students are either maintaining their educational investment or checking out. Even as graduations and job appointments are being revised, delayed, and cancelled, students must stay positioned to step into the next phase of their inheritance throughout the summer.

- Pray that learners of all ages will follow in the examples set by their teachers and make wise use of their time in the midst of confusion, distraction, extra responsibilities.
- Pray all children will be able to access education no matter their intellectual, financial and/or physical condition.
- Pray that students' social-emotional development are not compromised by quarantine; pray for a means to safely pursue learning while avoiding negative influences of sexual immorality, impurity, and family instabilities.

Ephesians 5, Galatians 6: 9, 1 Corinthians 15: 58, James 1: 12

CHANGING OF PARADIGMS

Pray for a change in the way that communities view education. Coronavirus and remote learning are changing stakeholders' views on education. Parents see the time and energy which is needed to educate children appropriately. Administrators and teachers are reevaluating content essential for student growth, including the decreased emphasis on standardized testing. This level of critical thought ought to continue whether or not students return to traditional classrooms.

- Pray that stakeholders see the importance in changing the paradigm in education; they should relinquish educational constructions that keep schools and communities in bondage and barrenness.
- Pray for the release of ideas that will produce much fruit in this generation of students.
- Pray that communities now realize the increased importance of the school community and the value in teachers and education and pursue partnerships with schools.

Proverbs 29:18, Proverbs 3:27, Matthew 25:40-45



FAMILY

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To demonstrate the unconditional love of God

Primary Stronghold:

Rejection (real or perceived)

POSITIVE OUTLETS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH THIS SUMMER

Pray for finances and manpower for summer programs everywhere they are needed. Each summer as part of the federal free lunch program, Philadelphia supports Playstreet. 350 blocks are closed, 10-4, M-F, activities and meals are provided. Now, with uncertainty about the availability of pools and rec centers, there is a greater need than ever for programs like this.

- Pray Holy Spirit move on hearts and more people volunteer to work with Playstreet and other programs, that the process for screening volunteers is simplified and training is made available.
- Pray a strategic network of citizens/non-profits collaborate in planning/distributing resources and mobilizing neighbors to work together to provide safe outlets for children/youth.
- Pray for private sector funds to support these programs.

Proverbs 22: 6, Matthew 18: 10, Galatians 6: 2, Hebrews 6: 2, Hebrews 13: 16

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray the needs of the most vulnerable are met. Statistics show an increase in suicide, drug overdoses, domestic violence and more during lockdown. Simultaneously, there have been 50% fewer admissions in regional in-house facilities for fear of exposure to COVID-19, and doctors are saying lockdown itself is creating serious mental health issues.

- Pray Holy Spirit brings peace and comfort to the vulnerable who are suffering abuse and neglect: women, children, elderly, disabled, addicts and the homeless.
- Pray that frustration/hopeless does not lead to rash decisions, from suicide, to giving up dreams for a future.
- Pray more technology becomes available, so the most vulnerable can access resources on line and a reallocation of funds to finance these resources.
- Pray for leaders to emerge who can marshal resources and funding for those in need.

2 Timothy 1: 7, Ephesians 1: 18, Isaiah 40: 31, Proverbs 11: 25

HOPE AND HELP FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY COVID 19

Pray renewed hope and vision of a positive future for families that have suffered loss. Many are speaking up about the impact COVID 19 has had: most obviously, loss of loved ones, jobs and businesses; and disruption in the education of children, youth and young adults. Philadelphia Citizen's 4/2/20 article, Disaster Optimism, talks about how to use such problems as turning points for good.

- Pray local leaders in the 7 mountains of culture have vision for turning these crises into opportunities and can communicate that vision to inspire hope in those who need it most.
- Pray Holy Spirit inspired solutions to each challenge and Christians who engage with the community in implementing these solutions: reconfigured delivery of education, training for jobs that don't yet exist, etc
- Pray for Christians across the region who initiate discussion of destiny and transformation that inspire people to pursue them.
- Pray for finances, resources and opportunities that support renewed vision and hope.

