

City Gospel Mission, Adult Programs Prayer Letter  
**December/January 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 Toyota; the Sienna was given to us last month and is a huge blessing to the ministry. It is fuel efficient and less cumbersome than our 15 passenger van in transporting participants on a daily basis.
- Praise God that Melvin and Timothy will be moving into permanent housing this month.
- Praise God for the Holiday Partnership church partners that are willing to build relationships with families in need and help them grow into mature disciples of Christ.
- Praise God that Having the Courage to Change has part-time assistance in case management.
- Praise God that participants and alumni were able to reconnect with their families over Thanksgiving.
- Praise God that our Outlet program has grown from 30 guests to over 100 guests on Sundays.
- Praise God for the new men that have entered our Exodus program; they are ready for change.
- Praise God for an abundance of dinner volunteers during the holiday season.
- Praise God that two of our women in Having the Courage to Change have graduated parenting classes.
- Praise God for the wonderful volunteers that have stepped up to oversee the Holiday Partnership programs.
- Praise God that Charles Bowman (Lucreta's husband) is doing well with his battle with prostate cancer.

## **Prayer Requests**

### **December 1 – December 7**

- Pray for Clint; he asked to leave the program. Pray that his decision to leave is not an excuse to relapse.
- Pray for permanent housing and employment for Ron and Ponce.
- Pray that Melissa will surrender to her process of recovery.
- Pray for The Christmas Store & Boutique; pray that donations come in to meet the needs; pray for enough volunteers to help both events run smoothly; pray for protection and safety for everyone involved; pray that those we serve see the love of Christ.
- Pray that Tony will seek help for his alcohol dependency.

### **December 8 – December 14**

- Pray for encouragement, healing, and hope for those in the ministry that are experiencing loss of loved ones throughout this holiday season.
- Pray for participants who are traveling home to visit their families for the holidays. Pray that they have safe travels and are covered and kept safe.
- Pray for God's guidance for restructuring the Exodus program once we are in our new facility.
- Pray that Stephen finds employment.
- Pray for more groups to bring, prepare, and serve lunches and breakfasts.

### **December 15 – December 21**

- Pray for restoration for staff who will seek to be re-filled during vacation throughout the holiday season.
- Pray that Chris finds employment through Cincinnati Urban League.
- Pray for Deena's relationships with other participants and for order and clarity of schedule, structure, and mind.

- Pray for our participants that are battling depression and deception; they are being tempted to abort their process prematurely.
- Pray for Delmond as he returns to his family environment and the stresses of being a husband and a father. Pray that he leads his family spiritually and continues to remain sober.

#### **December 22 – December 28**

- Pray that the men of Exodus will stay focus in their recovery.
- Pray that Charles gets his social security benefits reinstated.
- Pray for Dustin; he relapsed while on holiday pass.
- Pray for Carlene: employment, surrender to God’s will, and relationships with her fellow participants.

#### **December 29 – January 4**

- Pray that Sam will let go of the need to be in control and her habits of manipulation. Pray for a greater trust in God and in the ministry.
- Pray that Ponce maintains employment and finds housing through his boss.
- Pray for more mentors for our men in our Exodus program.
- Pray for Stephen who has made some bad choices and is not listening to wise counsel.

#### **January 5 – January 11**

- Pray for resources for more hours of case management for our homeless clients.
- Pray for the spiritual development of dinner and shelter guests through chapel service and personal relationships with volunteers.
- Pray that Lizzy will see her need for change and for provision of employment in His perfect timing.
- Pray for Kirk, who is struggling with his faith and sobriety.

#### **January 12 – January 18**

- Pray that Wanda will surrender to a relationship with Christ and for perseverance and awareness of signs of relapse.
- Pray that participants can be broken of self-righteousness and judgmental spirits toward each other, release of bitterness toward others and own circumstances.
- Pray for a transportation budget (bus tokens) for our shelter guests.
- Pray for Taylor who is continues to struggle.

#### **January 19 – January 25**

- Pray for Richard as he pursues God’s best in his life and works hard on his sobriety.
- Pray that our participants can let go of unhealthy relationships.
- Pray for Cliff to decide if he really wants to trust God for his entire life, or just parts of it.
- Pray for patience and understanding for staff and participants as we partner in their recovery processes to seek freedom and wellness over participants’ and our own lives.

#### **January 26 – January 31**

- Pray for our volunteer Chris as he is trying to discern God’s calling for his life.
- Pray for a spirit of peace, love, and unity among our participants; pray they will use healthy conflict resolution skills.
- Pray that William will follow through with communication.
- Pray for more transitional housing referral programs for the homeless.

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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