

Prayer Room Stations with Suggestions

This booklet is to be used **ONLY** as a tool to help in prayer. It is in **NO** way to override anything the Holy Spirit may lead you to pray.

You may want to start at Station 1 and finish at Station 10 or you may want to begin somewhere in the middle.

Some of the lists are helpful so feel free to use them without following any of the other directives.

Be blessed and flow with the Spirit of the Lord.

STATION 1 - THE ALTAR OF INCENSE - WORSHIP & DECLARATION

Enter in a posture of worship, declaring who God is and His goodness. Use the Names of God book to remind yourself of these things.

Suggested Scripture:

- Psalm 24
- John 12: 46
- John 8: 12
- John 1
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STATION 2 - ABBA'S LIVING ROOM

KNOW WHO GOD IS by being still and listening to the Father's Heart for you and for those whom you will be praying.

Suggested Scripture:

- Matthew 22: 37 - 39
- John 17
- Micah 6: 6 - 8
- 1 Corinthians 4: 5
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STATION 3 - 5 - HEART PREPARATION

STATION 3 - THE BRAZEN ALTAR - THE CROSS - EVALUATION & REPENTANCE:

This is a time to let the Lord search your heart to reveal any thing He with which He would have you deal. Forgiving others, laying burdens down, and releasing your own failures are not uncommon areas He deals with before we pray.

Place your burden in the box at the cross. These are only between you and the Lord. We are careful to NOT read them before we burn them when the box is full.

Suggested Scripture:

- John 12: 32
- Mark 9: 50
- Leviticus 2: 13
- Colossians 4:6
- 1 John 2: 9
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STATION 3 - 5 - HEART PREPARATION continued

STATION 4 - THE LAVER - WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Suggested Scripture:

- Hebrews 10: 16 - 22
- 1 John 1: 7
- John 12: 36
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STATION 5 - DECLARATION OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

KNOW that you are cleansed and that your sins are washed away.

Look through the Our Identity in Christ booklet for many reminders of who you have become in Him.

Suggested Scripture:

- Isaiah 61
- Matthew 5: 13 - 16
- 1 Peter 2: 9
- Ephesians 1: 6
- Psalms 91
- Jeremiah 29: 5 - 14
- Psalm 2: 8
- Hebrews 7: 25
- Micah 6: 6 - 8
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Feel free to add Scripture references that are pertinent to each area.

STATION 6 SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE

General guideline in praying through the seven spheres:

Reclaiming the seven spheres of Influence [also called the seven mountains, or mind molders]
Brief explanation: There are seven unique spheres of influence that shape the mind of culture; the way people think. These have been identified as the seven mind molders of society. Influencing and shaping the way we think and live. People with authority in these spheres become powerful influence over nations, profoundly impacting society. The destinies of nations are therefore being determined by a handful of people. God's desire is for the believers to be the influencers, like Caleb of old, to take authority over their specific sphere of influence.

The theme: praying God's redemptive purpose into the seven spheres of influence

Matthew 5:13 to 16

[Believers Are Salt and Light] "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven

Declare that as you pray you are surrounding these 7 mountains in the spirit, these areas of cultural influence with your prayers, you are following God's path as He instructed, carrying God's light with you, declaring God's plans and purposes:

Our intention is pray God's BLESSING of salvation upon all leaders of each sphere, that they may come to experience His love. **Note – you cannot love God or others unless you love yourself.*

Proceed with heart of repentance and humility [Micah 6:8 and 2 Chron.7:14], stand and ask the Lord to reveal areas where have agreed with the world's system, ask for His forgiveness before you proceed.

Begin walking around each sphere: declaring the following scriptures:

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 (New King James Version)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9

read 1 Cor.13 – pray because you love them

Pray for each sphere of influence as the Lord leads you.

End your time with a shout!

Zechariah 4:6-7 [Zerubbabel had struggled to build the temple amid all many and means of problems. An angel came with encouragement and wisdom]:

This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit" says the Lord of Hosts. Who are you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

Joshua 6:16

And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!!"

