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

For the week of October 28, 2012

Share with others on the Prayer Vigil throughout the week, during our Connections time on Sundays, or using our FaceBook group “First Watch Prayer Vigil.” www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096 .

31 Prayers - #8

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 love and against hinderance

Lord of love, You are the one Source of perfect, unfailing love. Love that is sacrificial, impartial, and permanent! Work in me a growing love and affection for all people, and especially for all believers—a love like Yours: merciful, compassionate, ready to forgive, patient, considerate, deeply concerned about others’ well-being.

Show me if there’s anything in my heart that would keep me from praying with Your love. Do You see grievances there? Anger? An unforgiving spirit? Resentment toward anyone in my past, or in my present? Envy or jealousy? Critical attitudes? Selfishness or pride? Anything else that hinders love? Show me. And give me grace to repent and ask You to forgive me. Help me take the initiative in restoring any broken or damaged relationships with others in my family, at work, or at my church.

May the Spirit flood my heart with Your love, washing away any unloving attitudes. Then may Your pure, warm love motivate me as I pray and flow through me toward every person my life touched day be day. I plead with You for this! And I believe You will do it.

And Lord, do these things for all who partner with You in prayer, wherever they may be.

Amen

Always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

As You Have Time

LOVE FOR OTHERS. “If we pray for others, we must love. Every part of a body is interested in the welfare of the whole, and exists to complete and help the other parts. Believers are one body and we ought to pray for the welfare of all Christ’s followers.”—Andrew Murray

PRAY SPECIFICALLY WITHOUT JUDGING. We can be more specific in prayer for other believers than just, “Lord, bless them...” Here are some requests for other believers. Pray that:

- their supreme desire will be to know and glorify Christ
- their roots will go deep into Christ and His Word
- they will realize the rich blessings lavished on them in Christ
- they will truly abide in Christ, obeying Him by the Spirit’s power
- they will be a fragrance of Christ to unbelievers, able and ready to share His Word in appropriate and timely ways

In Coming Weeks: Pray...For Strength and Well-Being, That Many Will Turn to Christ, For the Holy Spirit’s Full Ministry in You and Others

The Prayer of Expectancy

Remember to use this each week. It is included in the version posted on the [Prayer Vigil](#) page of the website or in the Touch Points for September 9 when we began this series

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Repeat the prayer for this week as often as you can, pausing to dwell on each of the hindrances and asking God to help remove those that apply to you. On other days, work on praying for others and making your prayers as specific as you can. Use this as an exercise to move behind the “Lord, bless _____” and really focus on building up that person’s faith.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message, “Sustaining Spiritual Profit?” from Matthew 25:14-30. Pray specifically for the applications to your own life and the lives you will touch this week.
- Pray for the practical demonstration of lessons learned from Lon Allison’s LIF@E Time presentations and our four-week video series on personal evangelism, “Just Walk Across the Room,” which ended last week. (The DVD with a book and participant guide are available in the library. Check with Lil Hellren). Pray that our witness will increase and that God will produce a harvest as a result...and that the lessons learned will continue for weeks and months ahead.

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

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