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- Pray for decisions about how to care for homeless youth.
- Pray for 600 new units of supportive housing.
- Pray for shalom in public discourse.

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- Pray that we would reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030.
- Pray for solutions to homelessness.
- Pray for resiliency, that we would be prepared to care for ourselves and others in case of unexpected disasters.

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- Continued prayer for the **One Church One Day** initiative.
- Pray for the Eugene Mission as they recruit a new director.
- Pray for the 15th Night Initiative which is working to help vulnerable youth from becoming chronically homeless.
- Pray for increased reading levels and education success for students; currently 52% students do not read at grade level.
- Pray for shalom in our community and public discourse.

Chris Skinner, *Eugene Police Chief*

- Pray for the team of dedicated men and women, both sworn and professional staff, who serve in Eugene.
- Pray for capacity of our public safety system, as they are unable to respond to approximately 80 calls per day.
- Pray we would continue to recruit the right candidates who are called to police work and have the compassion and empathy required for the job.

Joe Zaludek, *Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief*

- Pray for a chaplaincy program to support Fire and EMS first responders to care for those who take care of our community
- Pray for increased permanent shelters for those who need a place to sleep.
- Pray for cancer prevention across the fire service and for members of the department who are battling cancer now.
- Praise God for the 50% cardiac survival rates in our community.
- Pray for increased CPR training at middle and high schools and for increased literacy rates for children.

Gustavo Balderas, *4J Superintendent*

- Pray for the 2,700 staff working in 4J schools.
- Pray for the 1,500 homeless students in Bethel and 4J.
- Praise God for the opportunity to have full-time counselors at each elementary school.
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