

**This bulletin concentrates on praying for the church of the city.** In the previous prayer points bulletin (June / July) other topics are set out that continue to need cover. (Domestic Violence, Family and Marriages, Business etc.) This will be left on our GC House of Prayer website – [www.oneheartgc.com.au](http://www.oneheartgc.com.au)

Different people across the city will have different prayer burdens. Listen for the Holy Spirit and pray into the areas He rests on for you.

***Our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, May Your name be honoured in our city - Your Kingdom come - Your will be done in our hearts and lives, in our congregations and on the Gold Coast, as it is in heaven.***

**Pray that the THREAT of a second wave and FEAR of COVID 19 that hangs over the city be dissipated,** and that the peace, healing and protection of the Lord will be released to cover the city

As the church comes out of lockdown God is giving opportunity to:

- **RESET priorities** particularly where we now recognize life has been too busy. What is the Lord calling us to take up in this next season? What is He looking for us to lay down?
- **Examine** where we have allowed our comfort, the surrounding culture of the world and our programs to shift us away from our first love.
- God is calling us to **repentance** and into a deeper place of intimacy with Him.  
**Jeremiah 2:13** *My people have committed two sins: **They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, & have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.***

In this time of economic catastrophe we are praying for a greater release of the redemptive gifts that grace the Gold Coast.

- **Pray for a release of the entrepreneurial grace** that will enable new business enterprises to gain traction, providing employment opportunities.
- **Pray for the release of innovative solutions** to problems being experienced in the areas of media, education, health, business, and the arts and entertainment.

Some in our city are finding it difficult to engage with life outside again as the restrictions ease.

- We are praying for the opening up of the city, resisting the spirit and fears that would keep the GC bound.
- **Ps 24: 7-10** Pray that eyes will be opened and hearts soft to receive the King of Glory as He walks the city.
- **Pray:** That the gospel will be proclaimed boldly and without compromise across the Gold Coast bringing salvation and societal transformation. –

For many pastors and church leadership teams this has been a very difficult season in navigating through physical closures and adapting to online technology. Many have found themselves a little lost in identifying what ministry should look like in this season.

The prayer points below are taken in the main from *Moving from Sword to Scepter* – Wanda Alger Destiny Image 2020 pp 110 -113 & pp 154 -158

## **PRAY FOR PASTORS & CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAMS**

### **Pray for God to move on pastors and church leaders to know and walk in the fear of the Lord.**

*We ask that the Spirit of the Lord would rest upon each of them; the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and the fear of the Lord (see Isaiah 11:1-2).*

*We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know Him better. (Ephesians 1:17)*

*May they be free from the fear of man so that they can follow Your voice and Your ways (see Proverbs 29:25).*

*We pray that those whom You have specifically called in this hour would persevere in the midst of trials or setbacks and press on toward the goal to win the prize for which You have called them (see Philippians 3:13-14).*

## **ESTABLISHING PRAYER across the CITY**

It has been encouraging to see the way in which the Holy Spirit is raising up prayer in the churches across the Gold Coast in these turbulent times. As we come out of restrictions prayer cover is needed both for the church, the Gold Coast, Australia and the Nations so we don't miss God's *kairos* time and His purposes in this season.

Our sense is that He is calling us to establish a stronger foundation in and through prayer across the city. Fresh vision - fresh strategic alliances - renewed alignment with our King and His heart and His purposes for our city are the order of the day.

- 1. Pray for a greater spiritual hunger among all believers to know the presence of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.**  
(Psalm 73:25; John 7:37-39; Ephesians 1:17-21)
- 2. Pray for a collective vision for the city to be blanketed in prayer.**  
(Acts 1:14; Acts 2:42; Acts 18:9-10)
- 3. Ask for the Lord to raise up watchmen called of the Lord.**  
(Isaiah 62:6-7; Psalm 130:5-6)
- 4. Pray for pastors and church leaders to be gripped with the urgency of prayer.** (Isaiah 26:8-9; Psalm 119:147-148)

- 5. Ask the Lord for tangible results to prayer that would strengthen and encourage corporate faith.** (Acts 12:11-12; 2 Corinthians 1:10-11)
- 6. Pray for those called to build prayer clusters throughout the city. Pray that every sphere of the culture would be covered in prayer.** (Nehemiah 4:13-14; Esther 2:11; Acts 1:13-14)
- 7. Pray that the Lord will stir those who don't know Christ to ask for prayer.** (Jeremiah 21:2; Jeremiah 37:3)
- 8. Pray for God's tangible presence to come in the midst of His people to bring comfort, rest, strength and greater empowering from the Spirit.** (Exodus 33:14; Psalm 21:6-7; Acts 2:2-4)

