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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 AND THE "CANCEL CULTURE"

Pray that Philadelphia becomes an example of civil discourse and decision-making regarding monuments and statues. Recently, 45 prominent individuals released The Philadelphia Statement - named after the city where freedom was declared. It emphasizes "the freedom of Americans to openly disagree while respecting viewpoints of others" in the midst of our "cancel culture". (The Daily Signal, 8/11/2020) At the same time, we're seeing a challenge to those freedoms where some "in City Hall and the greater community have employed the rhetoric of the 'woke' in attempting to shame one ethnic group in order to placate and pacify a few others", denied a fair hearing about the concerns of both sides, and tried to do an "end run" around the legal process. (Broad+Liberty, 8/29/2020)

- Pray that Philadelphia becomes an example of civil discourse where everyone has meaningful input in deciding these issues based on facts.
- Pray the trend of yielding to the will of lawlessness, attacks on ideas, people groups and their cultures or "anything else a lawless mob might begin to hate" is reversed.
- Pray for authentic, transparent and agenda free governance over the city and its arts and culture.

Psalm 106: 3, James 2: 1, James 3: 17, Ephesians 6: 9, Matthew 23: 28

SURVIVAL FOR SMALL CULTURAL/ARTS INSTITUTIONS

Pray financial survival for small museums and community arts programs. As an answer to prayer, numerous Philadelphia cultural/arts institutions received grants to off-set losses during lockdown, however, some didn't, such as Colored Girl's Museum and Paul Robeson House. Both are small, but significant historical sites "that get all their unrestricted cash from visitors, tours and events, which hasn't been possible lately. The financial blow has been severe." (Billy Penn, 6/24/2020; Philadelphia Patch, 9/16/2020)

- Pray decision makers have Godly wisdom in fund raising and budgeting and for private sector donations and volunteers to supplement the new budgets.
- Pray funding dries up for institutions that mock God.
- Pray favor and recognition for Christian institutions. Related to arts and culture.

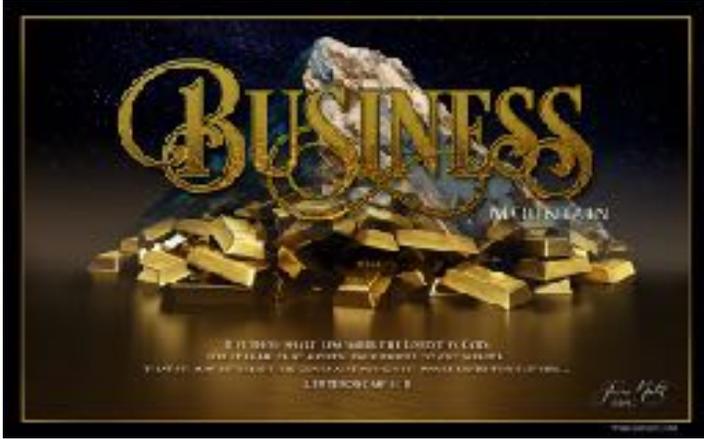
Exodus 35: 35, Deuteronomy 16: 17, Philippians 4: 8, James 3: 17, Colossians 2: 8, 1 Corinthians 8: 1, Leviticus 19: 4

REPLACE THE UNGODLY WITH GOODNESS

Pray eyes are opened to see the destruction of gaming and gambling. "We want to make Philadelphia the sports betting capital of the U.S." (Philadelphia Business Journal, 8/28/2020) "Even a pandemic can't stop America's thirst for gambling entertainment. The Live Casino & Hotel has set a new target launch date for the \$700 million South Philly sports complex and in the next few weeks will begin recruiting for nearly 2,000 jobs." (Billy Penn, 7/30/2020)

- Pray eyes will be opened as to how families and lives are destroyed by these activities and church leaders are convicted to take a strong stand against gambling and teach about destructive spirits of greed and addiction behind it.
- Pray that counseling and deliverance are provided for those addicted to gambling.
- Pray the greed that drives the owners and promoters of casinos is exposed.
- Pray for alternative employment for those in need of jobs.

Philippians 4: 8, Galatians 5: 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15: 33, Ephesians 5: 11, Proverbs 6: 16-19



BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Wealth to establish God's covenant

Primary Stronghold:

Greed, mammon, poverty.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Pray for the heart of Philadelphia's economy: The Hospitality Industry. A recent report released by the tourism industry in Philadelphia stated that the city has lost between 300 and 400 million dollars since March. 58% of hospitality related positions have been lost (70,000+ jobs). Many businesses are rethinking operational strategies to meet the requirements set forth by the CDC and the local Health Department.

