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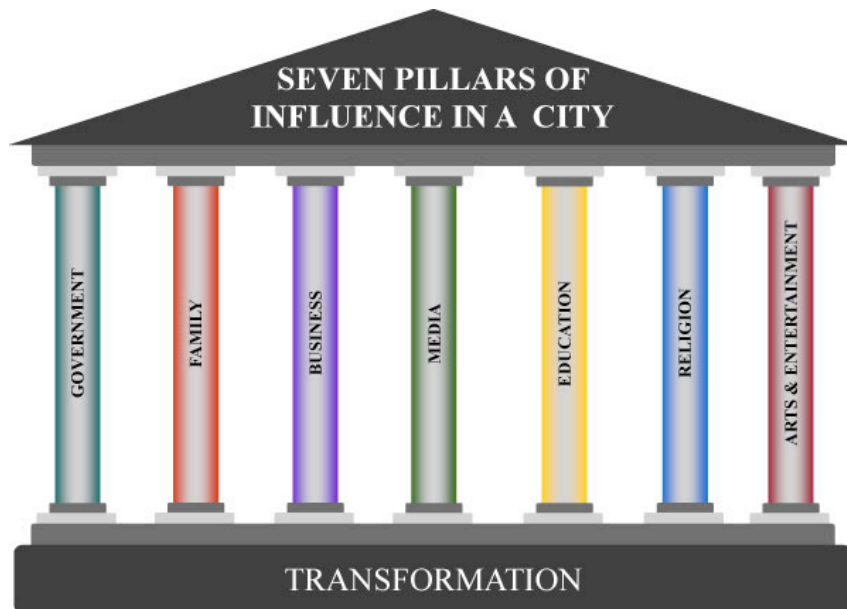
PRAY MODESTO! The “Mayor’s Call to Prayer”

He has asked City Ministry Network (CMN) to organize the week of prayer gatherings, and we’re glad that you have responded to God’s prompting to consider participating .

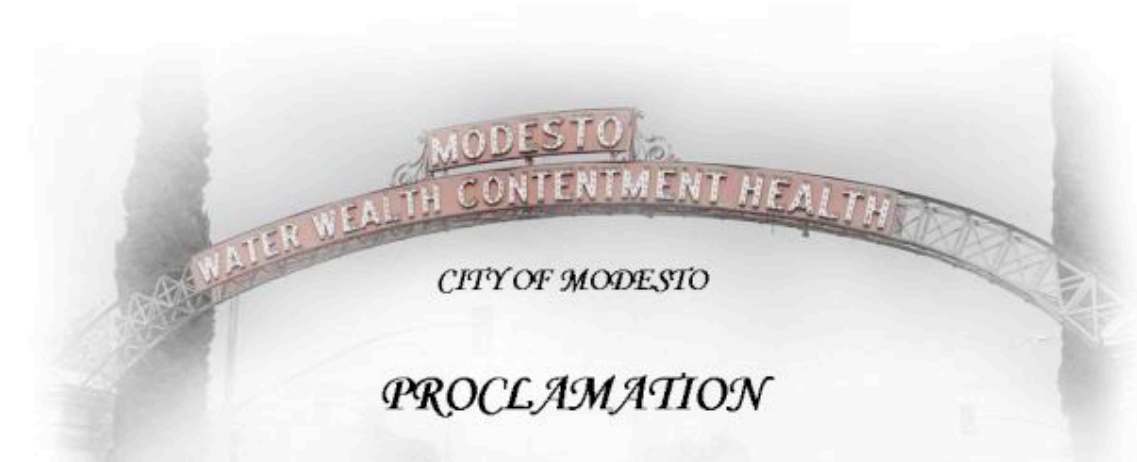
Permit us to share the history of identifying spheres (government, religion, education, media, arts and entertainment, family, business) of influence in a city:

In 1975, Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, and Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), had lunch together in Colorado. God simultaneously gave each of these change agents a message to give to the other.

*During that same time frame, Francis Schaeffer was given a similar message. The message was that if people were to impact any nation or city for Jesus Christ, they would need to affect the seven spheres (or mountains or pillars) of society. These seven spheres are: **business, government, media, arts and entertainment, education, the family and religion.***



Therefore, it seems apparent to focus prayer on these seven spheres. So we're glad you are considering gathering with others for *PRAY MODESTO!*



WHEREAS, *throughout our national history, elected leaders, including Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Congress and Governors, have called for a day of fasting and prayer to humbly ask God for His forgiveness, blessings and guidance during times of difficulty; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of California declares in its Preamble, "We, the people of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to perpetuate its blessings. . ."; and*

WHEREAS, *California and the city of Modesto are facing new and prolonged challenges to our city that threaten the livelihood of our citizens and diminish the quality of life for all; and*

WHEREAS, *during this week of prayer we ask for Almighty God's favor, blessings, wisdom and guidance upon our citizens, and leaders of our city government, faith community, and businesses; and*

WHEREAS, *we resolve to implore Almighty God to aid, enrich and empower the citizens, families, schools and businesses in our city and in our nation; and*

THEREFORE, *we implore Almighty God, through His grace and mercy, to renew the vitality of our city's economy, revitalize the quality of our schools, restore safety to our neighborhoods and reverse the moral decline in our communities, and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, James Ridenour, Mayor of the city of Modesto, California, do hereby proclaim April 19th - April 24th, 2010, to be*

WEEK of PRAYER FOR MODESTO

in this community and encourage our citizens to pray for God's blessings in this time of need.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2010


JIM RIDENOUR, Mayor



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