Jeremiah 29: 11, Romans 8: 28, Romans 12: 2, Philippians 1: 6



Government

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To rule and legislate with righteousness and justice

Primary Stronghold:

Anti-Christ spirit, pride, corruption

COOPERATION BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR KENNEY

Pray Godly priorities are established. As one council member stated in response to the mayor's proposed tax hike: "I'm not in favor of having a tax increase across the board coming out of this pandemic when people can barely afford food," - but the question remains: "How do we pay for everything?"

- Pray that God's priorities and not the agendas of man are reflected in the final budget.
- Pray for the well being of the people, creative, innovative solutions and willingness to abandon agendas and old ways of doing business.
- Pray God moves on the hearts of decision makers as they are pressured by and wrestle with the circumstances of the pandemic.

Jeremiah 29: 7, Proverbs 27: 17, Ephesians 4: 3, Romans 12: 16, 1 Corinthians 1: 10

WISDOM AND TRANSPARENCY IN ALL DECISION MAKING

Pray the leaders at all levels of government are actively, visibly and genuinely engaged in solution finding vs political posturing or running agendas. "Pennsylvania nursing home data minimizes the coronavirus devastation in Philadelphia senior centers" (Inquirer, 5/21/20) Decisions regarding COVID patients in nursing homes have had center stage, even nationally, but it is just one of several arena in which transparency and wise decision making have come into question.

- Pray revelation, understanding, wisdom, courage and boldness for leaders seeking to make righteous decisions.
- Pray the conviction of Holy Spirit on all leaders who are operating in a spirit of fear, manipulation or control, whether knowingly or unknowingly.
- Pray that action and inactions reveal true servant leaders vs power leaders and that people discern the difference and vote out power leaders no matter what party.

Proverbs 3: 5-7, James 1: 5-6, Ephesians 4: 25, Isaiah 41: 10, Psalm 1: 1-3

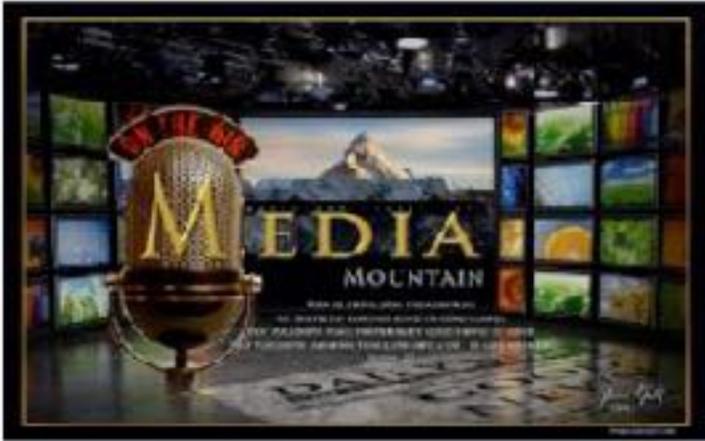
ROOTS OF INIQUITY EXPOSED AND DEPOSED

Pray that roots of iniquity / Anti-Christ spirits that have planted and perpetuated greed, corruption and division racially, economically, politically and in the church are exposed and deposed. Over a century ago muckraking journalist Lincoln Steffens wrote a series of articles on corruption in U.S. cities. "All our municipal governments are more or less bad, Philadelphia is simply the most corrupt and the most contented."

(phillymag.com, 2/4/20) It's time we deal with the roots to get rid of the fruit.

- Pray all roots of iniquity and open doors that have allowed sin and corruption to flourish from the top down in Philadelphia are revealed to intercessors by Holy Spirit and they develop prayer strategies to eradicate these roots and replace them with the roots of righteousness and justice intended by God.
- Pray that all hidden things such as agendas, corruption and sin are revealed and dealt with and the voices of righteousness and justice are heard.
- Pray for angel armies to be released over Philadelphia to fight for the restoration of righteousness and justice.

Luke 8: 17, Luke 12: 2, Genesis 3: 1-19, Isaiah 59: 2, Psalm 51, Acts 5: 17-20



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

ACCURATE AND TRUE INFORMATION

Pray media at all levels, reporters, editors and owners, encounter the true and living God. Fake news is real and almost always intentional. "The media's raison d'être exists, not in the truth, but solely in opposition." And some reporters are admitting their articles have been propaganda designed to promote ideas by telling half-truth, selective-truth and truth out of context. (Daily Signal, 5/21/20) Philadelphia media are known for their left-leaning bias, (<https://www.allsides.com/news-source/phillycom>) with selective reporting one common trait.

