Monday: PRAYER FOCUS: THE POWER OF GOD MANIFESTED THROUGH CRYING OUT IN THE NAME AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD JESUS

ISAIAH 40:3-5 “A voice cries in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight a desert in the highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

PRAISE: God inhabits the praises of His people. When we praise Him using His Word, our sword of the Spirit, we invite His power and presence into our circumstances. Spend time praising God for who He is.

Praise El Shaddai—The Almighty, All-Sufficient God:
“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power” (Rev 4:11), “We know it is good to give thanks to you in all things Lord” (Psalm 92:1) “You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand. For what God is there on heaven and on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works You do?” Deut 3:24 “O Lord God of Israel, in heaven above or on earth below. You keep Your covenant of love with Your servants who continue wholeheartedly in Your way. You have kept Your promise. With Your mouth You have promised and with Your hand You have fulfilled it.” 1 Kings 8:23-24

From Streams In The Desert: “There is no limit to what we may ask and expect of our glorious El Shaddai—our Almighty God. He is the God of limitless resources—the only limit comes from us. God is trying to raise our vision to a higher level, call us to have greater expectations and thereby bring us to greater appropriation. The way to find God’s treasure house of blessing is to climb the ladder of His divine promises. Those promises are the key that opens the door to the riches of God’s grace and favor.”
Praise Him that He is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or think!

Read Ephesians 1:17-20 Praise God for resurrection power—the power available to us who believe!

CONFESSION: Forgive us Lord for having requests, thoughts and prayers that are too small and expectations that are too low. Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my thoughts. See is there is any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!” Spend a few minutes in time of silent confession, asking God to purify your heart before you go to Him with the needs of the city.

THANKSGIVING: Spend time thanking God for what He has done, for answers to prayer. Thank Him for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers and pray for us. Thank Him for the constant intercession of Jesus. Thank Him for things that He is going to do because His people have gathered to pray in agreement for our city, and we pray expectantly, knowing that He can do “far more abundantly than we can ask or think, according to the power at work within us.” Eph 3:20 Thank Him for BIG answers to Big NEEDS because He is the God of the impossible. Thank Him that the fervent prayers of His people availeth much!

INTERCESSION: “And this is the confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His Will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, He will give us what we ask of Him.” 1 John 5:14-15 Ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom, understanding, insight and direction in prayer that the truth about our city would be revealed
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Pray for all those participating in this week of prayer—for protection and safety (Ps 91:9-11...For He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways), for perseverance in prayer (Gal 6:9 “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”), for faith-filled, Holy Spirit led prayers (Romans 8:26-27 ...the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God), that the Lord Jesus will be magnified and honored (Rev 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”).

- Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit on Atlanta and do wondrous works of salvation and restoration. Pray for a Holy Spirit breakthrough—for Light to pierce the darkness.
- Pray that God brings a contagious spiritual awakening to His people that manifests itself in city-wide evangelism and creates a hunger to know Him in unbelievers
- Invite God’s protective shield and a wall of His merciful grace to surround Atlanta. Pray that His mighty Hand will bless the city and display His greatness and might on behalf of the city.
- Invite the Kingdom of God to invade the city of Atlanta with resurrection power. “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”
- Cry out for a divine visitation of God’s mercy and grace upon Atlanta and declare that Jesus is the ruler of our city.
- Pray that believers in the city will weep over their sin and the sin and darkness around them and rise up in prayer and action to take back the city for the Lord.
- Pray that God will raise up in His people a holy discontent with the way things are and grow in them a deep desire to see His glory manifested and salvation to come to lost and hurting people.
- Pray that God’s people will humble themselves before Him, with confession of sin, repentance and clean, soft hearts, desiring to be used by Him to bring revival to Atlanta.
- Pray that God’s people will stand in the victory already won at Calvary and operate in the resurrection power of Christ to take back land that the enemy has stolen
- Pray that the reason Atlanta was established—as a city of refuge and hope—would be redeemed.
- Pray that God’s people will seek the welfare of the city—its peace and prosperity
- Pray that God will raise up an army of prayer warriors who will stand in faith for their families, churches and for the city, persevering in prayer with weapons that are mighty to pull down strongholds
- Pray that the truth of God’s holy standards will reveal the truth of the sin of the city to bring personal and corporate repentance.
- Pray any other requests as the Holy Spirit leads
- Close with Ephesians 6:10-18 Pray the armor of God around the city and also around all of us who are coming together to pray this week for the city

Tuesday: PRAYER FOCUS: GOD’S PEOPLE, THE CHURCH

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 “Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instrument of music, and praised the Lord, saying, “For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house.”

