

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Sound of Life Is At The Gate August 5, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

We declare that **Jesus is front and center** and central to everything. All things were made through Him, by Him, and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together, in Detroit and in the earth. Jesus is the Bread of Life. In Him is life and that life is the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Life wins! Light dispels darkness and good overcomes evil. There is a sound of life, and we set the sound of life at the gates to our City. Fresh life filled with hope, like new wine flowing from the mountains. Life that fills. Life that gives vision and hope for the future. We set the Name of Jesus at the gates of our City and declare that He is building His church, His assembly or ekklesia here and the gates of hades will not prevail. The promises of God are yes and amen in Detroit. To those entering our City we say that the sound and posture of worship to the One True God covers our City and land, and that all other gods are only idols.

Proverbs 4.20-22 TPT reworded for Detroit

²⁰ **Listen carefully my City, Detroit,** to everything that I speak to you, and pay attention to all that I have to say. ²¹ For **I am filling you with my words** until they penetrate deep into your land and the structures in this City. ²² Then, as the reality of my words bring new life, **they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of this City.**

Proverbs 3.25-26 TPT

²⁵ **You will not be subject to terror, for it will not terrify you.** Nor will the disrespectful be able to push you aside, ²⁶ **because God is your confidence in times of crisis,** keeping your heart at rest in every situation.

- There is a spirit of death that is trying to gain a foothold in our region.
 - Murders, drive-by shootings, violent crimes have been on the rise.
 - Unrighteous bloodshed enthrones systems of darkness.
 - We renounce death and acts of death in Detroit, our region and its communities.
 - We decree NO ACCESS, and we close the gates to the spirit of death.
- Our confidence and trust are in God alone.
- We decree words of life at the gates of Detroit and the region.
 - Detroit and the surrounding region belong to the Lord.
 - The Blood and the Name of Jesus are at the gates and over the City.
 - We speak the words of Jesus at the gates and say, Jesus came that we might have life and have life in the fullest.

Galatians 5.13, 16-18 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹³ Detroit, **God has called you** to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that Detroit becomes completely free of self-indulgence – that it becomes God's servant, expressing love in all it does. ¹⁶ Detroit, as you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will **abandon the cravings of your old self-absorbed life.** ¹⁷ For your self-absorbed life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit and hinder him from living free within you! And the Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-absorbed life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. ¹⁸ But **when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, Detroit, you will no longer be living under the domination of the old Detroit, but soaring above it!**

Isaiah 30.30-32 TPT

³⁰ **And Yahweh will cause everyone to hear his awe-inspiring, majestic voice. He will open their eyes to see his mighty power** coming down with raging anger and consuming fire! His power will descend in cloudburst, thunderstorm, and hail.³¹ **And when his rod strikes the Assyrians, they will be terror-stricken by the mighty voice of Lord Yahweh.**³² Every stroke of Yahweh's punishing rod will be to the sound of cymbals and strumming harps. **God himself fights them in battle with dancing!**

The sound of LIFE is in the mouth of Detroit. Listen! Listen to the roar of His voice, to the rumblings that come from His mouth. Listen to the sound of His roar; He thunders with His majestic voice. When His voice resounds over Detroit, He holds nothing back. His voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding!

We say to Detroit and to its communities: you will live and not die. **Your ancient ruins are being rebuilt and the places long devastated restored.** God is renewing what has been devastated for generations. **New life has come into the communities and into the land – a fresh wind of the Spirit of God blows through the City and the life of God is in the streets. We set the word of life at the gates of the City and that word has the power to continually bring deliverance in our communities.**

Philippians 3.12-14 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹² Detroit, you have not acquired the absolute fullness that God has for you, so **Detroit, run with passion into His abundance so that you may reach the purpose that God has called you to discover.**

¹³ Detroit, don't depend on your own strength to accomplish this; however, Detroit, keep this compelling focus: **forget all of the past and fasten your heart to the future instead.** ¹⁴ Run straight for the divine invitation of reaching your full God-given potential and destiny.

1 Thessalonians 1.8a NIV reworded for Detroit

⁸ **The Lord's message will ring out from you, Detroit,** not only in your Nation but into the nations of the earth – your faith in God will become known everywhere.

The gates of Detroit are open to the King of Glory who is mighty in battle. **God is enthroned over our City.** His Name is higher than any other name. There are other names over our City, but they are all subject to the Name of Jesus which is higher than any other name that can be named. **The Lord God reigns in Detroit,** let the nations that are in the gates of Detroit tremble. Our God sits between the cherubim, let the whole earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. **Praise His great and awesome Name – He is Holy.**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We release the Name and Blood of Jesus into the land and the atmosphere of this region. We speak to the structures of darkness and the unrighteous shedding of blood in the land and decree that they will no longer hold the people captive. We say to Detroit, hear the voice of the Lion of Judah. For the Lion of Judah is roaring on the inside of you causing a vibration and shaking and dislodging of what does not belong to this City. We say to Detroit, let go of what God is uprooting. **Life prevails in and over the people and land of Detroit.**