STATION 6 - PRAYING FOR THE SEVEN SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

1. GOVERNMENT

Suggested Scripture:

- Psalm 72
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2. EDUCATION

Suggested Scripture:

- Matthew 18: 1 - 6
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3. ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Suggested Scripture:

- Exodus chapters 30 - 35
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4. MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Suggested Scripture:

- 2 Corinthians 10: 4 - 5
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5. CHURCH & RELIGION

Suggested Scripture:

- 2 Chronicles 7: 14
- John 17: 20 - 26
- Psalm 133
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6. BUSINESS & COMMERCE/FINANCE

Suggested Scripture:

- Deuteronomy 28: 8 - 11
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7. FAMILY & HOME

Suggested Scripture:

- Matthew 19: 13 - 15
- Ephesians 5 and 6: 1 - 4
- Malachi 4: 6
- Psalm 68: 5 - 6
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SPHERE #1 - GOVERNMENT

Scriptures:

1 Timothy 2:1-8

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Prayer points:

1. The authority of government is established by God. It is His will that we be involved in prayers and intercession for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-3). We are to submit to honour and respect those in authority (Romans 13:1-3)
2. God established the political system to show us His love and care. However, His purposes are thwarted when sin, greed, negligence and selfishness abound. But if His people (the Church) who are called by His name, pray and seek His face, and repent, He will come and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:13-16)
3. God is looking for people to stand in the gap on behalf of the land when the religious leaders and political leaders are not obeying the Law and the people are practicing extortion, robbery and injustice. God could not find such a person in Israel's time. But, today, we are called to pray and stand in the gap on behalf of our city, province and nation (Ezekiel 22:26-31, especially 30)
4. Because the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16) ask God to raise up a Joseph (Genesis 45:4-26) in our days to be in a position of authority. We need to pray that godly men and women will enter the political arena and become elected officials at all levels.
5. We as a church need to pray because God wants to be invited to choose the leaders over society so that He will not have to judge the nation (Hosea 8:4). God wants the leaders' hearts turned toward Him so that He can steer the direction of the government (Proverbs 21:1)

MUNICIPAL/CITY GOVERNMENT

Profiles of each municipality are attached.

Pray also for those who are in charge of:

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- **PARKS DEPARTMENT**
- **HOSPITALS**

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BC PROVINCIAL Government - Next provincial election May 12, 2009

Lieutenant-Governor: The Honour [Steven Point](#)
BC Liberal Party: [Premier of British Columbia: Gordon Campbell](#)
[Deputy Premier of British Columbia: Shirley Bond](#)
BC New Democratic Party: Leader Carole James

Web Resource: <http://praybc.blogspot.com/>

Go to this web site to see a daily posting of prayer for each MLA by name.

PRAYER WALK AROUND THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING – see YWAM prayer walk on www.cityreach.com

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

GOVERNOR GENERAL - Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean
CONSERVATIVE PARTY - Prime Minister: Stephen Harper
LIBERAL PARTY - Leader of Opposition: Michael Ignatieff
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY - Jack Layton
BLOC QUEBECOIS - Gilles Duceppe

Web Resource: www.nhop.ca,

Go to this web site to see a daily posting of prayer for each MP by name.

A LETTER FROM LEADING INFLUENCE MINISTRIES

April 07, 2009

Election Campaign Prayer Initiative

As you are probably aware, a Provincial Election will be called on April 14. British Columbians will go to the polls on May 12 to cast their ballots.

In light of the current economic challenges, this election may be more important than most. As an act of faith, we are inviting the Church all across BC to come together as a comprehensive prayer network to ask the Lord to use this election to accomplish His purposes for our province. Our goal is a network of 10,000 voices asking God to move in our province through this election process. During each day of the election campaign we will have a specific theme and prayer focus. These will be emailed to each member of our network. The same focus will be provided on the PrayBC blog which you can find at www.praybc.blogspot.com and on our website at www.praybc.com You can join the prayer network at either location.