PRAISE: The Omnipotent God of the Impossible.
“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?” Jer 32:27 “For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37 “But He said, what is impossible with men is possible with God” Luke 18:27 “Ah Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.” Jer 32:17 “With him is an arm of flesh but with us is the Lord our God to help us and fight our battles.” 2 Chronicles 32:8 “Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.” Ps 147:5

Praise God for the resurrection power in Ephesians 1:17-20
Praise God that we have the victory through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His shed blood at Calvary and His place at the right hand of the Father
Praise God for who He is as the Holy Spirit leads. Remember that praise is a powerful weapon in the believer’s arsenal to go to battle against the evil one

CONFESSION: “When we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9 Spend some time in silent confession before the Lord. Pray Ps 139:23-24

THANKSGIVING: Spend time thanking God for what He has done. For answers to prayer, for His power to invade what to us appears to be an impossible situation with overwhelming opposition and bringing radical transformation. Remember Elisha’s words to his servant as God opened his eyes to see the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire battling the Syrians on behalf of Israel in 2 Kings 6, “Do not be afraid for those who are with us are more than those who are with them” and thank God that He continues to command the armies of heaven to carry out battle in the heavenly realms and fight for His people. Thank Him for Jesus who is constantly interceding for us and for the power of the Holy Spirit to convict, teach, open eyes and pray for us. Thank Him for His Word, our sword of the Spirit, living and active and more powerful than any 2-edged sword. When we pray His Word, we pray His Will and He will answer us! Pray prayers of thanksgiving as the Holy Spirit leads.

INTERCESSION: “Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.” Psalm 61:1-3
We will focus our intercession today on God’s people, the church. Ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom, insight and direction in prayer and intercede as He leads.
*Pray that the true, Bible-believing churches in Atlanta come together as a unified body of believers regardless of race, denomination or ethnicity. Pray that the church takes the lead in bringing help, healing, restoration and renewal to the city
*Pray that God’s people will step up and allow God to use us as instruments of peace, love, unity and transformation
*Pray that God will reveal the unfruitful works of darkness, the places where the evil one has made inroads and make the church aware of and responsive to these works.
*Pray that the Holy Spirit will fall with deep conviction on the church in Atlanta to pray in unity that God would destroy strongholds of darkness in the city and replace those strongholds with His redemptive plan—and over all these strongholds pray that the church would be the first to step up and help spiritually, physically and emotionally. Pray that the church will be willing to share the Gospel and that Christ would build up His church in the city—bringing many to salvation—and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it!
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

By the authority of the name of Jesus, Cry out to the lord to:
**Destroy poverty, homelessness and injustice (bring a Godly concern for the poor and for just leadership)**
**Destroy violence, strife and gangs (bring peace, mercy and compassion to overrule hatred)**
**Destroy addictions to drugs and alcohol (bring freedom from addictions, bring a desire for moral purity and values)**
**Destroy the perversion of God’s plan for a healthy family (bring a fear of the Lord and holiness in relationships)**
**Destroy pornography, sexual immorality, sex trafficking, prostitution (bring a fear of the Lord, holiness and a respect for all people—men, women and children as image bearers of God)**
**Destroy racial and ethnic hate and division (bring supernatural love between the races, mercy and compassion to overrule hatred, peace over the city)**
**Destroy greed and materialism, apathy and indifference (bring generosity, sacrificial giving)**
**Destroy discouragement, despondency, despair (bring hope and comfort)**
**Destroy any “religiosity” that exalts itself against the Lord Jesus and that causes people to be led astray (bring worship in spirit and truth, faithfulness to the Scriptures)**

*Pray that God will raise up faith-filled, godly leaders in the church who will put Jesus first, aspire to excellence in ministry and seek the welfare of the city by spreading the Gospel through Word and deed. *Pray that God will burden hearts of church leaders and members outside the city to reach out and encourage/minister to/support/adopt inner city churches and help their ministries to thrive even in the most difficult settings
*Ask God to fill His people, the church, with a divine perspective, that we would be effective ambassadors for Christ, becoming “cultural transformers.”
*Ask Him to break our hearts with compassion and spur us on to love and good deeds. Pray that the church takes the lead in overcoming evil with good and winning back the city of Atlanta for the Lord.!
*Pray Ephesians 6:10-18 and ask God to protect His people and the work of His church, that He would hide His people under the shelter of His wing and no weapon formed against them would prosper!

“Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Wednesday: PRAYER FOCUS: CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND THE EVIL OF DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING (DMST)**

2 Samuel 22:17-20 “He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters; He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me because He delighted in me.”
PRAISE: Our praise will be lifted up to God our Deliverer—Spend time praising Him through His Word and as the Holy Spirit leads.

“The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ear toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Ps 34:15-17  I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Ps 18:1-2  “Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will deliver us again. 2 Corinthians 1:9-10

CONFESSION: “Lord, deliver us from passive lives and unbelieving hearts. May our prayers be bathed in faith which is pleasing to you.” Spend a few minutes in silent confession of sin. “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

THANKSGIVING: Our prayer focus today will be on children, schools and Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST)

Spend time thanking God for what He has done and for answers to prayer. In the midst of battling the evil of DMST, we have much to be thankful for as our Deliverer has heard our prayers and answered in many ways:
*He has ignited a passion in the hearts of His people and in the secular world alike to battle this evil through the church, the halls of government, in law enforcement, through the creation of non-profits such as Street Grace, on high school and college campuses through students, in the film industry and more. As a result, awareness had spread.
*New laws have passed in the Georgia Assembly that have toughened the punishment against perpetrators and provided more aid and resources to the victims. Thank you God for Senator Renee Unterman, Reps Ed Lindsey and Buzz Brockway, AG Sam Olens and GBI Director Keenan who have been tireless in the battle against DMST.
*The number of men engaged in the fight has grown with the creation of FACE, Fathers Against Childhood Exploitation.
*City governments such as Johns Creek have passed tougher regulations against massage parlors, some of which are fronts for sex trafficking and prostitution.
*Thank God for ministries which now provide help, hope and rehabilitation for those rescued from DMST.
*Thank God for the worldwide organization, Moms in Prayer, and the impact that the prayers of moms have had on children and schools
*Thank God for being the giver of all our strength, wisdom, purpose, protection, even our willingness to enter the battle in prayer, word and deed!

INTERCESSION: “Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare, you will find your welfare.”  Jeremiah 29:7

*Pray that our Great Deliverer brings deliverance and rescue to EVERY CHILD being held against their will for any reason—abuse, violence or DMST. Come in power Lord Jesus and rescue!
*Pray for protection of our children from abuse, violence, dishonest and opportunistic adults and peers who would take advantage of them.
*Pray that the light of God’s justice will shine into every dark corner in the city—the streets, hotels, homes, vehicles, clubs, massage parlors, exposing deeds of darkness, abuse and trafficking of children and bringing rescue and deliverance.
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*Pray for supernatural peace, comfort and hope to wrap around the hearts and minds of these children as they wait for rescue.
*Pray for honest and alert law enforcement officers who will see and help runaways before they are forced into DMST.
*Pray for more facilities, esp Christian facilities, to house the victims and carry out the process of healing and rehabilitation
Pray for financial provision for these organizations—manna from heaven!
*Pray that the protection and well-being of the children of Atlanta will be of primary concern to parents, teachers, law enforcement, business and government leaders.
*Pray that churches and ministries will be a place of refuge for runaways and children being abused.
*Pray for physical, emotional and spiritual protection for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges as they aid the victims and prosecute the perpetrators. Pray for quickly-administered justice for the perpetrators and a radical change of heart as they realize their depravity.
*Pray for continued wisdom and a heart to help children who are victims of DMST by those in the General Assembly and in the City of Atlanta government. May there be a sense of shame in those in authority who recognize this evil but turn their back on it.
*Pray for a way to eradicate DMST by exposing those who demand the service—attack the source Lord! Pray that godly men will rise up and let their voices be heard that they will not tolerate DMST
*Pray that churches in the city will minister to hurting parents and children and work to restore relationships so that children are surrounded by people who love them.
*Pray that Atlanta will lose its title of having the highest paid pimps in the country.
*Pray for a radical, supernatural culture change in Atlanta that will quit sexualizing children.
*Pray for protection for Street Grace and all the organizations who battle DMST—for safety of the workers, protection of resources, strength and perseverance to overcome obstacles, for an attitude of unity and cooperation to work together in fighting to end DMST.

