



**Prayer Guide PDF
for
Transform Yakima Together**

Let's be intentional in our prayer

There are an estimated almost 250,000 people in the Yakima County. According to the Yakima County Religion Statistics Profile (2010) 55.5% of our population is not involved in any religion. We have 24.6% of our families with children living in poverty (2014 Yakima County Annual Report) as well as other areas of our society in need of God's transformation. The starting place for any transformation is prayer. "Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray, not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God." (1 Tim. 2:8, The Message) God gave us a promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will 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 will heal their land." As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we will be changed, and we will see transformation in the Yakima Valley through prayer! "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." We need more workers for this harvest. Jesus teaches that the answer to this harvest is more workers, and the way to see more workers is through prayer! We are convicted that we need to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers..." to reach the 55% that are unchurched in our valley as well as to bring about societal change.

Let's get equipped to P.R.A.Y.

Praise—Thank God for what He has already accomplished through Jesus.

Repent—Confess your sins and shortcomings. Repent personally and on behalf of the Yakima Valley.

Ask—Ask God to reveal truth, turn our hearts back toward Him, and bring healing.

Yield—Yield to the Lord and recognize that He has heard our prayers and will answer according to His will.

A Prayer for Yakima

Our Father who is in Heaven and among us, we bless Your name and thank You for your many gifts, especially for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

We thank You for Yakima and the beautiful and abundant Valley in which we live. We pray that Yakima would become known as a city of Light and hope, of peace and prosperity.

We thank You for our leaders – The public servants who serve our community as county commissioners, city council members, law enforcement and safety personnel and staff. We ask that You bless them individually and together. We pray for wisdom in every decision and that righteousness prevails in all things.

We pray that a spirit of peace and unity and collaboration prevails every day and though we may disagree we pray that we may honor and respect each other.

Our prayer is that Your will, will be done on earth, in Yakima, as it is in Heaven. For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Government Prayer Suggestions

"When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice." (1Kings 3:28)

- Government authorities to rely on God for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (James 1:5) and that their hearts are open to God's leading
- Righteous judges and judgments in our courts. That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed (Hebrews 13:7)
- Mayor and county officials
- Police Chief and police officers
- Fire Chief and firemen
- That those who are involved in gangs, criminal activity, immorality, and corruption will have an encounter with Jesus and change their ways

Church Prayer Suggestions

“So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.” (Colossians 2:6-8)

- A spiritual awaking in our churches (Eph. 1:17-19)
- God’s Kingdom would come to Yakima and His will would be done here (Matt. 6:10)
- The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt. 22:37)
- Unity with and among churches and their ministries that reveal God’s love to the world (John 17:23)
- The love of God in us would call the Church out from their walls into the community to bring hope and love to our city (Luke 10:2)
- A return to the absolutes of God’s Word (Psalm 1:1-3)
- Integrity—that God’s people look and act differently from the world (1 Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)
- A holy fear of the Lord released in the heart of God’s people (Proverbs 9:10)
- Those unsaved would be presented with the gospel and a loving Christian witness (Romans 10:14)
- The glory of God would fill our region (Ps. 24:7-10)

Family Prayer Suggestions

“If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” (Mark 3:25)

- Unity and love in individual family units that reaches out in hospitality toward others (Romans 12:9-13)
- A return to family values (Job 22:21-22)
- A return to the biblical mandate to train our children at home in the fear of the Lord and not leave the responsibility to others (Proverbs 22:6)
- Children to respect and honor their parents. (Ephesians 6:2-3)
- Generosity and compassionate hearts for the poor and needy (Psalm 112:9, Luke 10:33-37)
- God to release a Fathering Movement in the Yakima Valley to restore the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, so that our land is blessed (Mal. 4:6 NASB)
- Marriages to be filled with love, patience, kindness, humility, perseverance, and hope (1 Corinthians 13)
- The Holy Spirit being released over the Yakima Valley to bring about our adoption to sonship to Father God (Romans 8:15)

Business Prayer Suggestions

“I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working...” (Exodus 31:3-4)

- Integrity among Christian workers so that they win the right to be heard (1 Chronicles 29:17)
- Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that we need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15)
- Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

Media Prayer Suggestions

“...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

- Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15)
- Christian would have influence in the media industry, from television and radio stations, to newspaper and magazines publishers
- Media to be unbiased, truthful, and without an agenda

Education Prayer Suggestions

“If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:3-6)

- A return to truth and Judeo-Christian ethics (Psalm 1:1-2)
- A safe atmosphere conducive to learning
- Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21)
- Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential (Philippians 1:9)
- God to select teachers and administrators who honor His statutes and inspire children to discover their God given callings.