

# New Orleans Prayer Guide



HOPE IN CHRIST

As you visit New Orleans, it is easy to get caught up in the music, food, architecture, and sights. We challenge you to look deeper to see how you can effectively pray for the people of New Orleans and Louisiana.

## HUNGER AND POVERTY

Louisiana ranks in the top ten among the hungriest and poorest states. One out of four children in Louisiana goes to bed hungry at night. Pray for families who struggle from day to day without enough money to meet needs.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

As of 2019, heroin is the greatest drug threat to the Greater New Orleans area. Louisiana has the nation's highest rate of under-21 drinkers among its alcohol-related deaths. Pray that people who have substance abuse problems will want and seek help. Pray for those in the city who minister to people struggling with substance abuse.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

New Orleans police respond to nearly 11,000 domestic violence calls per year. One in three women have been abused by their partner. Every nine seconds a woman is abused in the United States. Pray for survivors of domestic violence as they deal with issues of safety, jobs, and housing.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is the largest criminal industry in the world and the second-largest criminal industry in the United States. Pray for the men, women, and children who are affected by human trafficking. Pray for the safety of those fighting against human trafficking.

## UNHOUSED

In January 2020, Unity of Greater New Orleans reported 1,200 individuals were experiencing chronic homelessness in Orleans and Jefferson Parish. More than half a million individuals experience homelessness in the United States. Pray each person would find housing and jobs and have his or her basic needs met.

## GAMBLING

Compulsive gamblers may start betting small amounts, but sooner or later they start to wager higher bets in order to get the same feelings of excitement they had when they first started playing. Pray for people who have a gambling addiction to get the help they need to stop.

## WITCHCRAFT AND VODOO

New Orleans is one of the most active occult cities in America. It has attracted a melting pot of magical beliefs and cultures from literally all over the world. The city is home not only to its own brand of voodoo, and its derivatives, but also to European witchcraft as well. Pray for people to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

## FAR FROM HOME

Thousands of ships enter the Mississippi River each year with crews of international seafarers who are far from home. These ships include cargo ships, container ships, and passenger cruise ships. Pray for staff and volunteers of Global Maritime Ministries who meet the needs of seafarers and share Christ. They distribute Bibles and Scripture in more than 75 languages.

## WHAT DO YOU SEE?

New Orleans hosts vendors from all over the world, therefore bringing all religions to the city. Virtually every religion imaginable can be found in modern-day New Orleans. Pray for people who are searching for meaning in life. Pray for the things around you that God has opened your eyes to see.