

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new** creation has come:  
The old has gone, the **new** is here!”  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

### **Church**

Pray for pastors & leadership teams to be empowered with unified vision, wisdom and plans for the new year.  
Pray for the health of pastors and leaders: spiritually, physically, their marriages, finances & friendships.  
Pray for Jesus-followers in our community to love one another and all of our neighbors more and more.  
Pray the Numbers 6:24-26 blessing over our community: *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

### **Education**

Pray for Christian educators to walk in the Spirit daily, and see specific students at specific moments who need God-inspired specific interactions.  
Pray for Christian students to unite to pray for their campuses, and gain a heart for their peers who are in darkness. Pray they respond with acts of love and Gospel conversation.  
Pray for peace, protection, and God-inspired actions to address behavioral unrest in all schools.  
Pray for students & families to find community in local churches & God’s people through school partnerships.

### **Family**

Pray for God to heal relationships in local families, and for entire families to turn and follow the Lord.  
Pray for the 200+ teen parents in our community to find and access the support that they need.  
Pray for the “Marriage Team” ministry to gain more coaches & for a strong local network of marriage support.  
Pray for God’s blessing on all parenting classes, and for parents to be equipped to love & lead their children.  
Pray for more affordable housing units for our community, for God to use His people to be part of the solution, and for God to remove barriers for everyone in need of housing.

### **Government**

Pray for the Lord’s blessing, wisdom and grace to be upon all of our government leaders.  
Pray for a positive and constructive “community narrative:” reconciliation, respectful public discourse, discussions and efforts for the best community outcomes.  
Pray for all new planning for land use, parks, transportation, and economic development to proceed with a habit of cooperation among private & public groups.  
Pray for government agencies to work together with greater synergy and effectiveness:  
The county, cities, utility companies, schools, first responders, etc.

### **Business**

Pray for a greater partnership between business and education sectors to train more people in trade skills.  
Pray for business leaders to train and mentor younger leaders in virtue, skill and humility.  
Pray for encouraging and wise relationships that build trust among our business, government & faith sectors.  
Pray for new businesses to start, and established businesses to move to our community in order to create more family-wage jobs.

## **Arts**

Pray for Jesus-following artists to develop their gifts/talents and express them in our community.  
Pray for deliverance & healing from drug addiction for musicians, actors, writers & visual artists.  
Pray for the Lord's vision and clear direction for the leaders of the Pacific Rim Art Guild.  
Pray for artists, musicians and performers to be drawn to Jesus and the Gospel, so that they can find the peace and meaning they are looking for.

## **Health Care**

Pray for "end of life care" to be more holistic to maximize the quality of life.  
Pray health care providers are a voice for the sanctity of life. Pray for those with unexpected pregnancies to pursue help through Dove Medical and other encouraging providers.  
Pray for harmony & good working relationships with hospital administration, employees & unions.  
Pray for health care providers to be empowered and effective in treating mental illness and substance abuse.  
Pray for God's hope & love to intervene for those struggling with suicidal thoughts.  
Pray for a decrease in the suicide rate (The Lane County suicide rate has almost doubled this year).

## **Police and Fire Departments**

Pray for new quality and "charactered" recruits to be hired in all agencies.  
Pray for the wisdom, peace and safety of those serving in our police and fire departments.  
Pray for the well-being and emotional health of first responders, their spouses and children.  
Pray for wise, experienced and empowered chaplains to be established in all agencies.  
Pray for God to lead the process and selection of the next Police Chief for the Eugene Police Department.  
Pray for positive and encouraging relationships between first responders and community members.

## **Media**

Pray for God to lead the Register Guard in the 2018 "community focus" series of stories.  
Pray for local media to promote and equip community members to listen and understand one another better.  
Pray for local stories to break down negative stereotypes and help neighbors love neighbors.  
Pray for truthful, fair and accurate reporting in all areas of local media.

## **Sports**

Pray for God to lead all of the preparations for the 2021 World Track and Field Championships: new facilities, community readiness, security and new infrastructure.  
Pray for safety, protection and peace over every public sporting event.  
Pray for coaches at all levels to be empowered to encourage, teach, inspire and lead with integrity.  
Pray for funding and the fruition of the Eugene Civic Alliance's vision to build a new sports and recreation complex for children on the former Civic Stadium site.  
Pray for negative sexual agendas to be diffused in all sporting organizations, and for stories of purity to be celebrated and promoted.  
Pray for the Lord's blessing on the YMCA organization, programs, athletes, coaches and referees.