- Pray for wisdom for the local governing officials who have to review the data and make decisions on the reopening of the local economy.
- Pray that Philadelphians do more "Stay-cations" than vacations. Pray that Philadelphia residents visit local museums, restaurants, productions, and take advantage of all there is to do in our city.
- Pray for the leadership of the convention center, and other large venues that draw sizable groups for trade shows, car shows, flower shows, etc. These businesses are responsible for much of the success in the hospitality sector.

Titus 1:8, 1 Peter 4:8-9, Leviticus 19:33-34

WISDOM FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Pray for wisdom for Philadelphia's entrepreneurs, micro business owners, and restauranteurs. Many entrepreneurs have suffered losses, and in some cases business has halted completely. For those online, the approach has been to ramp up online presence, marketing, etc. Others rely heavily on foot traffic and have had a hard time adjusting to the "new norm", including online presence, changing business strategies, and looking for creative ways to make up for the lack of business (i.e. outdoor dining).

- Pray for Holy Spirit to comfort those who have suffered the loss of all they've worked to build. Pray that He would give them strategy to recover and to increase their business, and that they would become testimonies of God's faithfulness to our city.
- Pray those who received Covid Relief Funds, would utilize those funds with integrity, and not for personal gain or interest.
- Pray for wisdom for local restaurants owners. Many have moved to an outdoor model. These restaurants will now have to shift with the change in weather.
- Pray for courageous leaders to step up and offer God inspired business ideas, strategies and wisdom.

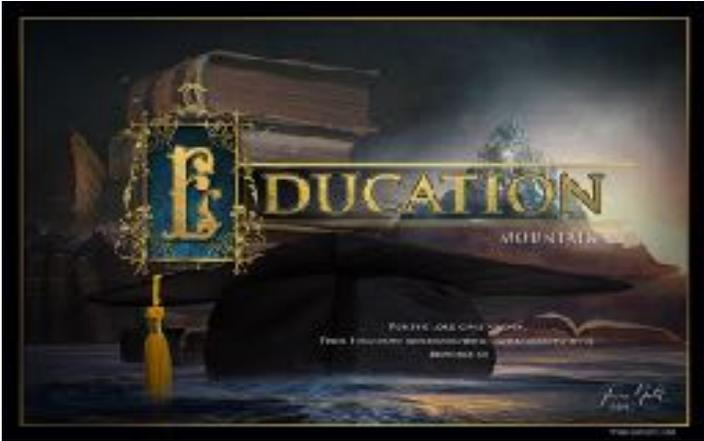
Proverbs 2:6, Ephesians 5:15, James 3:17, Proverbs 19:8

REVIVAL ON THE BUSINESS MOUNTAIN

Pray that the EKKLESIA of God arises on the business mountain. With the current state of the local economy, marketplace ministers have an opportunity to emerge with the knowledge of key Kingdom principles to transform businesses and even the local economy.

- Pray for the Ekklesia of God to be discerning, wise, and ready to release the Kingdom of heaven in the given areas of influence they've been entrusted to steward.
- Pray the Ekklesia in upper leadership positions would seek God for strategy to reach the lost, find ways to use business to impact other mountains, and answers for some of the ongoing issues in our city (poverty, homelessness, education, etc.).
- Pray that marketplace ministers to be bold in living and sharing the Gospel, that they would be examples of Christ.
- Pray that there will be a revival in business! Pray for the salvation of Presidents, CEO's, directors, partners, employees, and volunteers. Pray the for marketplace leaders to disciple new converts, and for worship, prayer, and bible study to become part of the "new norm".

John 3:16-18, Colossians 3:23-24, John 10:27, Ephesians 5:1-2



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 MISALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Pray for the proper allocation of resources. Penn professors have been pushing for university to make payments-in-lieu-of-taxes to help Philadelphia schools. Superintendent Hite is under scrutiny for errors made in renovation of SLA-Ben Franklin building. Early childhood centers are also suffering from low enrollment and lack funds.

- Pray that universities and other high authorities will abandon bureaucratic practices that continue to exploit and/or ignore the needs of the poor and disadvantaged people and instead serve their local/neighborhood communities.
- Pray that remote learning will manifest in its original purpose: to close educational gaps for disadvantaged communities, through the provision of technology and internet access.
- Pray that leaders across all education levels carry the same burden as Ezra and Nehemiah for restructuring education, having the wisdom, strength, and integrity to build and defend against any agendas designed to perpetuate poverty in the school district.
- Pray that early childhood education services will receive funding necessary to sustain operations and develop creative ways to provide services to qualifying families.