*Pray that God will open doors in inner city schools and churches to begin Moms in Prayer groups. These groups are plentiful in the suburbs but not in the city. Pray that inner city moms will come to know the blessing and benefit of praying with other moms for their children and their schools.
*Pray that God begins to burden the hearts of moms to pray together
*Pray that inner city schools will be filled with teachers who love the Lord and will teach with excellence.
Pray that they will have the zeal to make an impact on their students for good.
*Pray for godly principals, administrators and superintendent, men and women of honesty and integrity who have vision and creativity and will promote unity.
*Pray for God to protect our inner city schools from violence, bullying, drugs and alcohol. Pray for respect among the student body for each other and staff.

*Pray that God will raise up a generation of faith-filled young people in the city of Atlanta who will commit their lives to the Lord, stand firm against secular philosophy and empty deceit and make an impact for Jesus Christ!
*Pray anything else for the children of Atlanta as the Spirit leads
*Close your time of prayer with Ephesians 6:10-18, praying the protection of God’s armor over the children and schools of Atlanta, in addition to those who are involved in praying for the city this week.
May You be honored Lord—glorify Your name, our Great Deliverer! We wait expectantly for You!

Thursday: PRAYER FOCUS: GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS
1 Timothy 2:1-6 “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”

Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 21:15 “When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.”
Proverbs 11:11 “By the blessing of the upright, a city is exalted but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.”

Psalm 24:7-10 “Lift up your heads, O gates and be lifted up O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory!”

PRAISE: Jehovah Nissi, our banner; He is our cause and the victory is His!
Psalm 20:5-7 “May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions! Now I know the Lord saves His anointed. He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Praise God that He is in His holy temple; He is on His heavenly throne. He observes all the affairs of men from His eternal perspective. “His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward Him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9
Spend time praising God for being our banner, our cause, our victory! Prayers of faith bind the hand of the enemy, penetrate the darkness and allow truth to prevail.

CONFESSION: Psalm 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Spend some time in silent confession of sin so that we may approach the throne of grace with a pure heart.

THANKSGIVING: Spend time thanking God for His blessings, for answers to prayer. Thank Him that He is sovereign, and it is He that raises up kings and brings them down. Thank Him for the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit—for the risen Christ who ever lives to make intercession for us and will one day return to establish His kingdom on earth. Thank Him for His never-ending source of grace to help us persevere in prayer and in the battle for our city. Thank Him that we have His weapons which are mighty to pull down strongholds. Thank Him for being a God who answers prayers and for the confidence that we have in Him that He will bring His glory to fall on our city, redeeming, restoring and transforming!
Thank Him as the Holy Spirit leads!

INTERCESSION: Isaiah 60:1-3 “Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”
**Proverbs 10:9**  “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.”  Pray for men and women of courage and integrity in every level of government—for the governor’s office, the General Assembly, city government, the judicial system and law enforcement. Pray that those who are dishonest and corrupt will be exposed and repent or removed from their position.  
**Pray for the following public servants, for God to keep them and their families safe, that they would conduct their business with integrity, wisdom, courage and in the best interest of the city of Atlanta and state of Georgia, that they would be held accountable with the decisions that they make, that they would not fall into corruption, that they would have a relationship with the Lord Jesus by grace through faith;**  
**Pray for just, humble leaders who will rule and manage in the fear of the Lord, who will find wisdom and direction in God’s Word.**  
**Pray for leaders who will practice righteousness and seek the city’s welfare.**
Governor Nathan Deal  
Lt Governor Casey Cagle  
Attorney General Sam Olens  
House of Representatives (180 members) Pray specifically for your reps  
Georgia Senate (56 senators) Pray for your senator  
Sec of State Brian Kemp  
State School Superintendent John Barge  
Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black  
Commissioner of Insurance Ralph Hudgens  
Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler  
State of Georgia Judicial System:  
   - Trial Courts  
   - Appellate Courts (Includes Supreme Ct)  
     Approx 1300 judges, some appointed, some elected  
City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed  
Atlanta City Council—15 members led by Council President Ceasar Mitchell  
GBI  
Police Department  

