

## Prayer Points for the Gold Coast – September / October 2019

**Praise Points:** There is a quickening of prayer in local churches across the city. Local churches are setting apart special times to worship and to seek the face of the Lord.

As we pray we need to remember **we pray from a place of victory** ...a victory Jesus has won over sin and death at the cross. **Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV)** It is Finished!  
*<sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

**Our prayer is to flow from a place of intimacy.** Jesus Christ loves His Bride and continually intercedes for her. **(Romans 8: 33-38)** Our part is to catch His heart and pray as the Holy Spirit leads, even through our inner groans that words can't express. **(Romans 8:26-27)**

**Our prayer is to be governed by the understanding that the battle belongs to the Lord. (Psalm 24:7-10); (Psalm 140:7) Our part is to stand firm ... (Ephesians 6:10-18) and to pray from a place of rest in Him ...in His word- in His promises!**

### **Intercession Points:**

The points below are a guideline only...allow space for the Holy Spirit to guide the prayer points as you pray through them.

### **The Local Churches of the City**

- Encouragement and strengthening for our pastors and leaders.
- That they will have the capacity to set a culture steeped in love, honour and holiness before the Lord.
- For the raising up of spiritual mothers and fathers in every congregation able to encourage and disciple others.
- For us to be able to stand firm against compromise with the world and to set our minds and hearts on the Kingdom of God above all else.
- For prayer to continue to be encouraged and raised up ...refreshing of prayer warriors and sharing of breakthrough testimonies
- A release of joy in the Lord ...expressed in worship (both in song and in the course of our daily living)

### **Family: Our Families have come under concerted attack –**

- For men to take their place in the home not living for themselves but looking to strengthen and encourage their wives and children.

- That honour and respect for women and girls would become the norm in our city
- That marriage where couples give of themselves to the other would be honoured and celebrated.

Strongholds that hold people captive must come down. There is a cry in the heart of the Father to see the people of the city, His people, released to live in respectful and loving relationships. **Let my people go!** Exodus 15:8-10 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

**Pray for the ministries in our city who are bringing hope and breaking oppression in the areas below:**

- The homeless
- Domestic Violence
- Drug, Alcohol, Porn and other addictions.
- Those ministering with refugees.
- Partnering with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

**Education:**

- Wisdom from above for Principals, Teachers and Staff.
- Peace in our school communities.
- Chaplains to have favour with School Staff, Students and Parents.
- Christian Teachers to carry the presence of Christ in the school and to have favour with their colleagues.
- For students to be valued and for them to sense purpose in their education.

**Business:**

- Honesty and Integrity in Business
- Marriages in Business ...
- Christian Entrepreneurs to step into their calling and invest in kingdom enterprise.
- Culture of the Kingdom to captivate the hearts of Christian Business People.

**Health:**

- Breaking of the bondages for those suffering mental health issues.
- A greater release of the gifts of healing & the miraculous across the Body of Christ.
- God's people making wise decisions around their own health.
- A greater boldness to come upon the body of Christ to lay hands on the sick and see them healed.

**We sense the Holy Spirit is brooding over the Coast - (Genesis 1:2-3)**

We are sensing a powerful wave is breaking over the Gold Coast. This is a powerful move of God. As yet it is still building - moving slowly but like a tsunami it just keeps coming. *Be not dismayed I am with you, says the Lord.* We need to choose to stay on the wave

***Pray that love, for one another across the body of Christ, would abound more and more so that we would truly be one in Christ. (Gal 3:26-28)***

In this season we are being called to a **deeper surrender** of our lives to Him.

- **Pray for a conviction to seek the Face of Our Lord.**
- **That out of intimacy with Him we would seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness**
- **That where we have compromised with the values of the world we would know conviction and repentance.**

**Continue to release peace, blessing and God's wisdom over our Mayor, Tom Tate; our Community leaders, and our communities as we seek the Lord for revival in our churches and a spiritual awakening across the Gold Coast. Jeremiah 29:7**

**Domestic Violence severely impacts family life, and is robbing so many of security, dignity, hope and love.**

- Pray for the comfort and peace for all the women and children who walk through this nightmare and for the lifting off and the breaking down of all trauma and fear.
- Pray that counseling rooms/ refuges may be a haven of peace & safety for all clients
- Pray for the healing and restoration of relationships and families where this is possible and that marriages on the Gold Coast would be founded on mutual respect and true partnership rather than a power struggle
- Pray for a revelation of the great value God places on every individual
- Pray for strengthening and refreshing of all staff and volunteers who are working with domestic violence victims and that they would not grow weary in doing good. That they would have peaceful and restful sleep, unencumbered by the worries and traumas of their daily interaction with clients
- Pray for wisdom, discernment & understanding for Ps Marshall Gray and his team as they work to develop a city-wide church engagement into this issue.
- Pray for the leadership of agencies and ministries working in this area to receive new ideas and creative strategies for ways to respond to domestic violence on the Gold Coast.
- Confession and repentance is needed on behalf of the collective church of the city for where domestic violence has been tolerated or overlooked within the church.

**Isaiah 60:18 –**

No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but **you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.**