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

For the week of November 4, 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](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096) .

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### 31 Prayers - #9

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 strength and well-being

Dear Father, I worship You as the One who made me, who intricately fashioned me as a unique person, weaving me with great skill in my mother’s womb. By Your gracious, unlimited power You hold together all things—including each cell of my body.

Today, by Your Spirit within me, I’m counting on You to bring to my whole being new strength and vitality—physical and emotional strength, spiritual and moral strength. Strength to do Your will.

And Lord, give me peace—*shalom*—wholeness and harmony and well-being. Bring emotional strength and joy day by day. In times of need give me grace to pour out my heart to You and cast on You all my anxieties and stresses and tensions. And then to fix my thoughts on You and rest in You. I pray these things for myself, Lord, and for others in need, including \_\_\_\_\_. Where there is weakness, may there be strength—Your strength. Where there is sickness, may there be healing. You are the One who heals us. “Man treats. God heals.” May Your healing touch be on our bodies until the time comes when You choose to bring us total healing by calling us Home.

Day by day, may I rest my faith in Your tender love and Your infinite wisdom. With quiet faith I trust You for health and healing, confident and expectant. But keep me from demanding, from clenching my fingers around what I think is best for me and others. May I honor You by affirming, “Our God who we serve is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us. But even if He does not, we will still trust Him.”

Most of all I pray for spiritual health. Keep me simply trusting You, yielding to You, and honoring You in all I am and all I do and thing and say,

Amen

The God of Israel gives his people strength and power.

Psalm 68:55 NCV

#### As You Have Time

THE STRENGTH OF HUMILITY. “You may be feeling unworthy and unable to pray as you know you should. Accept this heartily, and be content to come to God anyway and be blessed in your unworthiness, simply trusting God’s grace. This is true humility. Humility is the strength behind a great faith, and leads to answered prayers. Don’t let your ‘littleness’ hinder your prayers for a moment.” Andrew Murray

#### STRENGTH AND HEALTH THROUGH GOD AND HIS WORD.

George Mueller lived ninety-two years, with amazing strength and health to the end. Arthur T. Pierson reports that Mueller attributed his health and long life to three causes:

1. His striving to keep his conscience clear before God and man. (Acts 24:16)
2. His love for the Scriptures and the way they constantly restored his whole being, even his body. (Proverbs 3:2; 8; 4:22)
3. His happiness in God and His work, which relieved him of all anxiety and needless wear and tear in his labors. (Psalm 55:22)

**In Coming Weeks:** Pray... That Many Will Turn to Christ, For the Holy Spirit’s Full Ministry in You and Others, For God’s Working in Your Church

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#### 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

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Repeat the prayer for this week as often as you can, thinking of different people whose names could fill the blank.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s communion meditation, “A Hole in Our Holiness.” 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 recent four-week video series on personal evangelism, “Just Walk Across the Room.” (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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