We would welcome and appreciate your prayers as part of your participation in the 52 Days of Prayer for our City. If you require more information, please contact the Leading Influence Ministry Office at 250-483-5403 or by emailing me at tim@leadinginfluence.com

Yours Truly,
Tim Schindel
President, Leading Influence Ministries

SPHERE #2 - EDUCATION

Key scripture:

Matthew 18 The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a little child and had him stand among them. ³And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. ⁶But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Victoria Early history – Missionaries came to Vancouver Island in order firstly to educate Hudson's Bay officers, settlers, and men and secondly for converting the natives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The natives in this area welcomed them in their work.

In Victoria, a 10 acre school reserve was granted by the Hudson's Bay Company to the east of the then Victoria townsite. It was situated on an elevated area known as Minnie's Meadow, later the site of the first Victoria High School and the Central Junior High School today.

Much of the early history of Education in Canada was pioneered by the Roman Catholics. On June 5, 1858 the first four nuns ever to set foot in B.C. arrived in Victoria. Classes opened in a log cabin convent near Beacon Hill . Twelve students registered, there were no class or rank, rich or poor. Included in these first students were First Nations, half-First Nations/white; and the three daughters of Sir James Douglas. The nuns were kind and greatly dedicated to their children.

By 1876 – the right of the principal to introduce Christian prayer was challenged at Vic.High. Resulting in the following motion which was passed: 'Moved by Mr. Drake seconded by Mr. Marvin that the recommendations as to the Opening and Closing Exercises in Public Schools, passed in July 1872 shall be limited to the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments: and that it shall be optional with the various Boards of School Trustees whether the same shall be used or not. The roots of secularism were planted.

Prayer points:

- PRAY for the School District superintendents, school trustees and principals as they steer the education of our children;
- For all teachers;
- For Christian teachers, students and staff, that their lights shine brightly where-ever they are and whatever situation they are in.

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**Use the yellow pages in the phone book to locate the Schools you wish to pray for, or:
Target the following schools in prayer:**

- Pacific Christian School
- The Catholic Schools
- University of Victoria
- St. Michael's University School
- Camosun College
- Lester B Pearson College
- School District 61 [Greater Victoria]
- School District 62 [Sooke]
- School District 63 [Saanich]
- Royal Roads
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Add the names of the schools you are praying for on this list – especially schools attended by children you personally know.

From GVSD 61 web site:

The Greater Victoria School District is proud to provide quality education for approximately 20,000 students in 26 Elementary Schools, 10 Middle Schools, and 7 Secondary Schools. Each year, over 1,200 adult learners register with our Continuing Education Program. Our District also offers a variety of Programs of Choice and three Elementary Schools of Choice.

Mission Statement: OF GVSD 61

The Greater Victoria School District is committed to each student's success in learning within a responsive and safe environment.

We Believe That:

All individuals have the capacity to learn and the power to positively influence the future. High expectations are appropriate for all students. It is essential to treat all individuals with dignity and respect.

Access to educational opportunity should be equitable.

Safe, healthy, clean environments enhance working and learning.

Learning is a personal, lifelong experience.

Involvement of students is vital to the successful operation of the District.

Schools, parents, and the community are partners in education.

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools

SPHERE #3 - ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Note:[In an US Survey 1998 the question was posted “do you believe in God?” for those connected with Arts and entertainment – Only 3% said yes]

From the City of Victoria web site: *“The City of Victoria is proud of its rich history, cultural diversity and artistic achievements. In 2005, the City of Victoria was designated a Cultural Capital of Canada by the Government of Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage, Cultural Capitals of Canada Program.”*

What forms of entertainment attract people to this city?

Look through the entertainment section of the newspaper; target some of the events [including sports], movies and other performances with your prayers:

Prayer focus:

- Pray for restoration of dramas, dance performance and music that glorifies the Father, pray for purity, redemption of minds, hearts, and souls of artists so that they are awakened to the true calling as worshippers of the One True God;
- For Godly fun in all forms of recreation; for fitness of the body because it is the temple of the Holy Spirit; self-discipline to replace competitiveness as a training to run the race for God;
- For people that love God to become prominent leaders and become the influencers in all areas.

