

December 2016 Territorial Prayer Focus

Let us start this month by thanking God for answering our November prayers. The Territorial Prayer Wave was used to draw people together in prayerful preparations 'Prepare the Way of the Lord.' Multiple Hope in the City Breakfast events took place all across the territory, bringing together large gatherings of people who heard dynamic stories of ministry and transformation. Thank God for the evidence of His activity. Continue to ask God to bless and use what was shared at these events.

Worship is the December focus in the *Practising Spiritual Disciplines* suggested monthly guide found at www.saspirituallife.ca. Pray our worship is centered on Christ as we hear again the story of his birth.

Human beings are made to worship. They are made with a capacity to know God, and to enjoy him forever. Pray that our Corps and Social Services will be places of Worship where the awesomeness of God's glory is more fully experienced.

The second doctrine of The Salvation Army states, "We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship."

Prayerfully consider our priorities. On what are our thoughts and eyes fixed? What/Who do we worship and bow to? Hear the Word of the Lord. "Brothers and sisters fix your thoughts on Jesus" (Hebrews 3:1). "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens (Psalm 113:1-4).

Pray the name of God, Jehovah Jireh, for all those served by The Salvation Army this month. Ask God to provide for the physical, relational and spiritual needs of people (Genesis 22:14).

Pray to the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9), the One who has always been. Bow before Him, seek His care and counsel. Know that those who seek Him are sure to find Him (Jeremiah 29:13).

Pray to the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3). Ask that we who have received His comfort would be equipped to give comfort. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Pray that the work and presence of The Salvation Army in the Canada and Bermuda Territory would bring comfort and hope as we seek to point people to Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

Pray for all Officers and Cadets as they work to be messengers of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Ask the LORD, God Almighty to anoint and empower every proclamation of Good News so that all people would respond, "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker" (Psalm 95:6).