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Fifth Annual Night of Prayer Returns to Perris



PERRIS, Calif. (August 13, 2019) -- A group of Perris ministers, elected officials, City residents and people of like faith gathered together for the 5th annual night of prayer at Foss Field on August 12, 2019.

More than 100 people gathered together to pray for the nation and the Perris community, offering hope and restoration for those who grieve on the heels of national tragedy, stemming from violence and hate.

Perris Council Member Rita Rogers, who started the event five years ago with Pastor Pete Perez as part of the Perris Chapter of "Cops and Clergy which was formed in 2002," hosted the event for the community.



"This year, we have a lot to pray for, as witnessed by the events happening in the news," said Rogers. "We are meeting together monthly, praying for our community and our nation, and this event is just a bigger version of those meetings."

Rogers also noted that Perris was a community of faith and commend those in attendance for coming together to prayer for those in need of healing.

Members of Rock of Generations Church and Freedom Community Christian Church provided music, and 12 Perris Ministers led inspirational messages and prayers for various topics throughout the duration of the event. Perris Police Chief Greg Fellows welcomed those in attendance as well.



Also in attendance were Perris Mayor Michael Vargas, Council Member David Starr Rabb, Council Member Malcolm Corona and representatives from California State Senator Richard Roth's office. All joined together to support a positive event for the community and nation.

"Prayer is good. Some look at it as a healing process, so it's good to pray those who have experienced tragedy," said Perris Mayor Michael Vargas. "I believe in the saying, 'prayer changes things,' so this is good for people to come together and try and implement change."

Council Member Malcolm Corona agreed, adding "Prayer is always important. It encourages people to come together in unity and inspires change."



Council Member David Starr Rabb appreciated the show of support from the Perris Community.

Said Rabb, "It's always good to get everyone out from different faith traditions and pray for our nation, our city and all the other entities and government leaders in our community."

Among topics of prayer were students and teachers in the education system, armed services and military veterans, the sick and disabled and public safety officials. Additionally, local pastors were available for individual prayer for those in attendance.

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