

# Community Transformation, Inc.



## WHY ARE WE HERE

### At a Marketplace Leaders Prayer Summit

#### I. Introduction.

- A. Why are we inviting people who are in leadership positions to a leader's prayer summit? God ordains authority.
1. *Romans 13:1* "...For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." NKJV
  2. *Psalms 75: 6 - 7* "For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the judge: He puts down one, And exalts another."
- B. How do we fit into Jesus Christ's mission? We are called to lead, but also to submit to Jesus Christ, our Supreme Allied Commander, and be used to assist Him via prayer and action until He puts all enemies under His feet and then turns His Kingdom over to His Father so that God may be All in All.
1. *First Corinthians 15:24* "Then the end will come, when He (Jesus) delivers the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

2. *Psalm 110:1-3:*

1 The LORD (God the Father) says to my Lord (Jesus Christ),  
'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'

2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion: you will rule in  
the midst of your enemies.

3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy maj-  
esty from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth."

(or, "your young men (and women) will offer themselves willingly as the  
dew.")



C. What can we best do to advance the Kingdom of God?

1. Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (*John 17; especially John 17:20-22*).

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message;

21 That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

2. After reviewing John 17:1-26:

Acknowledge that it is the desire of the God the Father and of His only Son the Lord Jesus Christ that we, and all God's people, be one.

Pray that we would be one and that through our lives the world may know and believe that the Father has sent the Son.

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3.

3. If we enter into the unity for which Jesus prayed, the world will see the beautiful church of Jesus Christ and be drawn to it.

D. How will we pray together in unity?

1. Categorically: Generally, we will express praise, thanksgiving, prayers or declarations of faith in categories suggested by our Facilitator. No one will be "called on".

2. Briefly: Pray about the last subject introduced. If you want to change subjects, make a note and wait until all have had opportunity to pray about the subject last introduced. Please refrain from lengthy prayers, being considerate of others desiring to pray.
3. Silently or aloud: Agree silently or lead in prayer aloud.
4. Humbly.

II. As we pray for our city or cities, let us prayerfully consider the following Scriptures:

1. Consider the *Book of Nehemiah*, especially *Chapters 1 - 4* and the call to Nehemiah to motivate the elders and people of Jerusalem. How might these chapters apply to us individually and to the City of Thomasville today, considering that God speaks of us, His people, as being “living stones”?

Chapter 1: Nehemiah’s inspiration and prayer for restoration of the broken down walls of Jerusalem, and to repent on behalf of God’s people for the sins that led to the devastation and exile.

Chapter 2: Nehemiah’s favor with the King, his analysis of the needs of the city, and encouragement to the people to rebuild the walls; converting “rubble” into “walls”. Have we surveyed the ruined walls of our community, and of our world?

Chapter 3: Different leaders accepted responsibility to rebuild their portions of the walls. Where are we called to build?

Chapter 4: Success came when they worked with a weapon in one hand (to fight attackers) and a tool in the other, and when they all agreed to leave their part of the wall to defend others: “Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.” (Vs. 20) Are we willing to leave our place at the wall to help defend each other when we hear the call?

2. As leaders, we need to consider Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (*John 17*; especially *John 17:20-21*), and pray for and then lead our community into unity:

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message;

21 That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." *NKJV* (A copy of *John 17:1 - 26* is attached.)

3. Prayer Points:

- Recognize that it is the desire of God the Father, His only Son our Lord and of the Holy Spirit that we, and all God's people, be one.
- Pray that we would be one and that through our lives the world may know and believe that the Father has sent the Son. "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." *John 17:3 NKJV*
- Pray that as we enter into the unity for which Jesus prayed that the world will see the beautiful church of Jesus Christ and be drawn to it.