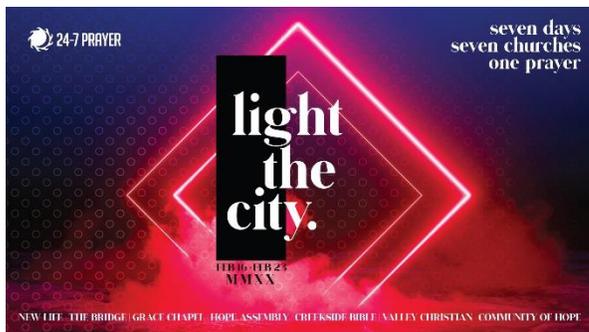


24-7 Prayer: Light the City



About

From Feb 16-23, seven churches in Wilsonville are uniting in a week of 24-7 Prayer. Community of Hope has committed to 24hrs of prayer on Thursday, February 20. Sign up in 1-hour increments to pray in the Prayer Room, which is designed to facilitate a meaningful prayer time. You can go alone, with friends, as a family. We long to see God move in our City and believe that God moves as the Church unites in prayer. Join us as we petition God to “light the city.”

What is 24-7 Prayer?

Throughout the Bible we see examples of God calling people to engage him night and day; from God’s creation of Adam and Eve for unhindered communion with Him (Genesis 1-2), to the unceasing worship of Revelation 4:8-9. In the tabernacle and temple, we see patterns and structures for worshipping God 24-7, we see it in the words of the poets and prophets (ex: Psalms 1:2; Isaiah 62:6-7), we see it in the life of Jesus—who engaged regular structured times of prayer, as well as His life of continual intercession—and we see it in the Pauline commands to pray continually (ex: Romans 12:12 ; Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 4:4-6; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

What is light the City?

Several pastors in Wilsonville gathered to discuss what it could look like to spend a dedicated time interceding for our city *together*. While we are all independently asking God to move in Wilsonville, we see from Scripture and church history, that the church united in prayer is often the precursor to a move of God. We agreed to unite around the theme, Light the City. We will pray for God to shine light into the darkness, for our churches to be light in the world (Matthew 5:14-16), and for Jesus, the Light of the World (John 8:12), to be exalted in our City.



Can I pray from home?

We can pray anywhere, anytime, and God is ready to answer. However, during a season of 24-7 Prayer, we ask you to come to the prayer room for a few reasons:

1. Firstly, the room is designed to facilitate prayer, so being in the room is helpful.
2. Secondly, visiting the room is a declaration of solidarity. This is true when one church prays, but even more when multiple churches unite in prayer.
3. Thirdly, travelling to the prayer room is a simple act of pilgrimage. Prayer gets initiated in the act of traveling to prayer. By coming to the prayer room, our churches are unified in our pilgrimage, or journey, to prayer.
4. Fourthly, something special occurs as you relieve the person before you and pass the baton to the person after you.
5. Finally, many people express sensing a different atmosphere in the prayer room. As multiple people pray hour after hour, and when God draws near to us because we draw near to Him (Jas 4:8), His presence is often experienced in the room in a more tangible way.

If you are physically unable to come to the Prayer Room, you are more than welcome to pray from another location. We typically ask that you choose and conduct your time, but leave the sign up blank, so someone else can visit the room.

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What is a Prayer Room?

The Prayer Room is a room dedicated to prayer. These can be temporary spaces set aside for a season of prayer, or permanent prayer rooms set apart for people to gather in prayer. A 24-7 Prayer room is accessible 24-7! Typically, the calendar is divided into 1-hour increments, and people/groups sign up to pray in the room for a minimum of one hour. This creates a continuous chain of prayer, crying out to God together.

The room is designed to facilitate prayer and open our eyes to the variety of ways we can pray. There are stations for interactive praying; art supplies allow people to express their prayers creatively; books and prayer guides help divide the hour and walk us through meaningful prayer times; tea and coffee are available to help fuel the time, especially for those middle of the night spots.

As the week goes on the room fills up with prayer requests that create a sense of unity, an awareness of the needs in our churches/communities, and further inspires (and teaches) prayer.

Where is the Prayer Room located?

The Prayer Room is located at the offices of Grace Chapel near the World of Speed Museum.
Address: 9025 SW Hillman Ct, Suite 3132



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