People in our church involved in Arts and Entertainment:

Sandy Lockhart - music
John Wason - drama
Tracey Woiwod - dance
Bentley Grigg - visual art (paint, etc)
Trevor Haug - music
Sonya Jones - visual art
Tim & Kathy Archer - sound/music
Dan Stewart - film

Scriptures:

God's template for releasing creativity and arts:

- Exodus Chapters 30 to 35
- Isaiah 62
- Jeremiah 32:38-41
- Jeremiah 33:15,16
- Zechariah 8:19-23
- Joshua 1:3
- Romans 13:11-14

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Some Arts Facilities in Victoria

[Belfry Theatre](#)

[Art Gallery of Greater Victoria](#)

[Open Space Gallery](#)

[Outdoor Performance Venues](#)

[Langham Court Theatre](#)

[Metro Studio Theatre](#)

[Royal and McPherson Theatres](#)

[Vancouver Island School of Art](#)

[Victoria College of Art](#)

[Victoria Conservatory of Music](#)

add to this list:

SPHERE #4 - MEDIA

Note: [In the US Survey 1998 – a question was posted: “do you believe in God?” only 2% from those involved in the media field said yes]

Media is an area that needs much prayer especially in these days as the bias has all too often been against anything that stands for the Word of God.

Take a look at the newspapers and note the names of some of the reporters and target them with your prayer.

Scripture verses relating to the media:

The Word and importance of media being the watchman over community values:

- Ezekiel 33:7
- Habakkuk 2:1-2
- Isaiah 8:1
- Isaiah 30:8
- Revelation 1:19

Believers to rise to positions of influence in media:

- Revelation 1:1-2
- Proverbs 12:17-18
- Proverbs 14:25

For speaking the truth:

- Revelation 1:3
- 2 Samuel 1:3-5
- Nehemiah 1:3-4
- 2 Chronicles 20:2-5

Exhortation for media to be open to hear and receive God's word and truth:

- Jeremiah 1:7-10
- John 8:36
- Romans 10:9-15
- 1 John 1:2-3
- James 3:1-12
- 1 John 1:5-7
- Colossians 4:6

Prayer focus for media:

1. Opening of eyes of journalists so that truth will be revealed; no bias against Kingdom of God;
2. Protect them from the spirit of lies and deception of the enemy
3. For believers in this sphere – strength in the Lord with much wisdom, knowledge and fear of the Lord; protect them against intimidation;
4. Media contents that support the traditional definition of family and sanctity of life;
5. Appoint God's choice to be raised up into influential and authoritative positions in the visual, print and radio media.
6. For God-appointed, Holy Spirit anointed students to enter media sphere as a career;
7. For more financial support in Christian programming on television and electronic media;
8. Educate believers how to use this sphere for the Glory of God.

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Pray also for the following:

Local TV Stations:

CHTV

ATV

Radio Stations:

CFOX 1070

Major Newspapers:

Times Colonists

Electronic media:

- Canada.com
- [BC localnews.com](http://BC.localnews.com)
- [Goldstream News Gazette](http://GoldstreamNewsGazette.com)
- [Gulf Islands Driftwood](http://GulfIslandsDriftwood.com)
- [Oak Bay News](http://OakBayNews.com)
- [Peninsula News Review](http://PeninsulaNewsReview.com)
- [Saanich News](http://SaanichNews.com)
- [Sooke News Mirror](http://SookeNewsMirror.com)
- [Victoria News](http://VictoriaNews.com)
- [Victoria News Daily](http://VictoriaNewsDaily.com)
- businessexaminer.net
- Martlet – Uvic Independent newspaper <http://www.martlet.ca/>
- Monday Magazine
- Real Estate Victoria <http://www.revweekly.com/>
- BC Christian News – Island Insight

SPHERE #5 - CHURCH AND RELIGION

Jesus Prays for All Believers

John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Prayer Points:

