

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Easter 2023

**THANK YOU
FOR GIVING**
Jason
**A NEW
BEGINNING.**



Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



Bread of Life

The Mission in Pioneer Square

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Don't miss... **2** Help our hurting neighbors this Easter

3 "The Mission felt safe."

4 Help meet our Easter needs

“It really is a *life-changing* program.”

Jason and his partner were in a committed relationship and had a daughter together. He was working as a chef, but when his partner got a job that she was excited about, Jason wanted to be supportive. He quit his job to stay home with their daughter so she could go back to work.

“Then one day she came home and said she’d met someone at work. I just broke down,” Jason says. “She was able to prove that she could provide a better living situation for our daughter, so **I lost custody. It felt like I had nothing else to live for.**”

Devastated by the breakdown of his family, Jason turned to drugs and alcohol to numb his pain. Addiction took away his motivation, and he lost his job and his home. With nowhere else to go, **Jason lived in a tent for the next year and a half.** He lost all his possessions, and he spent every day in fear.

“I never knew where I’d get my next meal or if someone was going to assault me in the middle of the night,” he says. “That’s why Bread of Life Mission was such a blessing.”

“**The Mission felt safe. I was so grateful to be off the streets.**”

Jason joined our LifeChange program and – with counseling and support – started to heal from his past. When he arrived, his faith was nonexistent. But through Bible study and fellowship with our other residents, he is growing closer to the Lord.

He also took life-skills classes that helped him better understand finances and the importance of being responsible. His past work as a chef made him a perfect fit for our kitchen, where he’s happy to serve.



“The Mission feels like a genuine, real family,” he says. “I’m still working on my mental health and self-doubt, but it’s getting better. I’m getting back to my old self. I’m happy.”

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Jason is grateful for your support this Easter. “It really is a life-changing program.”



A Message from WILLIE PARISH JR.

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local individuals feel welcome here at Bread of Life Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Willie Parish Jr.
President



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more individuals this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.33 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **BreadofLifeMission.org.**

An Enduring Gift

We would like to thank all of those who have established legacy gifts or who have named the Mission in their wills or estate plans. This enduring support is a true blessing – a lifeline for hungry and homeless individuals in the Seattle area.

If you are still considering ways to leave a lasting gift of care for those in need, please contact Julie Quinsay, our Office Administrator, at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 106** or **julieq@breadoflifemission.org**. She can help you with suggestions to make sure your wishes are followed and your generosity lives on for years to come.

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Seattle.

Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!

Sunday, April 9: Our Easter Celebration!

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. They're turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

Drop off donations at the Mission, 97 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (206) 682-3579 ✨ BreadofLifeMission.org/donate

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 7:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSTANT MASHED POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER |

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV