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

For the week of November 18, 2012

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### 31 Prayers - #11

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 the Holy Spirit’s full ministry in you & others

Thank You, my wonderful Father, the Source of every good and perfect gift, that You have sent Your Spirit to live in me—as a fountain of living water within me, springing up to refresh my heart and renew my mind. How sufficient His power is for my needs and for the needs of all Your children! Thank You for Your promise of His ministry in our lives day to day, as we continue to ask and seek and knock.

I yield, Lord, to Your Spirit. I pray that he will fill me today and minister to me and through me. May He enlighten and nourish me through Your Word, strengthen my inner person, and fill my heart to overflowing with Your love. May He produce in me the very temperament of Jesus—His ways of thinking and behaving and reacting. Father, may this be especially true in my relationships—family and otherwise—in which I’m most prone to act and react in unloving ways.

I pray that the Spirit will empower me to witness with boldness. Wherever I may be may He flow out from my inmost being as refreshing rivers of living water, meeting the needs of others. Help me depend on Him as I pray, counting on His presence within me, interceding for me and along with me. How much better He is than even my best and closest prayer partner!

I plead with You, Lord, for these same ministries of the Spirit in my prayer partners and in others who pray for Your work around the globe.

How much we need a revival of prayer, so that Christ’s great commission will be fulfilled in all the world. Lord, bring one!

Amen

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

Ephesians 5:16, NIV

#### As You Have Time

THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. “The Holy Spirit helps us...For we don’t even know what we should pray for, now how we should pray” (Romans 8:26, NLT). When you feel ignorant and weak in your praying, you can trust in the indwelling and intercession of the Holy Spirit within you. Make a habit of yielding yourself to His life in you and His leading. He will help you in your prayer weaknesses. Andrew Murray advised, “Pray with the simplicity of a little child. Pray with the hold awe and reverence of one in whom God’s Spirit always dwells and prays.”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
and do what Thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.

Edwin Hatch

STRENGTH FOR PRAYER. Intercession is not easy. It requires supernatural strength. So our praying must not be by our own might or power, but by Lord’s Spirit (Zech. 4:6). Choose to depend completely on God, drawing on His strength to help you pray. Offer praise that the Spirit of the all-powerful God who raised Christ from the dead lives in you. What vast resources of strength you have for all God wants you to do!

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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

- I you do not have a regular prayer partner—whether a spouse or friend—pray that God will guide the selection of partner and develop a habit of regular intercession together.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message, “Separation Anxiety” (Matthew 25:31-32). Continue the theme of praise and thankfulness to God that was begun in last week’s service.
- 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 Pastor Dave’s recent message. May the result of these efforts be a growing desire for holiness and personal witness, with demonstrable results.

\*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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