For Christ's church

- Psalm 133 – Bond of unity to grow and increase among believers in the Church of Victoria;
- Passion for Christ;
- Desire to reach out to the lost; embrace Matthew 5:13-16
- ONE voice of prayer in this city;
- New abundant Life;
- Increase heart for the poor, awaken desire to seek out the lost - Is.58;
- Be the head and not the tail;
- Protection for the shepherds;
- 1 Tim 2:5; Heb.4:16;

For other faith [spiritual] systems:

Matt 18:18,19;

2 Cor.10:3-5;

Is.59:19; s

Daniel 11:32

FOR truth, and His Light to shine into the confusion and deception

Those who are seeking will be led onto the path of light

PEOPLE WITHIN LOJ WITH THEIR OWN MINISTRY:

- **Bob & Sue Brasset -**
- **John Wason - YWAM (dramatist)**
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LIST THE CHURCHES YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

SPHERE #6 - BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Deuteronomy 28:8-11 (New International Version)

The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

Prayer Points:

- For integrity, righteousness, justice and humility in business practices, that all agreements will be honoured [Deut.25:15,16]
- That biblical principles be practiced in business; [Gen.18:2-5]
- For good stewardship of the land, and not compromise for the sake of greed. [Lev.25:14; Isa.33:15,16]
- Not to be blinded by the treasures money buys, but will come to know the real treasure in life – Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- For each business to grasp a vision of giving to the work of God [2 Cor.9:10-14]
- For a return to the historical vision of reinvesting profits back into the community [Prov.3:27; Rom.12:8; Prov.19:17]
- That the employees work with servant hearts. [Matt.20:28]
- Recognition that the Lord is the source, the provider of all that they have [1 Tim.6:17]
- That godly leadership would be raised up in business organizations such as in the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Victoria.

Prayer Focus:

List Businesses connected with your church community:

- Ben Anderson - Rock Island Construction Ltd.
- Noelle Anderson - Hairdressing
- Kathy Archer - Archer Bookkeeping Services
- Tim & Kathy Archer - Masters Digital
- Cheryl Banman - Tu Casa Cleaning
- Rory Campbell - Greater Pacific Mortgage & Investments
- Jesse DeGeest - Risen Woodworking
- Clayton Dueck - C.R. Developments Ltd.
- Caleb Friesen - Custom Roofing
- Adam Henkel - Henkel Custom Cabinetry
- Ron Kubek - Keller Williams Realty West
- Tim Lockhart -
- Doug Nachtigal -
- Bev Nash - Vital Faces
- Jack Nash - Jack D Nash Builder Decorator (Genreal Contractor)
- Dado Nuaj - Adriatic Tile & Flooring
- Tony & Mavis Reynolds -

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List of businesses connected to our church continued

- Wade Roberts - Wade Roberts Plumbing
- Dan Schuetze -
- David Scott - Urban Storm Web Designs
- Jody Wells - Optimum Construction
- Joni Willies - Beautique Hair Studio
- Robin Willies -
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Businesses listed in the Shepherds' Guide.

Local Organizations:

- Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island
- Business Victoria
- Business Victoria – Small Business Assistance
- Digital Eve – Women's Technology Association
- Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Victoria Film Commission
- Tourism Victoria
- Vancouver Island Advanced Technology Centre
- Young Entrepreneurs Association
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Feel free to add to any of the lists found in this section.

SPHERE # 7 - FAMILY AND HOME

Key scriptures:

Matthew 19:13-15

'The little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, " Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there'.

Ephesians 5 and 6:1-4

Malachi 4:6 "And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers"

Psalms 68:5-6 "God, who lives in His sacred Temple, cares for orphans and protects widows, He gives the lonely a home to live in and leads prisoners out into happy freedom, but rebels will have to live in a desolate land".