- Pray those in the media who are knowingly distorting the truth or communicating things they know are false come to repentance through a powerful confrontation by Holy Spirit.
- Pray the media commit to reporting unbiased truth and highlight the positive, life changing work God is doing throughout the region.
- Pray the Spirit of Truth replaces the spirits of deception and the Father of Lies.
- Pray Christians resolve to validate the information they share as to its truth and accuracy.

John 16: 13, John 8: 32, John 14: 6, Proverbs 12: 22, Colossians 3: 9

EXPOSE AND REMOVE MEDIA PRODUCERS / OUTLETS WITH PROFANE AGENDAS

Pray producers and distributors are shut down. The pandemic has led to a spike in internet porn, and child sexual exploitation material (NCB News, 4/23/2020), abuse is live streamed, production/distribution are up, and children are exposed to it as they spend more time on-line.

- Pray the 30+ porn production studios in Philadelphia are put out of business and those targeting children are exposed, arrested and charged.
- Pray internet sites spewing evil, especially towards our youth, are shut down.
- Pray holy conviction on those who visit profane sites so they turn away from them, to sites that will nurture what God has planned for them.
- Pray salvation for porn participants, producers and distributors and healing from trauma for those exposed to and abused through pornography.

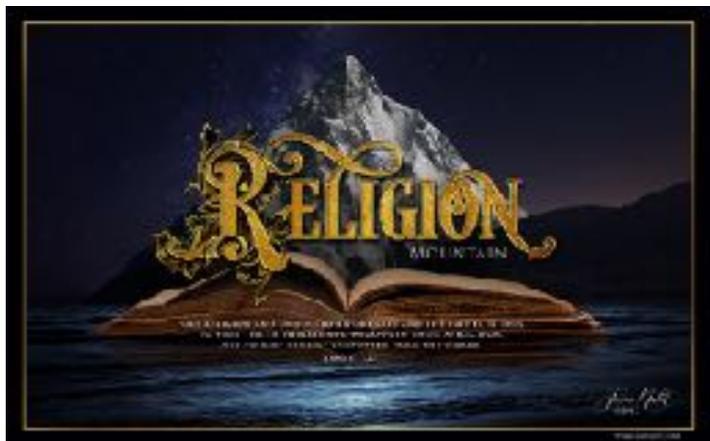
2 Timothy 4: 18, 1 Thessalonians 5: 22, Philippians 4: 8, Isaiah 41: 10

INCREASE OUR DISCERNMENT

Pray Holy Spirit brings discernment to Believers. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5: 8) through deception and lies. The Church is divided on many things, from theology to politics. If we grow in our knowledge of God, we can better discern truth from lies and good from evil. As a result, some of the issues that divide us will be removed.

- Pray Holy Spirit moves on Believers to seek a deeper relationship with the triune God so we have the Mind of Christ and the Heart of God in all things.
- Pray blinders are removed off the eyes of the Body of Christ so we are able to recognize and come into alignment with truth, discerning who is speaking it and who is not, from the pulpit and in the media.
- Pray we become better consumers of social media, stop idolizing smart phones, Facebook, Instagram, etc, evaluate what we see and hear, seek out a matter instead of accepting what tickles our ears, and keep focus on what is important to God.

Job 34: 4, Psalm 119: 66, Proverbs 1: 5, Hosea 14: 9, 2 Timothy 4: 3



RELIGION

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Equipping the saints for the work of ministry

Primary Stronghold:

Idolatry that steals worship from God

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Pray church use of social media and other technologies will continue to grow beyond lockdown. The greatest mass shutdown of faith gatherings in history has caused the connecting of believers on social media to explode. (news.gallup.com) 50% of Christians now pray regularly for COVID related issues. This is true throughout the region where people from different denominations, races and political affiliations have come together daily for prayer and ministries have used creative strategies for reaching people.

- Pray the use of social media will enable the network of believers to continue growing stronger in preparation for the greatest harvest of souls history has ever seen.
- Pray the many tiny churches in Philadelphia with little or no media equipment will be invited by larger churches to partner with their initiatives.
- Pray that the connections made across churches and their leaders will be strengthened and lead to more frequent communication and cooperative ventures.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9, Psalm 133: 1-3, Romans 15: 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1: 10

NEW STRATEGIES

Pray church leaders recognize the ways the Lord is communicating the need for the church to change.