Pray specifically for those who battle domestic minor sex trafficking—that God would grant them unusual wisdom, courage, integrity, protection and favor as they create new laws, prosecute perpetrators, help victims, speak out as needed, confront the evil on the streets, and execute justice in what can be a very dangerous undertaking.  
   - Senator Renee Unterman  
   - Representative Ed Lindsey  
   - Representative Buzz Brockway  
   - AG Sam Olens  
   - GBI Director Keenan  
Law enforcement, prosecutors and judges  

Pray for the upcoming election cycle—that God will have mercy on us and place godly men and women in positions of power in all levels of government. Pray for leaders who value life and religious freedom. Pray for lies on the campaign trail to be exposed and intentions to be clear.
In addition to state and city government, the city of Atlanta has many large and small businesses in a wide range of industries that provide jobs and resources for thousands of people. Pray for the city’s business market—for available jobs for all levels of skill, businesses that are willing to reach beyond their doors to help the city heal and thrive, for men and women of integrity and compassion to operate in positions of influence to allow their business to be a blessing to the city.

Pray for cooperation between businesses and the faith community in the city for shared resources and volunteers.

Pray specifically for any business that you are familiar with in the city

Pray for colleges in the city—Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Emory, Clark Atlanta, Morehouse, SCAD, Georgia Perimeter, Spelman, Oglethorpe, Morris Brown and others

Pray for protection of the students and faculty

Pray for godly teachers in the colleges who will impact the students not just academically but spiritually, preparing them not just for a job but for a desire to give back to the city in the way that the Lord is calling them

Pray for Christian organizations to thrive on the campuses

Pray that the Christian students will be winsome and attractive in sharing the Gospel and leading others to faith.

Psalm 19:7-9 “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”

Establish the city of Atlanta on the right foundation of Your Word and Your truth, O Lord. Establish Your presence over our city, O Lord, our Rock, our Banner and our Redeemer! We will shout for joy over Your victory!

Friday: PRAYER FOCUS: INNER CITY MINISTRIES

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.”

Matthew 9:35-38 “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into His harvest.”

John 4:34-35 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, there are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest’ “

PRAISE: Our praise will be lifted up to the Lord of the Harvest. The city of Atlanta is a harvest field and while there are many who are working to harvest souls in the city, many more are needed! Praise God that He uses His people to harvest His fields. Praise Jesus that He did, and still does, feel great compassion toward the lost, needy and hurting. Praise Him that He harvested our souls and has given us the Holy Spirit to open our
eyes to see the world as He sees it. Praise Him for His equipping power and that He saved us “by grace through faith” so that “we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Eph 2:8-10  Praise Him that He uses our prayers to send laborers into the harvest. Praise Him that His love compels us. Praise Him as the Spirit leads.

CONFESSION: 1 John 1:9 “When we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
Forgive us Lord that we don’t mourn as Jesus did for the harvest. Forgive us when we are negligent to pray for more workers or when our prayers are shallow and without faith. Forgive us Lord when we live more for our comfort, our benefit, our praise than we do for your glory. Forgive us for not being faithful ambassadors for your kingdom. Forgive us and make us faithful stewards Lord of all that you have entrusted to us—In Jesus’ mighty name.

THANKSGIVING: Thank God for all that He has done and for answers to prayer. Thank Him for forgiving the sin of His people and for trusting us to pray, send and go into the harvest fields. Thank God that “He has poured His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given to us.” (Romans 5:5) Thank God that Jesus is now Lord of the Harvest and He has been exalted to bestow gifts—the gifts of the Spirit—His chief gifts are now men and women filled with the Spirit (Andrew Murray). Thank you Father that “when we ask it will be given; when we seek, we shall find and when we knock, it will be opened.” Luke 11:9 Thank God that “He is always with us; He will never leave us or forsake us.” Hebrews 13:5
Offer up prayers of Thanksgiving as the Holy Spirit leads.

