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A House of Prayer for the City

Out of the hiddenness of the prayer closets intercessors are emerging. By the Spirit of God, they are drawn, young and old into the global prayer watch. They are not alone. Musicians and worshipers, under a banner of unity, are also hearing the call. In response, Christian believers are establishing houses of prayer, worldwide.

A similar call is being heralded in our city. Infused with like vision, believers with inter-denominational backgrounds are coming together to establish the Greater Toledo House of Prayer. Modeled after the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, a 24 / 7 prayer and worship center, the Greater Toledo House of Prayer desires to present a place to the city for the sustaining presence of God. Leaning on God's word, they have taken to heart Psalms 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it, unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen keep awake in vain." From its inception of 2 years, the founders of the GTHOP have said, "Lord, have your way, establish your house of prayer and may Jesus be glorified in it."

Featured in the December issue of The Christian Reporter as a 24 / 7 center, the Greater Toledo House of Prayer is presently holding 4 meetings per week. A children's meeting, known as "Kids Hop" is training up young children and releasing them as worshippers.

The Friday "Night Watch" begins at midnight and is geared for intercession for the city. When you attend, you will find meetings focus around the throne room and intimacy with Jesus. The GTHOP believes that touching the heart of God is the key that unlocks the door to His presence.

An invitation is set, calling intercessors, worshippers, musicians and Christian based groups to prayerfully consider devoting 2 hours weekly to a worship and prayer slot. The GTHOP declares at this time, "It is time for the Toledo community of churches to unite together in a prayer furnace for the city. Building a 24/7 worship and prayer center will change the spiritual atmosphere of the city. It will allow the heavens to open to effect evangelism resulting in a bountiful harvest to the lost. The church on her knees in true repentance, will lead to revival that will transform a city and many cities transformed, will transform a nation."

The Toledo House of Prayer is currently meeting at 723 South Byrne Rd., Toledo, Ohio. For more information you may email GTHOP at: 24hourflame@excite.com.