Although God did not bring on the pandemic, He has used it in many ways, forcing the church to look beyond business as usual and doing church within four walls. Leaders also have to deal with the loss of tithes and offerings. LifeWay Research that says 5% of U.S. churches will close within the year because of the pandemic.

- Pray churches prayerfully examine how God turned the lock down to good and what changes they can make to maintain and increase these benefits: strengthening the “family” of the church, enlarging vision, better equipping members for outreach and cutting “sacred cows” that represent a spirit of religion in order to create the new wineskin of the Church.
- Pray for God inspired ideas on meeting the needs of those impacted by COVID 19 and a willingness of members to engage with their neighbors in new ways despite lingering concerns about personal contact.
- Pray for financial survival and prosperity of those churches building the new wineskin that will be able to contain the new wine of His presence.

Romans 8: 28, Proverbs 16: 3, Jeremiah 48: 11, 2 Timothy 1: 7

CHURCH LEADERS SPEAKING THE FULL TRUTH OF GOD

Pray leaders are convicted to seek the truth in all things. Many church leaders temper what they say/do to avoid offending big givers. Some are influenced by the lies of the enemy of God regarding the LGBTQ, etc. Others toe the political party line to keep favor in the community or among their peers. All are sacrificing truth.

- Pray leaders cry out for the Spirit of Truth and are willing to change their theology, opinions, words and actions to line up with the mind of Christ and Heart of God in all things.
- Pray leaders are convicted to boldly shine the light of truth, expose the lies of the enemy where ever they find them and replace them with God’s truth and the facts of the matter.
- Pray that church leaders who choose to ignore truth to build and maintain their own kingdoms are exposed and replaced with leaders committed to building the Kingdom of God on the foundation of His Truth.

John 17: 15-19, John 16: 13, 1 John 1: 6-7, John 8: 32



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.

A NEW NORMAL

Pray for the Church in the Delaware Valley to be a primary voice in defining the 'new normal'. Most agree that things will never be quite the same. Covid-19 has caused many to rethink the way things operate from schooling to public transportation and restaurants, to concerts and church gatherings. Amidst all these questions, the Church has an opportunity to be a voice of righteousness and see the 'new normal' align with heaven's design.

- Pray for Daniels and Josephs to arise - people who are positioned in seats of authority or in proximity to those in authority to speak truth and wisdom into our cultural structures. (Daniel 2:48)
- Pray that the Church would engage in areas of culture in which we have not been active (Matthew 5:13-15).
- Declare that we were born for such a time as this, that our hearts are filled with boldness and our mouths with the wisdom of God (Esther 4:14).

Genesis 41:41-42, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Proverbs 28:1, Matthew 10:19, Psalm 81:10

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Pray for the Church to receive a new and powerful revelation of the blood of Jesus. In the midst of this crisis, the Lord has brought many back to the power and simplicity of the blood of Jesus. The blood is our most powerful weapon in troubled times because it is the foundation of the covenant we have with the Lord.

- Pray for an unveiling of the covenant protections that come through the blood of the Lamb (Luke 22:20).
- Pray for a revelation of the ability of the blood to save, purify and change to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25).
- Declare that fear is being replaced with faith and watchfulness as we are refined by the blood (Hebrews 2:14-18).

1 Corinthians 11:25, Psalm 91:9-12, Hebrews 10:19-23, Ephesians 1:7

REPENTANT HEARTS

Pray for believers to continue on in a spirit of humility and repentance. This season of quarantine has rightly produced a time of introspection, humility and turning from our compromised ways. As life begins to return to a sense of normalcy, it is easy to leave that place of bowing low before the Lord.

- Pray for believers to be committed to truth above all personal preferences or cultural norms and to recognize when we have been compromising (Isaiah 6:5-7).
- Declare that we will not allow anything to come in and divide the Body of Christ, or sow contention, but will continue to walk in brotherly love and bear the fruits of repentance (Matthew 3:8).
- Pray for believers to have sensitive, humble and listening hearts, which is what positioned Solomon to receive the wisdom of God (1 Kings 3:7-12).

2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 3:19, 2 Timothy 2:25, John 17, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Romans 2:4