

City Gospel Mission, Adult Programs Prayer Letter
February/March 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers on behalf of both the givers and receivers of services at the Mission. How grateful we are that you are willing to continue your partnership with us through the year! May God continue to use CGM to pour out His tender mercies on needy individuals in our city.

Yours in Christ,

The Staff of City Gospel Mission

Praises

- Praise God for Transitions Christian Center for bringing and serving meals at the Mission and leading chapel.
- Praise God for all of our faithful donors and volunteers that helped feed and care for those in need in 2011.
- Praise God for P&G's Title Sponsorship for our Step Forward – Flying Pig marathon event that will help those in recovery.
- Praise God for Xavier University's Women's Soccer Team for volunteering weekly this semester; serving meals and engaging with guests in our chapel, diner, and game room.
- Praise God for Adecco; they facilitated a food drive that included 25 businesses that raised funds and provided over 3,000 lbs of food over the Christmas season.
- Praise God for the wonderful and dedicated capital campaign team; 'Making Room for God's Work' is going very well.
- Praise God that one of our participants has been promoted to full-time work with her employer.
- Praise God that Tim is 50 days clean from drugs and alcohol and that Terry has found full time employment.
- Praise God that Charles Bowman is cancer free.

Prayer Requests

February 1 – February 7

- Pray for Judge Dewine to decide that the Mission was legally granted zoning for the move to the new building; we continually have to turn away guests from our Diner and shelter being at full capacity.
- Pray for Holli as she steps forward into her next phase of the recovery process. Pray that she stays focused in her recovery, stays motivated for change and doesn't isolate or become complacent.
- Pray for health, protection and courage as 40 men and women from our recovery programs begin three months of training in our Step Forward program for the Flying Pig.
- Pray for funding from the city for our new facility.

February 8 – February 14

- Pray for staff member Scott's mother; she will be having neck surgery that may affect her voice.
- Pray for daily protection from the presence and interference of demonic spirits that come to distract, deceive, and ultimately steal, kill, destroy those in our recovery programs.
- Pray for the many exciting opportunities that are arising for development regarding branding efforts. Pray for wisdom to sort through it all and remain true to our ministry promises.
- Pray for family counseling to become a part of Exodus recovery.

February 15 – February 21

- Pray for others (volunteers and donors) to come alongside and join the Step Forward team to train with, encourage, and support program participants.
- Pray for Megan as she transitions out of the ministry; pray for her to stay focused and consistent in her recovery, school and work. Pray that she is not distracted by idle time.
- Pray for Maggie (participant graduate) to continue to have a healthy pregnancy, carry her child to full term without complications, and make healthy decisions for herself and her family.
- Pray for Mike, a volunteer, as he ministers at the Mission and at the University of Cincinnati.

February 22 – February 28

- Pray that God will minister to the college groups (Akron, Ohio State, Iowa State, Keene State, Florida International, and Colorado) that will be volunteering during their spring breaks.
- Pray for people to step forward to sponsor or donate new running shoes for the participants who are training in our Step Forward program for the Flying Pig.
- Pray for protection for former participants that have left the program prematurely.
- Pray for our new volunteers (Art, Ron, and Gene) as they discern where to get plugged in at the Mission and as potential mentors.

February 29 – March 6

- Pray that those in Greater Cincinnati will continue to give their time, talents, and treasures to help those living in poverty through City Gospel Mission.
- Pray that Orville completes his GED, that Tommy stays sober, William finds a full time job, and for Greg to complete the Bridges Program.
- Pray for more key volunteers to serve and engage with guests weekly.
- Pray for Mike's relationship with his sons to be restored.

March 7 – March 13

- Pray for D and his mentor's relationship to grow.
- Pray for Brian (mentor) as he continues to minister to the men in our shelter and Exodus programs.
- Pray for a successful Exodus graduation this month.
- Pray for healing for Belinda; that the doctors find the source of her headaches/migraines. Also pray for her relationship with her daughter to be repaired and rebuilt.

March 14 – March 20

- Pray that Samuel will be approved for permanent housing.
- Pray for Deanna as she continues to rebuild relationships with her children and adjust to the responsibility of parenting.
- Pray for Sherman's mother; she has a bad disc in her back that requires surgery.
- Pray for healing in Jenna's family relationships and social support system. Pray that her emotional walls will be broken in order for the Spirit to minister to her healing.

March 21 – March 27

- Pray for Chuck, a volunteer, as he develops a new program to minister to people living in poverty.
- Pray for Tonya, Melissa, and Misty; for direction and personal change as they walk through their recovery process.
- Pray that Ella will have an unmistakable and unshakeable experience with God and grow in developing a deep and true relationship with Christ. Also pray that she can find gainful employment and housing so she can meet her goals of transitioning out of the ministry.

March 28 – March 31

- Pray that Sam surrenders and breaks the old patterns of behavior manipulation, control and self-righteousness and pride.
- Continue to pray for focus, discernment, and guidance for the men and women in our recovery programs.
- Pray for the hundreds of volunteers needed when we open up our new facility.

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“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8