INTERCESSION: Open this time with this prayer by Andrew Murray:
“Blessed Lord! Thou hast this day again given us another of Thy wondrous lessons to learn. We humbly ask Thee, O give us to see aright the spiritual realities of which Thou hast been speaking. There is the harvest which is so large, and perishing, as it waits for sleepy disciples to give the signal for labourers to come. Lord, teach us to look out on it with a heart moved with compassion and pity. There are the labourers, so few. Lord, show us how terrible the sin of the want of prayer and faith, of which this is the token. And there is the Lord of the harvest, so able and ready to send them forth. Lord, show us how He does indeed wait for the prayer to which He has bound His answer. And there are the disciples, to whom the commission to pray has been given: Lord, show us how Thou canst pour down Thy Spirit and breathe upon them, so that Thy compassion and the faith in Thy promise shall rouse them to unceasing, prevailing prayer. O our Lord! We cannot understand how Thou canst entrust such work and give such power to men so slothful and unfaithful. We thank Thee for all whom Thou art teaching to cry day and night for labourers to be sent forth. Lord, breathe Thine own Spirit on all Thy children, that they may learn to live for this one thing alone—the kingdom and glory of their Lord—and become fully awake to the faith of what their prayer can accomplish. And let all our hearts in this, s in every petition, be filled with the assurance that prayer, offered in loving faith in the living God, will bring certain and abundant answer.” Amen

There are many ministries in the city of Atlanta that are serving the homeless, drug-addicted, alcoholic, helpless and hopeless, disabled, desperate, sexually abused, physically and emotionally abused, out of work, mentally ill, spiritually lost and alone—and so much more. We will pray specifically for the ministries listed here—please pray for those you know about, and if you would like to, share their name and mission with the rest of us so that we can pray for them by name also. Most of these ministries are run by those who have a passion and a calling for what they are doing—the money is always tight, resources dwindle, volunteers come
and go and working conditions can be heartwrenching and miraculous at best and dangerous and overwhelming at worst. Yet our God is faithful—He is Jehovah Jireh, our great provider. He is a “sun and a shield, He bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” Ps 84:11 And my God will supply every need of yours according to His glorious riches in glory in Christ.” Phil 4:19

These are the faithful workers who have responded to God’s call to enter the harvest field as laborers and they need our prayers and support!

**City of Refuge--- Pastor Bruce Deel---They offer resources and life building tools to a community in crisis to help help transfer hurting people back into lives of meaning and independence through housing, medical and child care, job training and educational programs. Pray for financial provision to run all aspects of the ministry, pray for God to bring the right staff as they are needed, pray for the success of the food truck program, pray for wisdom and unity for the leadership, pray for an atmosphere of peace and unity for the residents, pray for life changing encounters for the residents-adults and children- with the Lord Jesus Christ, pray for an abundance of volunteers, pray that the peace and hope inside CoR will flood out into the surrounding neighborhoods, pray for safety and protection for staff and residents.

**Jars of Clay---Pastor Anita Favors---Kingdom Worship Center and Help Center-
A Christ-centered ministry that provides food, shelter, clothing for women and children along with life coaching, educational training, job training, child care for homeless women and children. Please pray for an abundance of resources—food, clothing, toys along with financial provision. Pray for favor with large corporations that would be willing to donate resources. Pray for volunteer needs to be met. Pray for safety and protection for staff and families that are being helped.

**Nightlight Atlanta---A faith-based movement that addresses the issues of commercial sexual exploitation by partnering with law enforcement and other service providers for prevention, intervention and restoration. The body of Christ is mobilized to reach out to those in strip clubs, brothels, hotels, and those on the street who are soliciting, perpetrating or buying. Pray for divine appointments between staff and those in the sex industry, especially with those being exploited and especially children. Pray for supernatural protection for the staff as they walk the streets. Pray for a life-changing encounter with Jesus for those who are helped by the Nightlight staff out of the sex trade.

**Street Grace---A faith-based organization of 94 churches, various community organizations and individuals who work together to end domestic minor sex trafficking through awareness, empowerment and engagement. Leadership staff: CEO Cheryl Deluca-Johnson, COO Stuart Griffin and Dir of Operations Lisa Clark. Pray for the breakdown of the systematic exploitation of children, the rescue and restoration of victims, the protection of potential victims, the redemption of traffickers and perpetrators and effective legislation. Pray for an increase in places and services for victims. Pray for protection for staff as they battle this evil. Pray for Sally Doster, a Perimeter justice team member, who has been trained by Street Grace to travel around the state and speak about DMST—pray specifically for her as she speaks at Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Baxley Ga on April 8—for clarity, impact and awareness of the problem there.

