

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAPLAINCY
PRAYER LETTER FOR CJC – March & April 2017

PRAISES:

1. Praise for the excellent attendance, networking opportunities and fellowship that we have experienced at our Community Reentry Lunch Gatherings. This lunch helps everyone attending to provide resources and support to returning citizens, with connection opportunities with mentors, members from local churches, and other local service agencies, and with a good, solid meal!
2. Praise for a client who was in prison multiple times who is now not only relying on God and using many supports in the community to turn her life around but also is helping other women and young people make positive choices.
3. We are so thankful for mentors and volunteers who go above and beyond in caring for our clients! Without our volunteers CJC would not be able to serve those in need.
4. We are grateful that so many of our clients have been able to find employment. Pray for their continued success!
5. We are blessed to have partnering churches and agencies that help support CJC's ministry. From financial support & offerings, clothing donations, hygiene products and bicycles, mentors, prayer ministries, and the gift of using facilities, it is a huge encouragement and blessing to CJC staff and those we serve.
6. We praise God for the blessing of year-end donations and are thankful for the faithful support of classes, churches and individual donors!

REQUESTS:

1. After a long, declining health battle, the mother of our Executive Director, Dee Obrecht, passed away in February. Please pray for Dee and her extended family at this difficult time.
2. We have several clients who are grandmothers taking care of grandchildren because their children are in jail. They are struggling to maintain their own recovery while providing care that their grandchildren need. Pray for all involved in these difficult situations.
3. Please pray specifically for a female client who struggles with anxiety and is facing surgery for cyst removals. Pray for peace, good results and a quick recovery.
4. Many clients struggle not only with their own issues, but are deeply affected by major issues with extended family and loved ones. Pray for the family of a client as they grieve the loss of a nephew who committed suicide.
5. Continue to pray for more affordable housing in our area. Many clients are exiting treatment programs but then have nowhere to go which puts their recovery in jeopardy.
6. As the weather begins to warm we have begun receiving inquiries about our bike program. Low cost transportation is crucial for the success of returning citizens. Pray we receive funding for our bike ministry and large bike donations, for our bike volunteers and that transportation needs of our clients are met.
7. Please pray for the Fatherhood program as we work with incarcerated men at Handlon Correctional Facility to teach them parenting skills and help them be the fathers their children need and God has called them to be. Pray that this program runs smoothly, that funding remains available, that the goals are successfully met and relationships can be strengthened and restored between fathers and children.
8. The Take Charge Program continues to be blessed with enthusiastic participants, inspiring speakers and growth. Please continue to pray for this program that blesses and encourages so many women in life transitions.
9. Pray for our Horticultural Therapy facilitators and volunteers as they prepare for the spring season. Pray for continued funding and good weather as the women work with the earth and grow in recovery. Pray for openness and receptivity on behalf of the women and that they would receive skills, nurturing and confidence out of the program.
10. CJC has been blessed with many opportunities for partnerships and new growth in recent months. Pray for discernment and funding that we go forward wisely in all new ventures and that returning citizen reentry be successful and encouraging.
11. Pray for wisdom as CJC staff goes through a program evaluation process to determine how to best use our resources by cutting, adding or changing aspects of programs in order to be more effective for our clients.
12. Pray for strong financial giving for our non-profit agency, now in our 37th year. CJC provides many vital programs and resources on a tight budget with a small staff. In a world with so many choices, please pray that hearts will be softened and lead to support CJC and those we serve. Pray that we may continue to bless and serve with God's leading and the funds to move ahead.
13. Pray for the future of CJC. Pray for financial and personnel resources for new programs. Pray that new staff and Board members will be added at the proper time. Pray for our Board of Directors and Executive Director as they seek God's leading to plan wisely in order that CJC can serve and bless our clients now and in the years to come.

THANK YOU:

Thank you so much for praying. Without your support the work we do is not effective or long lasting. "The prayer of a righteous man (woman) is powerful and effective." James 5:16.