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

SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Pray sustained hunger for learning. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, students are either maintaining their educational investment or checking out for various environmental reasons.

- Pray that students' social-emotional development is not compromised by quarantine and that teachers engage in conversations to address the social-emotional needs of students and not ignore them.
- Pray for safe learning pursuits while avoiding negative influences of sexual immorality, impurity, and family instabilities.
- Pray that parents/guardians will consider approved access centers as an alternative environment for students who cannot concentrate on their studies at home.
- Pray that community stakeholders, including churches and non-profits, will have wisdom and discernment to donate real estate to create stable learning environments that will attract students.

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. Tracy Ocasio, former chief officer of curriculum and instruction, stepped down after investigation of her simultaneously holding a similar position in Ohio. Lack of recent standardized test scores has changed the school admissions process at all educational levels. Disproportionate admissions to magnet schools such as Masterman and Central high schools have also been scrutinized.

- Pray that newly appointed leaders and stakeholders abandon selfish ambitions and embrace new paradigm shifts that invest in the intellectual, as well as social/emotional growth of students; and also recognize and relinquish educational policies, procedures and programs that prevent schools from breaking out of cycles of failure.
- Pray for the release of ideas that will produce much fruit in this generation of students.
- Pray Philadelphians now realize the importance of school – community relationships and the value of teachers and education; and pursue mutually beneficial 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)

ELIMINATING THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE - RESTORING GODLY IDENTITY

Pray Philadelphians will cry out to God as never before in the midst of increased violence in the city. Lucifer seeks to defeat God by distorting the image of God in each of us through pride; using LGBTQ confusion, the sexualization of children, greed, offence, unforgiveness, rebellion, anger, etc which, in combination, often lead to violence. Restoration of our Godly identity can eliminate these roots of violence.

- Pray God will deal with Leviathan, the king of pride, who has held people in bondage.
- Pray that as Philadelphians cry out to The Lord, they will have a revelation of who He created them to be.
- Pray each will repent for accepting/embracing ungodly identities and any of the ways they have contributed to violence against others, the culture and against God himself.
- Pray healing of wounds/trauma and restoration to God's purposes for their lives and that testimonies of these transformations will impact families, neighborhoods, the city and state.

Ezekiel 8: 17-18, 2 Peter 2: 6, Ephesians 1: 4-6, Ephesians 2: 10, 1 Peter 2: 9

PARENTS ON THE BRINK

Pray for systemic and individual solutions to the pressures on parents. From the challenges of monitoring their children's school day and making sure technology is working, to remaining home from work, losing needed income and possibly career advancement; parents, moms in particular are "on the brink". This is especially true for minority families who have fewer resources at their disposal. (Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/26/2020)

- Pray for the restoration of "normal" schedules that would relieve pressure on families.
- Pray the peace of God over all family members responsible for the care and education of children who are not able to be in school.
- Pray for a networking of volunteers and community services to support families struggling with technology, teaching/ learning strategies and how to keep children motivated and engaged.
- Pray those who have left jobs to be home have jobs to return to when they are able.

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

FOOD INSECURITY

Pray for increased cooperation/networking among those meeting the needs of "food insecure" families/individuals. As COVID's impact continues, the need for food has increased, however, delivery systems are being challenged. "I've been hearing a lot of people say, 'We're all in this together,' I'm sorry, but we're not. There are people hoarding, there are people that have basically shut their door. Right now, we're not all in this together—but we *should* be." (Answering the Many Calls, Philadelphia Citizen, 9/2/2020)

- Pray all those needing food are identified and provided for quickly.
- Pray the agencies/non-profits that are hoarding food are convicted of the need for cooperation.
- Pray for more Christian ministries/non-profits serving the community.
- Pray for apostolic leadership to network these organizations with one another through a comprehensive plan to match needs with resources and how to best deploy them.

