

# pray for ★ columbus

November 2021 Prayer Guide

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## ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Since 2016, we have been praying for every Columbus City School to have a committed church partner. In 2016, only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of these schools had a church partnership. **Today, we are only a few schools away from our goal!** Praise God for His faithfulness to see this dream become a reality. Please continue to pray for thriving relationships between churches and schools.
  - **Hundreds of Pastors and leaders gathered in person and online in October** to encourage one another and to review fresh data on the state of Columbus. This gathering fostered a great sense of unity and collaboration.
  - **New connections between our communities and churches are being made daily** in Columbus through sponsored Google and Facebook ads. Searching and hurting people are being ministered to through this free service provided to local churches in our city!
  - A national study revealed that **over half of non-churchgoers in Columbus hold a positive view of the local church**, believing that churches in their area care about what is going on in their communities. Pulling Columbus ahead, this opinion is 8% higher than the national average.
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please **pray for abundant financial provision** for the work of reaching the city of Columbus. Pray for generosity among Christ-followers in our city.
- Pray for a **movement of the Holy Spirit** in our city that empowers true disciple-making and a hunger and a thirst for God's Word.
- Pray **against division and for a spirit of unity** between congregations, nonprofits, civic leaders, and marketplace leaders in Columbus.
- **Ask God for a compelling vision for the flourishing peace of Columbus** that inspires leaders across our city. Ask God to help leaders listen to one another and gain understanding for moving forward.
- Pray for **outreach and evangelism training taking place this month**. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest field! (Luke 10:2)

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## PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- Take a moment to praise and thank God for the **gift of His shalom peace through redemption and reconciliation in His Son, Jesus** (pray through: *Colossians 1:19-20, Isaiah 9:6, 11:1-9, and Luke 2:14*)
  - Praise God that our new Police Chief, Elaine Bryant and Assistant Police Chief LaShanna Potts have **explicitly asked for Chaplains to attend to families at every place of violent crime** in our city.
  - Praise God for Unified, the October 3rd prayer and worship gathering at the Ohio Statehouse, where **dozens of churches gathered together to worship and pray for Columbus!**
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## CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- Take a moment to **confess anything in you that is out of alignment** with God's shalom peace. Ask Jesus to search you and speak words of truth and love (see *Psalms 139:23-24, 1 John 4:9-11*)
  - **Bless your family, neighborhood and all of Columbus with shalom peace** according to *Numbers 6:24-26*. You may even feel led to sing this blessing aloud as God leads.
  - Pray for a **dramatic decrease in violence in Columbus and for God's protection** according to *Psalms 91*.
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## PRAY ALOUD

Lord Jesus, we call upon You, the Prince of Peace, to come in greater measure into our homes, our families, our schools, our workplaces and our streets. Without You there is no peace. We need You desperately! We ask for Your Spirit to be poured out over our city in such a way that can only be explained as the hand of God. We take authority over every attack and scheme of the enemy and we loose Your warring angels to guard and protect Your people. May You be glorified in us and have Your way in us today. In Jesus' precious Name, Amen.