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

### **For the week of November 11, 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 - #10**

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 that many will turn to Christ**

Lord, I bow humbly before You. You are high and exalted, and I am so small and so human, so limited by time and space. You are holy and I fall so far short of Your glorious ideals. What amazing grace that You grant me access to You at all times, day and night!

Show me afresh Your deep love for the world—Your yearning that people trust Christ and live with You forever in Your eternal family. To think that my prayers can help fulfill Your longings!

I desire to persevere in prayer day by day for my unsaved family members and friends, including especially \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . Give me grace to pray for them often, and to relate to them with greater love and helpfulness, and to tell them of Christ in winsome and timely ways. Make them intensely aware of their need for forgiveness. Convince them of Your love and draw them to Christ. Do the same for my friends and more distant relatives who don’t know You, including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

It seems, Lord, that there are so many barriers that keep people from You. Deliver those who think there are no absolutes, who believe that every viewpoint or lifestyle is okay as long as it seems right to them. Turn people from modern philosophies and Eastern religious practices—and from pursuing ideas of some sort (even “Christian” goodness or service), depending on their own efforts rather than on Christ Defeat Satan as he blinds them to their need of the Cross. Open the eyes of thousands daily to the glorious

Light of the Good News of Christ. May many trust You for forgiveness in our community, our region, and beyond.

Show me how and where to focus my prayers. And motivate many people around the world to pray faithfully that people will come to Christ.

Amen

To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that that may receive forgiveness of sins...by faith in me.

Acts 25:18, NIV

#### **As You Have Time**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE IMPORTANT. “Don’t think that you have no influence, or that your prayers are not important. Your prayers and faith will make a difference.” Andrew Murray

NEVER GIVE UP. George Mueller is renowned for his many, often-dramatic answers to prayer, and for the way he carefully sought God’s mind in what he prayed. Yet he prayed for years that certain people would be converted, and the answers came very slowly, one by one. He wrote:

The great point is never to give up until the answer comes. I have been praying for fifty-two years, every day, for two men, sons of a friend of my youth. They are not converted yet, but they will be!...The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying, they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God’s glory, they should pray until they get it.

**In Coming Weeks:** Pray... For the Holy Spirit’s Full Ministry in You and Others, For God’s Working in Your Church, For Sunday Schools and Bible Study Groups.

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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 meditation, “Lessons from a Little Psalm.” Continue the theme of praise and thankfulness to God for his provision as we approach Thanksgiving.
- Pray for the practical demonstration of lessons learned from our focus on personal witness in LIF@Etime, combined with the interest among a good number who will be reading “The Hole in Our Holiness” in response to last week’s message. May the result of these efforts be a growing desire for holiness and personal witness.

\*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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