Deuteronomy 15:11, Proverbs 28: 27, Acts 20: 35, Ecclesiastes 4: 9, Hebrews 13: 16



Government

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

To rule and legislate with righteousness and justice

Primary Stronghold:

Anti-Christ spirit, pride, corruption

ELECTION

Pray that voters will be guided by the Commandments of God in deciding who to vote for, that the election process will go smoothly and there will be no violence afterward. Given the polarity of opinion regarding the presidential election and the different cultures they represent, God's plumb line needs to be our guide and His shalom peace needs to reign over the election and the results. The push for mail in and early voting is already producing confusion and anger. (Billy Penn, 9/26/2020)

- Pray voters will have a revelation of God's plumb line issues, represented in the Ten Commandments.
- Pray all things hidden regarding potential voter fraud and post-election violence will be revealed and stopped.
- Pray the author of confusion will be bound and the election process will go smoothly.
- Pray the peace that truly passes all understanding will reign over Philadelphia and the region through the rest of 2020.
- Declare demonic thrones, ungodly principalities and powers, and ungodly authority structures dismantled and replaced by leaders that represent the mind of Christ, heart of God and vision of the Holy Experiment.
- Pray that all special interests are exposed and replaced by responsible, transparent, honest servant leadership.

Deuteronomy 1: 13, Psalm 111:10, Daniel 2: 20-21, Psalm 22: 28, Isaiah 60: 18

ENDING THE VIOLENCE

Pray for a comprehensive plan that will address the issues that fuel violence in Philadelphia. National studies demonstrate and local demographics confirm that poverty is one of the primary conditions that creates an atmosphere for violence. Yet "politicians and community leaders have failed to devise, propose and implement initiatives to decrease gun violence and homicides in our cities" – except gun control, which is a symptom, not the root of the issue. (More Jobs, Less Violence, 9/17/2020, and How to Build Philadelphia Back Better, 9/4/2020, Philadelphia Citizen)

- Pray City Council Chairman Clarke and others will be held accountable for their failure to respond to pleas of Philadelphians regarding street violence.
- Pray the Mayor and City Council will seriously consider the proposals based on studies by Drexel University and Brookings Institute.
- Pray the Philadelphia Regeneration Fund is able to ensure and test innovative solutions.
- Pray the voices of special interests will not drown out well conceived, systemic solutions.

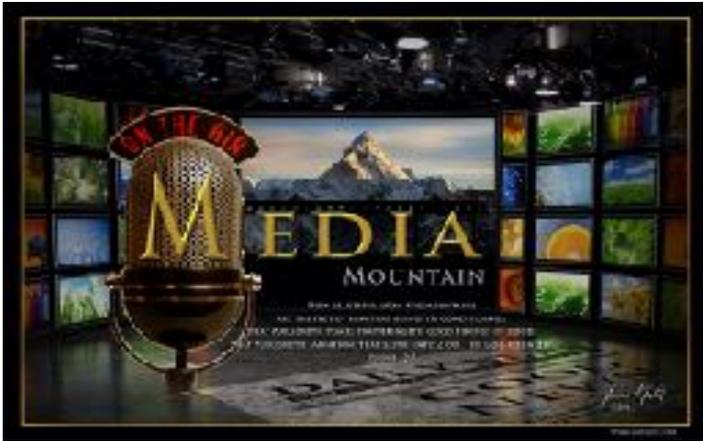
Isaiah 26: 1-2, Isaiah 60: 18, Proverbs 21: 5, Proverbs 15: 22

HOMELESS CRISIS CONTINUES

Pray the Parkway "encampment" becomes a catalyst for the development of an extensive proposal on providing for the homeless. The needs of the homeless has been a concern in Philadelphia for decades. The 50+ recent articles discussing how the protest over George Floyd became an "occupation" are shining a light on it once again as they summarize the housing need, inaction from the mayor, and "the impression that no one is in charge, no one's rights are protected, and no one is safe". (Broad+Liberty, 9/28/2020)

- Pray that the mayor and city council are gripped with the urgency of this and address it before less pressing issues.
- Pray for godly solutions and the willingness to explore creative innovation in place of the old ways of doing things.
- Pray that any hidden schemes to use this issue to promote political agendas are revealed.
- Pray for provision for the homeless that engages them in becoming more self-sustaining.

Leviticus 25: 35, Deuteronomy 15: 7, Luke 14: 13-14, Exodus 23: 6, Leviticus 19: 15



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

INCREASED CIVILITY IN MEDIA REPORTING/ DISCOURSE

Continue to pray for civil and factual reporting/discourse. The political environment has become highly contentious and many are attracted to the media echo chambers that, at best don't provide a full picture, or, at worst, villainize opposing points of view. Social media has become similarly toxic (perhaps, even more so.) (Philadelphia Citizen, 8/12/2020)

- Pray God destroys Leviathan, the principality that distorts and twists truth.
- Pray for more voices to point out the judgmental assumptions in media regarding those with differing perspectives.
- Pray reporters and editors are convicted of the ways they promote biased news that is not honest or true in order to pander to their audience or influence opinion.
- Pray strength, protection and favor for God inspired journalists who risk criticism for speaking truth.

