

# Baptist Friendship House Prayer Walking Guide through New Orleans French Quarter

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## Issue:

### Unhoused

- During 2021 and January 2022, it was reported that 46 unhoused died in the City of New Orleans.
- Unity of Greater New Orleans reported in January 2020 there were 1,200 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Orleans and Jefferson Parish.
- More than half a million individuals experiencing homelessness in the United States of America.

### 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.
- Alcohol can be consumed in the streets of New Orleans as long as it is in an "unbreakable container" (no glass) and taken from club-to-club.

### Human Trafficking

- Human Trafficking is the largest criminal industry in the World and the second largest criminal industry in US. It falls second in the US only to the sale of illegal drugs and moved past the sale of illegal weapons to take the second spot.
- In 2020, there was 51,667 reports made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

### Crime

- There were 218 lives were lost to murder in New Orleans in 2021, according to the New Orleans Police Department.
- According to the Metropolitan Crime Commission, officers investigated 490 shooting scenes.
- The New Orleans Police Department responded to more than 200 carjackings in the city in 2021.

### Domestic Violence

- New Orleans, Police respond to nearly 11,000 domestic violence calls per year.
- 1 in 3 women have been abused by their partner.
- Every 9 seconds a woman is abused in the US.

## Prayer:

Pray for and speak to unhoused individuals you may encounter in the park, throughout French Quarter, and along the Mississippi River Walk.

Pray that each may find housing, jobs, and get their basic needs met.

Pray that people who have substance abuse problems will want and seek help.

Pray for those in our city who minister to substance abusers.

Pray for the men, women, and children who are affected by human trafficking.

Pray for the safety of those fighting against human trafficking.

Pray for more ministries to fight against human trafficking.

Pray for people and their issues, such as anger, that can lead to crime.

Pray for protection of innocent people.  
Pray for our law enforcement as they protect and seek better ways to fight crime.

Pray for survivors of domestic violence as they deal with issues of safety, jobs, and housing.

Pray for our city and our nation to realize that gaining power and control through using abuse is wrong.

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- 1 out of 5 children in the United States goes to bed hungry at night.
- 1 out of 4 children in Louisiana goes to bed hungry at night.
- Louisiana ranks in the top ten among hungriest and poorest states.
- 75% of Americans are one paycheck from being homeless.

### Witchcraft & Voodoo

New Orleans is one of the most magical and mysterious cities on earth, in addition to being one of the most occult active cities in America. Home not only to its own brand of Voodoo, and its derivatives, but a home to European Witchcraft as well! Its magical ambiance has attracted a melting pot of magical beliefs and cultures from literally all over the world

### Tarot Card Readers

- The Tarot is a deck of cards that originated over 500 years ago in northern Italy. Tarot is used as a tool for divination, and popularized by occult societies.
- Most people are afraid of the unknown and seek out from card readers what their future holds. Still others seek out tarot card readers due to feeling helpless, hopeless, and wanting direction in life.

### Gambling

- Compulsive gamblers may start betting small amounts, but sooner or later start to wager higher bets in order to get the same feelings of excitement they had when they first started playing.
- In 2016, the state of Louisiana ranked #3 in the US for gambling addiction among adults.

### What do you see?

- The French Market hosts vendors from all over the world, therefore bringing all religions to New Orleans.
- Virtually every religion imaginable can be found in modern-day New Orleans, peacefully coexisting and sharing many crossover traditions

## Prayer:

Pray for families who struggle from day to day without enough money to meet needs.

Pray for children who go to bed hungry at night.

Pray for people to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Pray for people who are searching for meaning in life

Pray for people who are hurting and looking for help in the wrong places.

Pray that fears will be conquered that often keep people stuck in life with no direction.

Pray for people who have lost everything they have because of gambling.

Pray for people who have a gambling addiction to get the help they need to stop.

Pray for the things around you that God has opened your eyes to see.

Pray for yourself and what God has placed on your heart for you to do, to make a difference in your world, where He has placed you.