**Summerhill Community Ministries---Provides a supportive Christian environment for inner city children to be encouraged, empowered and equipped with academic, social and life skills to help them reach their full potential for Christ and impact their community. Pray for the success of the after school program and for youth night.

**Peace of Thread---Ministry that works with refugee women to love them to Christ through sewing handbags. Pray for a tremendous harvest of souls!

**FACE---Pray for the kick-off of Fathers Against Child Exploitation on June 15, pray that many men would get involved to stop the demand.
**7 Bridges to Recovery—A rescue team for Jesus Christ—Pray for those on the front lines of the ministry who go onto the streets to rescue the homeless, the addicted, and the desperate. Pray for strength and supernatural love, for more resources, for more workers for the harvest, pray for obedience to the Lord, no matter the cost.

**Salvation Army—An international Christian ministry formed to preach the Gospel and meet basic human needs.

**Wellspring: Wellspring Living for Girls (ages 12-17) and Empowered Loving (ages 17-22) Founded by Mary Frances Bowley. Securely houses and serves girls and young women who are survivors of DMST—offers trauma therapy, life skills, continued education and confidence. Wellspring also provides awareness and teaching to other cities and organizations. Pray that they will be effective and successful in their message and their ministry. Pray that the young women they serve would be transformed physically, emotionally and spiritually during their time at Wellspring.

Pray the following Scripture over these faithful workers:

**That they would know that they “have this sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.” Heb 6:19

**That “the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will.” Heb 13:20-21

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but on everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philiipians 4:6-7

***“In God I trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? Ps 56:11

***“For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity guarding the paths of justice and watching over the ways of his saints.” Proverbs 2:6-8

***“As for you Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and faithfulness will ever preserve me! Ps 40:11

**Plead the protection of Ps 91 over the ministries and the staff. May no weapon formed against them prosper!

**Weekly Prayer Guide - LOVING OUR CITY THROUGH PRAYER

**Saturday: PRAYER FOCUS—FAITH UNTO HEALING

1 John 5:4-5 “And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

Rev 12:10-11 “Now salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.”

Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.”
You, until the answers come.

**Father,** in the name of Jesus, give us the faith that we need to take dominion of the city through prayer and to believe You for incredible answers. Raise up an army of intercessors who will persist in prayer, listening to You, until the answers come.
**Father, in the name of Jesus, break our hearts for what breaks yours and create in your people a holy discontent so that doing nothing is not an option.

**Father, in the name of Jesus, send a Holy Spirit-led breakthrough to sweep through our city and bring salvation and redemption of everything that the evil one has staked claim to. Come in power, Lord of the Harvest—destroy strongholds, set the captives free and cause the plans of the enemy to fail.

**Father, in the name of Jesus, awake, empower and unify your church to walk in victory and faithful obedience to Your Word to proclaim the Gospel with loving boldness. Give the church a vision for revival, beginning in the hearts of each one of us.

**Father, in Jesus name, bring salvation and righteousness to leaders in government, business, media, education and medicine that they would lead with honor and integrity, wisdom and courage.

**Father, in Jesus name, provide for the needs of inner city ministries so that they would never lack anything that they need to thrive.

**Father, in Jesus name, help your people to “humble themselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways so that You will hear from heaven and forgive our sin and heal our land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Jesus, come and reign and establish Your Kingdom in the city of Atlanta. You are the Light of the World—shine Your Light and draw people to Yourself.

**Pray this prayer from 1 Thessalonians 1:2-9 over all who are seeking the welfare of the city through prayer and service:
Father, continue to stir up in Your people work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Cause your people to know that they are loved by You and especially chosen of You.
Cause the gospel to take root in their lives and go forth from them not in words only, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction
Cause your people to keep their eyes on the Lord Jesus and become imitators of Him, to have joy as only the Holy Spirit can give, and to model Christ with their lives to a watching world, that their faith in You might become known to the ends of the earth.
Keep your people actively serving only You, the living and true God. Keep you people’s heart turned to You so that they will recognize the snare of idols and consciously choose to have nothing in their lives that rivals You.