

Spring Appeal

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER

Spring is to the earth as faith is to the soul.

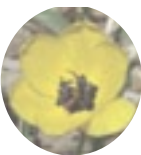
As we begin this **Spring Appeal**, we reflect on the generosity of our Volunteers, our Contributors, our Staff and Board. Yes, these words are capitalized because each one is important to us. Very important to the continuation of St. Francis Prayer Center.



What began as just an idea awhile ago, has grown into very viable ministries for ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER. Our bed ministry, food pantry, and Thanksgiving & Christmas outreach has been a lifeline for those around us.

This past year has been one of challenge and angst; of confusion and fear; of uncertainty and hopefulness. We sometimes didn't know from one day to the next what was going to happen ... and more important, what was going to be closed and for how long??

Our prayers continue to go out to the families and individuals who suffered with the coronavirus — some of them did not make it. **But** — God has a plan to grow us in ways we never thought possible.



Our Appeal is to request your support of the ministries of St. Francis Prayer Center. *How can you help?* By sponsoring a month, a week, a day, an hour, a minute at the Prayer Center!

YOUR contribution means we continue to help those in need.



- Bed ministry: we accept gently used and new beds, bedding, bedroom furniture (lamps, dressers, nightstands).
- Food Pantry: we accept donations of both canned and boxed food, personal care items, paper products, cleaning supplies.
- Spiritual Care: the staff and volunteers are always in need of prayer – if that is your gift, consider adding us to your daily prayers.

CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!

Please use the form at the bottom (*see both sides*) to send in your donation.

...A MONTH, A WEEK, A DAY, AN HOUR, A MINUTE AT THE PRAYER CENTER

Please fill out the form below and on the reverse side.

Return to St. Francis Prayer Center in the enclosed Return Envelope.

Please make tax deductible gift payable to
ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER
G-2381 E. Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI 48505

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Bus./Alt. Phone _____
 Cell Number _____ Other Cell Number _____
 Email address _____

Prayer Request _____

From the Director

Spring is to the Earth, as Faith is to the Soul...

Spring? Oh my, didn't we just finish Christmas? Wed., Feb. 17, we began our Lenten journey with the Lord as He makes his way to the Cross.

As Ecclesiastes 3 explains to us about everything having a season (God has ordained it), all creation moves into and out of its 'season' of growth, of giving life and claiming it back, of being fruitful and of being in rest.

Our 'season' at the Prayer Center, has been a season of pressing service for the most marginalized and afflicted people in our city.

Our operations have been stretched beyond belief as the workloads have multiplied for all of the staff.

Our Prayer & Praise group still meets on Zoom 1st and 3rd Monday's, and other classes are offered on Zoom as well. As Director, my ability to do many of the 'Spiritual' things has obviously been limited by Covid. I am hopeful to resume retreats, and healing services and other opportunities soon, but God has this 'season packed with hundreds of opportunities each week to pray with people, and offer them the Hope of Jesus.

We are walking to the Cross with them too.

Spring Appeal is particularly for our general operations. This Lent, we hold on especially tight to our faith, and the promises of His Salvation. We also, believe that He will bring the prayer, support and finances to do the job He called us to do. He will 'anoint' what He has called into being for the St. Francis Prayer Center.

Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers. None of us here really anticipated the 'season' of service that God has sent to us in the last few years.

None could have anticipated the impact of the huge numbers we would be serving or the impact and changes that Covid would bring for us to deal with.

We are still supporting 'the Family,' trying to help young families stay together and stay safe, and bring them to a knowledge and relationship with Jesus.

Love and Prayers for a **good lent**, and gift of wisdom as you respond to the call He places on your heart. We will pray for you, and ask that you to do the same for us.

In His Time & Measure,
Director Deb

Prayer Center Quick Look...

† **Spiritual Direction**
Director Deb sees 10-12 people each month.

† **Bed Ministry**
For January 2021, 110 beds were delivered. 570 beds in 2020.

† **Food Pantry**
In 2020, we helped 972 households including 247 new families and impacted 972 people through our pantry...plus 240 for Christmas

† **Bible Study Classes**
Classes are held via Zoom with more opportunities planned for the future.

† **Consumers/MEAP Funding**
We help process applications for help with utilities through MEAP funding – 25 families since Oct. 1, 2020.

† **Prayers with People**
The many people coming to the food pantry are prayed with and for.

† **Food to Shut-ins**
During this time, we take food to those not able to get out.

† **Fundraising Efforts**
In addition to our Annual Fundraiser, we have a few smaller ones throughout the year - including this Spring Appeal.

My House Shall Be called a House of Prayer for All Peoples (Isaiah 56:7)

Yes, I will be a partner in the ministries of St. Francis Prayer Center

Please receive my gift of \$500 to sponsor one day at the Prayer Center.
I wish to name this time: In Honor of OR In Memory of _____

I wish to make a donation at this time in the amount of:
 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other: _____

I wish to help sustain the Prayer Center by making a **monthly pledge** in the amount of:
 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other: _____ per month

I wish to make an **annual contribution** in support of the ministry in the amount of:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 \$5000 Other: _____

Please contact me for information on Planned Giving Opportunities

Thank you for your gifts and your prayers. You are in our prayers each day as well.



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www.stfrancisprayerflint.com
Click on the "donate now" button.