

Pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond.

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." (Matthew 11:4-5 NRSV)

March 7, 2010. We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with HIV/AIDS and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find a cure; for persons helping to develop new treatment options, and for persons who provide the finances to support HIV/AIDS research, education, and prevention efforts.

March 14, 2010. We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others.

March 21, 2010. We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

March 28, 2010. We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For clinics, medical personnel, and institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

Pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

April 4, 2010. (Easter) We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's Name.

April 11, 2010. We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.

April 18, 2010. We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.

April 25, 2010. We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles. We pray for all who have no one to pray for them.

Pray for the Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Cor. 12:12-14 RSV)

May 2, 2010. We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: That the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the surrounding counties and towns.

May 9, 2010. We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all pastors, ministers, missionaries, and servants of Christ.

May 16, 2010. We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

May 23, 2010. We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry among the Christian community.

May 30, 2010. We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

Pray for the Criminal Justice System in Metropolitan Richmond.

*Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them,
and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
(Hebrews 13:3 ESV)*

June 6, 2010. We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones.

June 13, 2010. We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the victims of violent crime and for people and situations that perpetuate violent crime.

June 20, 2010. We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

June 27, 2010. We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For chaplains, ministries to jails and prisons, half-way houses, work-release and after-care programs.

Pray for Governments and Governing Bodies of Metropolitan Richmond.

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)

July 4, 2010. We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Manager, and all city employees; For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, and Hopewell.

July 11, 2010. We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Chesterfield County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

July 18, 2010. We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

July 25, 2010. We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Hanover County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

Pray for the Workplaces and Businesses of Metropolitan Richmond.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil 2:12-15)

August 1, 2010. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers.

August 8, 2010. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For owners and managers, for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

August 15, 2010. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For financial institutions, healthy and constructive investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

August 22, 2010. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

August 29, 2010. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.

Pray for Schools and Educational Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond.

Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.... (Deut 4:9 RSV)

September 5, 2010. We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For superintendents, School Boards, PTAs, and Administrators of the Public Schools; for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students.

September 12, 2010. We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers.

September 19, 2010. We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

September 26, 2010. We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools.

Pray for Public, Non-profit, and Religious Social Service Work and Ministries in Metropolitan Richmond.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. (Matthew 25:35-36 ESV)

- October 3, 2010.** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers.
- October 10, 2010.** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.
- October 17, 2010.** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.
- October 24, 2010.** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.
- October 31, 2010.** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For a partnership between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

Pray for the Persons in Financial Need in Metropolitan Richmond.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19 ESV)

November 7, 2010. We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city. For sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

November 14, 2010. We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well being of those who are unable to work.

November 21, 2010. We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly. For advocates who are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of others; for all who fight for the rights of persons who cannot fight for themselves.

November 28, 2010. We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or jurisdiction of residence, in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation.

Pray for the Families of Metropolitan Richmond.

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

(Genesis 12:5 ESV, NRSV)

December 5, 2010. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, families going through divorce; and for households that are communities of friends.

December 12, 2010. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions; for all in the midst of life transitions.

December 19, 2010. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

December 26, 2010. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For the care and protection of infants, children, and young people; for an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their parents; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a Beloved child of God.

Pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism and for racial reconciliation in Metropolitan Richmond.

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
(Galatians 3:28 NRSV)*

January 2, 2011. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: For racial reconciliation and healing in Metropolitan Richmond; for an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

January 9, 2011. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: For the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.

January 16, 2011. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To proclaim in word and deed the Beloved Community.

January 23, 2011. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life.

January 30, 2011. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

Pray for the Coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond.

Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10 RSV)

February 6, 2011. We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

February 13, 2011. We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy economic development, which enhances the Metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

February 20, 2011. We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For a redemption of the divisions, prejudices, pettiness, despair, and discrimination of the past.

February 27, 2011. We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the Resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

EVERY WEEK

Pray for the Transformation of Metropolitan Richmond:

For the more than one million people living in this historic capital city of Central Virginia, including the jurisdictions of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the surrounding counties and towns.



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