
“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team

For the week of September 9, 2012

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31 Prayers - #1

From *31 Days of Prayer* by Ruth and Warren Myers (Multnomah, 1997) – each week, use the prayer and “As You Have Time” features to reflect on the focus for the week.

Pray for God’s blessing on your work and daily activities

Lord, my highest good is to have You near. And how wonderful that You want me to come near to You—that You delight to see my face and hear my voice. You want me to walk close to You all day long, resting my heart in the joy of who You are. Enable me to do this more and more.

How good of You, gracious Master, to call all Your children to serve as Your ambassadors in all that we do. How encouraging to know that every task I undertake as Your servant is Your work, even my small tasks! And that through prayer I can put You into all my daily activities—my employment, my marriage, my parenting, my spiritual walk and service, my free time and hobbies.

I commit all I do into Your hands and ask You to work in and through me. Give me grace to do each of my tasks for You, putting my whole heart into it. Keep me depending on You for strength and wisdom all day long. (Pray specifically about various things you’ll be doing).

Lord, You alone can give true significance to my work and activities. So I call on You to prosper all that I do. Let Your favor be upon me, and give permanence to what I do.

May I spread the fragrance of Christ to everyone my life touches day by day. Make me a gracious witness to those who don’t know You, and a blessing to those who do.

As You Have Time

ENJOYING GOD’S NEARNESS.

“The nearness of God gives us rest and power in prayer. This nearness is given to the person who makes God’s intimate presence a priority. Seek nearness to God and He will give it, ‘He will draw near to you.’ God’s nearness makes it easy to place yourself in His presence, quietly anticipate His drawing near, then begin to pray.”

Andrew Murray

PRAYER AND WORK.

“I am convinced that God does not wish us to neglect rightful work to pray. But it is equally certain that we might work better and do more work if we gave less time to work and more to prayer.” The Unknown Christian

OPEN FOR WHAT HE ASSIGNS.

Here’s a motto for all of us in all we do: “God’s will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.” Pray that you will be open to whatever the Lord wants you to do day by day. Tell Him you simply want to be used by Him, whether in great tasks or lowly ones, whether the results will seem large or small.

Scripture references (by paragraph in the prayer)

Psalm 73:28

2 Corinthians 5:20

Proverbs 15:3; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 3:23-24; Philippians 4:13; James 1:5

Psalm 127:1; 1:2-3; 90:17

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

In Coming Weeks: Abiding in Christ; Personal Needs and Desires (with Thanksgiving); Wisdom and Guidance

The Prayer of Expectancy *Use this prayer sometime each week as an encouragement to stay focused*

Father in heaven, great and powerful and full of love, I lift my heart in praise for the privilege of coming to You in prayer. Give me special grace as I join Your exalted Son in His ministry of prayer.

Search my heart, Lord, and show me if any sin is hindering Your work in my life. May I respond without delay whenever You make me conscious of sin. How grateful I am for Your total forgiveness the moment I confess my sin, turning back to You as my Lord!

And Father, teach me to pray. How much I yearn to know Your will and Your way. I thank Your Son lives within me.

What a joy to know He is my teacher—that through Him I can learn to pray. I can learn to release Your boundless power for both my needs and the needs of many others, near and far. Teach me to pray.

Day by day may Your Spirit work in me, motivating me to abide in Christ and pray in faith, moving Your mighty hand to fulfill Your purposes. Keep reminding me that You are able to do infinitely more than I would ever dare to ask or imagine, by Your mighty power at work within me.

To You be the glory both now and forever.

Amen

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Take one or more days this week to go through the prayer by substituting the name of someone who would be blessed.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s sermon, “I Am His,” based on Romans 6:3-5.* Praise God for Linnell’s baptism and pray for the Lord’s work in the hearts of those who came to witness it.

*Materials from the sermon (podcast, plus pdf versions of sermon outline and PowerPoint notes) are available on the website by Monday

Touch Points is e-mailed every Friday and normally posted on the website (www.evbapt.org) by Saturday.

Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.