Include the following groups in your prayers:

1. For your church family – for protection, strong family units, protect all form schemes of the enemy especially parental strife;
2. For all marriages; for commitment to biblically base family lives; pray against strives that cause separation of parents from children;
3. Seniors homes – for caring staff who respond to the needs of the elderly with loving kindness, and attentiveness, to meet their physical and emotional needs.
4. Day care centres – [e.g. The Cridge Centre for the Family] – for warm and loving environment and activities that challenge and develop the whole child to his or her full potential; that workers would respond to the children with nurture, love and individual attention;
5. Single parents resource centre – for strong and healthy families; protections against spousal and child abuses;
6. The CRD - for the nurses who teach parenting courses, that they would be used to help build strong parent/child relationships; that sex education teaching would promote abstinence before marriage; that family would instil strong moral values and take more responsibility for their children's sex education;
7. For the social workers who are involved in family breakups

For local ministries working with youth and families –

- Youth For Christ
- Young Life
- Sanctuary Youth Center

For Christian Family Counselling ministries

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For the children now in Victoria Youth custody Center and Pastor Gloria Quarless, Chaplain of the Victoria Youth Custody Center – the following is a letter posted from her.

Prayer request from Rev.Gloria Quarless, Chaplain Victoria Youth Custody Service

From: "Quarless, Gloria R MCF:EX" <Gloria.Quarless@gov.bc.ca>

Date: March 19, 2009 4:28:15 PM PDT (CA)

Subject: VYCS Prayer Connection

Apparently, tomorrow is the first day of Spring. I'm pretty excited about it, and I can see flowers growing right in my back yard. Here at VYCC, we don't really have anything growing, except spiritually. In a group last night, for example, I glanced to my left and there was 12 year old GE, head bowed low, little hands clasped. I knew he was really seeking God. GE has experienced far too much in his little life, and he needs to experience God's love and forgiveness.

Nick and Jake have the same need, and feel guilty because they are back with us. Jake was doing well but he slipped up one night so he will be with us for a few weeks. He is busy telling the other kids how they must find a good church when they get out, and how he is going to get more involved with the church next time he gets out.

Tyler is also struggling at the moment and is in the Burnaby centre. No new charges, he just "breached" his conditions. I'm waiting to receive an update but please pray in the meantime. Please also pray for Bill, Steve, Alex & TH, Tony - they are all trying to get on the right track, along with countless others. KV, who is at the centre in Burnaby, is having a hard time as well. She really counts on our prayers!

I will also count on your prayers for a concern about our Sunday services. We are no longer able to have girls come to the same service with guys. I prayerfully hope this is not the final word, because I have no idea what to do if it is. I'm trusting God will resolve it by having the decision reversed soon, or by guiding me to a creative alternative.

Considering the matter this week, I spoke with several residents about what they think of church here, and I'll share just a few quotes here, "you need that booster every week," "we learn about God," "I want to become a better person," "you feel more peaceful in church," "problems on the unit are gone after church," "church changes lives," "it has opened doors and it got me reading the bible," "after church, the girls usually get along better" and "We all feel like we are all happy, even those who don't sing are smiling."

These and other remarks by the kids reminded me of how church is important to many of them, and attendance has been great lately.

Last week, for example, we had every resident at church but for 3 (and the girls who couldn't come). In church on Sunday, Mark quietly said something like, I feel like my heart is full right now. I thought he was going to cry. Please continue to pray for him too. He is growing in so many ways, even through the extreme situation he is in right now, not knowing at all what his future holds. I know your prayer makes a huge difference for him as he rests more - knowing he can fully trust God for his situation.

It has been an extremely busy time around here so I know I have forgotten much, but

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please keep praying. . . especially in these weeks leading up to Easter. Oh, yes - the fabulous and very large Campbell River Baptist Youth Group is coming to our centre April 4th. The

whole centre turns out for this event, and it is a major highlight of the year for us. Also, John Wason [Word of Life Dramatic Presentation] is coming in a couple of weeks to do a pre-Easter drama, and we have the Strength Team coming on May 6th.

I can't believe how blessed we are, and each event is such a huge opportunity for us to introduce Jesus, and for residents and staff to welcome him into their minds and hearts. Please pray for all our kids and staff members

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.
(Is. 43:18-19).*

In humble thankfulness,
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What is the Youth Custody Services

Youth custody services centres are legally designated facilities that house young offenders who have been ordered by the court to serve a period of time in open or secure custody, or for youth who have been detained in custody pending further court appearances. Youth may be held in custody centres for all types of offences, ranging from persistent property offences to serious violent offences.