Isaiah 21: 1, Proverbs 2:1-5, John 8:32, John 16:15, John 8:31-32, Proverbs 6:16-20

A KINDNESS MOVEMENT

Pray that Philadelphia becomes the point of origin of a Kindness Movement in social media and other outlets. Social media is the vehicle that makes ideas and issues go viral, so why not a Kindness Movement started by the Church of Philadelphia, as one of the strategies to combat the violence. "Kindness and empathy are contagious . . . people who witnessed others donating to charity and expressing concern for others tended to follow suit." (Make Your Kindness Loud Enough to Hear, Philadelphia Inquirer, 9/27/2020)

- Pray apostolic leaders and pastors cast a vision for and teach about the kindness of the Lord as a way of drawing closer to Him, as well as a strategy for countering the violence released by the enemy.
- Pray God convicts the people of Philadelphia to bless and curse not in what they say and do, and this is reflected in the social media.
- Pray leaders, influencers and "everyday people" demonstrate such frequent acts of kindness that they catch the attention of the MSM and go viral on social media, setting examples for others.

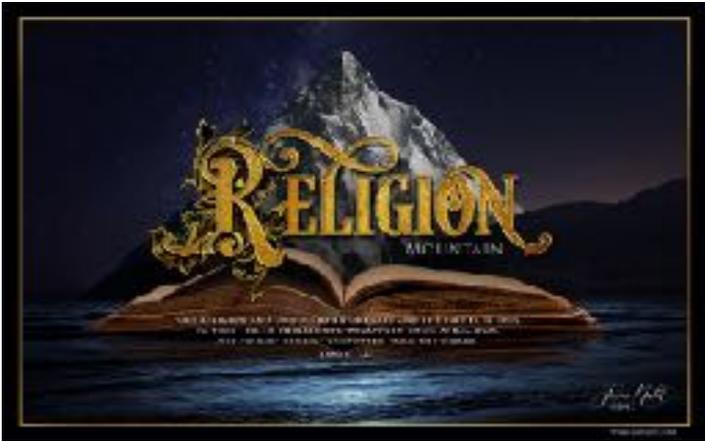
Ephesians 4: 32, Luke 6: 35, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-5, Proverbs 4: 23

LAYOFFS IN MEDIA STAFFS

Pray God's purposes for each media outlet impacted by lost revenue and layoffs. "At least 15 staffers at NBC Sports Philadelphia were laid off recently as parent company NBC Universal makes nationwide cuts. The moves follow staff reductions at the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philly Mag, CBS3 and other local outlets." (BILLY PENN, 8/6/2020)

- Pray God moves in all those who are laid off, drawing them unto Himself.
- Pray each one finds employment that moves them closer to fulfilling their God given purpose.
- Pray media outlets use the need to re-allocate responsibilities as an opportunity to re-examine their organizations from vision and values to how they fulfill their mission.
- Pray God reveal and deal with all the ways pride has operated in and through each outlet, and the extent to which it has led to the crises they currently face.

Jeremiah 1: 5, Psalm 90: 17, Acts 26: 18, 2 Corinthians 4: 6, Proverbs 16: 18



RELIGION

MOUNTAIN

Redemptive Purpose:

Equipping the saints for the work of ministry

Primary Stronghold:

Idolatry that steals worship from God

FORGIVENESS

Pray for a revelation of forgiveness related to all trauma and suffering. A Philadelphia parishioner recently set an example for the nation when she forgave a woman who attacked her during mass. (Phillymag.com, 8/25/2020) This attack doesn't compare to the trauma and suffering of so many, but the response was exactly what Jesus would have done and what is necessary to begin diffusing anger and healing trauma on a personal level, in the community and for people groups.

- Pray leaders of the churches and ministries in Philadelphia receive a deeper revelation how we must forgive to be forgiven, healed and made whole.
- Pray leaders seek healing for themselves, teach about and model it, as well as lead their congregations in prayers and acts of forgiveness.
- Pray that those who experience violence, domestic abuse, racism, bullying and other acts of trauma choose to forgive so they are not held captive by hurt and anger and that they experience the healing and peace when they do forgive.