Mission Statement:

Youth Custody Services provide a safe, secure, healthy and humane environment with a range of services that respond to the needs of youth, thereby promoting lawful behaviour and contributing to public safety.

Goals:

1. To carry out orders of the court.
2. To protect society by providing appropriate supervision and interventions in a safe and supportive environment.
3. To facilitate rehabilitation by providing youth with optimal opportunities for healthy growth and pro-social development through:
 4. effective programs that respond to the individual and cultural needs of youth;
 5. a youth-focused integrated case management process that provides for comprehensive and dynamic case plans; and

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implementing strategies that promote successful re-integration to the community.

Youth are sentenced by the court to either secure or open custody. Secure custody is intended for youth who have been found guilty of serious offences or for youth who have a persistent pattern of offending and cannot be reasonably supervised in a community setting or in open custody. Open custody is intended for youth who are not appropriate for placement in a

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community setting but who can manage effectively with less stringent controls and greater privileges within an open custody centre.

The court determines if a youth will be placed in open or secure custody based on various factors, including seriousness of the offence, the youth's prior court history, previous behaviour while in custody and response to supervision in the community.

There are three youth custody services centres in BC:

Victoria Youth Custody Services
Burnaby Youth Custody Services
Prince George Youth Custody Services

All centres are legally designated as places of temporary detention (remand custody) and provide both secure and open custody.

Each youth custody services centre has a probation officer and case managers assigned to work with the youth while they are in custody. Case management is a process which includes all initiatives and interventions which afford young persons optimal opportunities for growth, development, responsible decision making and positive change. It is a dynamic process requiring on-going review and consultation with the youth, parent/guardian, and other involved persons (e.g., community probation officer, social worker, program staff etc.). Case management for youth involved with the justice system commences and terminates with all continuous youth court orders requiring supervision. The primary responsibility for the case management of all youth rests with the assigned community probation officer which continues during the committal of young persons to custody and placement in any residential resource.

Programs for Youth in Custody

Programs available to youth in custody fall into four categories:

1. **Basic Programs** address the basic needs of youth. Youth in custody have a right to receive these programs and services in accordance with legislative requirements and/or national and international standards. Examples of basic programs include education, religious, recreational/ leisure programs and family visits.
2. **Core Programs** provide structured, interactive processes for individuals and groups of youth and are designed to directly influence beliefs, attitudes, lifestyles and skill deficits known to contribute to unlawful behavior. Core Programs are led by staff members and/or other professionals. Examples of core programs include substance abuse management, youth violence intervention and life skills.
3. **Specialized Programs** respond to distinct needs of particular youth or categories of youth. These include services for Aboriginal youth, female youth, violent offenders and youth requiring mental health services or drug and alcohol counseling.
4. **Reintegration Programs** support a youth's return to the community through the provision of community based services.

These programs include Intensive Support and Supervision and community transition beds.

Referrals to programs for youth in custody are made by case management staff in consultation with community youth probation officers.

STATION 7 - PRAYER REQUESTS

Place prayer request in the basket. These will be read by others who will use the prayer room. You may also send your prayer requests to prayerrequest@lionofjudah.ca

Philippians 4: 6 - 8

STATION 8 - THE LAMPSTAND - REVELATION & ILLUMINATION CREATIVE TABLE

Feel free to express any visions or impressions through art using the supplies on the table or using your own. Write any prophetic words in the journal or on paper and tape to the wall.

Suggested Scripture:

Psalm 8 & Psalm 111

STATION 9 - THE JOURNAL

Record your watch in the journal with specific Scripture or words.

Habakkuk 2: 2

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." NKJV

STATION 10 - THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD - COMMUNION

Seal your time of prayer with the blood of Christ by taking communion.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; **24** and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "**Take, eat; * this is My body which is broken* for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**" **25** In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.**"

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. **27** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood* of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner* eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's* body. **30** For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. **31** For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. **32** But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. NKJV

END YOUR TIME WITH A SHOUT OF VICTORY!!! PSALMS 47: 1