Matthew 6: 14-14, Matthew 18: 35, 2 Corinthians 13: 11, John 14: 27

HUMILITY

Pray Philadelphia, William Penn's Holy Experiment, would become known for Godly humility. The Word of God clearly presents God's people humbling themselves as a primary condition for God hearing our prayer and healing our land. Yet, "Philly Pride" is part of the fabric of Philadelphia and we see a lot of pride and arrogance even among the saints, especially as it relates to cultural hot button issues (2 Chronicles 7:14).

- Pray that the Body of Christ would clothe themselves in humility in this critical season in our region and nation (1 Peter 5:5).
- Pray that the Church would be quick to listen and slow to speak and would rise with a new understanding of how to present truth in a humble way (James 1:19).
- Declare that the Church of Philadelphia is breaking agreement with the spirit of the age that would exalt self and drag believers into the pride of life (1 John 2:16).
- Declare that acts of justice are springing forth from those who love mercy and walk humbly before the Lord (Micah 6:8).

James 4:6, Ephesians 4:2, Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 15:1, Luke 14:11

COMING TOGETHER AS ONE

Pray the network of pastors and ministry leaders praying together for the city continues to grow. From the time of lockdown due to COVID 19, through the George Floyd unrest and increase in violence and murder; pastors and ministry leaders throughout Philadelphia and the region have increasingly met together to pray, on zoom and conference calls, as well as on church grounds or in the streets. This represents a greater crossing of denomination and racial/ethnic divisions than ever before.

- Pray that the relationships that have been established are strengthened and other leaders are encouraged to join.
- Pray the agendas, fears, and theological differences that have perpetuated division in the past are replaced with a vision of unity through common purpose to see people saved, healed and set free and our city transformed.
- Pray believers throughout the region come together in fellowship and acts of service to the people of Philadelphia as never before.

1 Corinthians 1: 10, 1 Peter 3: 8, Acts 2: 46-47, Philippians 2: 1-2



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 THAT LEADS TO STRENGTH

Pray for the Church to be filled with the oil of the joy of the Lord. This season has been a very difficult one for many, even those in the Body of Christ, but many feel the Lord is wanting to release a brand new strength in this hour. The enemy, through Covid-19 has tried to steal our breath, and if he can't do that he is trying to steal our strength (many with the virus report extreme exhaustion even after recovering). The bible is clear that the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

- Pray that the church be marked by the joy that Jesus, Himself, carried more than any other man (Psalm 45:7).
- Declare that the proclamation of joy is replacing the weeping that lasts for a night. Declare cycles of oppression, depression and suicide are giving way to the oil of joy and new strength (Isaiah 61:3)
- Declare that those in the house of the Lord are rising up in a new strength and that the name of our God is a strong tower (Proverbs 18:10).

Psalm 30:5, Psalm 84:5-7, Galatians 5:22, John 15:11, John 16:24

A CLASH OF HOUSES

Pray for the House of the Lord to be strengthened and magnified. Beyond just a building, the House of the Lord is people who have surrendered to Him, working together to establish His Kingdom in the earth. There is also another house being built in the earth; the house of the enemy, and we have seen the clash between the two in recent months like never before (Isaiah 2:2-3).

- Pray that we, as the saints of God, would be fully yielded to His will and that our families would reflect His glory in the earth (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- Pray for a revealing of strongholds that need to be bound and a grace to deal with them so that we can go in and plunder the enemy's house (Matthew 12:29).
- Declare that the House of the Lord is being strengthened and established on the solid rock of the revelation of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18-19).
- Declare that those in House of the Lord are releasing a sound of covenant, that is drowning out the sound of confusion (1 Samuel 17:26).

Acts 7:48-50, Psalm 122:1, Haggai 1:14, 1 Peter 2:4-5

MAGNIFYING MERCY

Pray for the Church to begin to demonstrate the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in profound ways. One of our most desperate needs in this hour is for the mercy of the Lord. Jesus throne was established in mercy, and everything He does flows from that place (Isaiah 16:5).

- Pray that all expressions of righteousness and justice be ones that flow from a place of mercy (Psalm 89:14).
- Pray that the Church would carry a heart of mercy and compassion while also standing for truth (Psalm 85:10).
- Declare that believers are rising up in one of the key aspects of ministry that Jesus called us to - forgiveness (John 20:21-23).

Matthew 5:7, Matthew 12:7, Matthew 23:23, Micah 7:18, Hebrews 4:16