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

For the week of January 13, 2013

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31 Prayers - #19

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 World’s Peoples Who are Still in Darkness

Father, how wonderful to be a child of the great King over all the earth—a God of love who does not want anyone to perish but wants everyone to come to repentance, to freedom, and to fullness of life. I worship You!

Thank You that my prayers can help fulfill Your longings to include in Your family people from every tribe and language and people and nation. What a family to belong to! And what an honor to help in this tremendous task through prayer!

Yet how terrible is the destiny of those who ignore Your salvation! Stir my heart, Lord—and the hearts of countless others—to pray more for those who have heard of You but have not yet responded. And for the millions who are still without the gospel.

Lord, You are the Master of breakthroughs. Bring mighty breakthroughs of the gospel throughout the world. Penetrate Satan’s lines of defense. Do this especially among Muslims, among Buddhists, among Hindus, among Jews, as well as among atheists—these great strongholds that the gospel has barely dented. Break through, Lord, to their leaders and to their people. May the reality of Christ and His saving love dawn in their hearts like a brilliant sunrise. And may Your Spirit work with unusual power through those who are ministering among them.

You have promised that the ends of the earth will be Your Son’s possession. I ask You to accomplish this soon.

Amen

The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 5:9, NIV

As You Have Time

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED! Think of the world’s 6 billion people and how many die each year without receiving Christ. (In India, 800 million are still submerged in Hinduism; in China alone, 2 million die every month without Christ.) Pour out your heart to God for them.

And don’t forget the Jews and all the ministries to Jews around the world. Consider God’s heart for the Jewish people throughout the centuries, though most have spurned His Son, His best love gift to them. He expressed His love so well in Hosea 11:8, NLT: “O how can I give up, Israel? How can I let You go? How can I destroy you...? My heart is torn within me, and my compassion overflows.” Your prayers can hasten the day when God will restore the nation of Israel to Himself and to His great purposes for them.

J. O. Fraser wrote: “Many of us cannot reach the mission fields on our feet, but we can reach them on our knees. Solid, lasting missionary work is accomplished by prayer, whether offered in China, India, or the United States.”

In coming weeks: Pray for All Who Profess to be Christians; for New Christians; for Pastors

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

- Once again, it is amazing that this issue—especially the part focusing on the Jewish people—should come the week we have Gabriel Goldstein of Chosen People Ministries in our morning service and presenting “A Biblical Perspective on the Arab-Israeli Conflict” in LIF@time. (Goldstein was scheduled earlier in the fall, then had to cancel at the last minute and was rescheduled for this weekend). Take the opportunity to pray this week for ministries to Jews (as well as for all of Evangel’s missionaries).
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s sermon*, “Loving Jesus” (Matthew 26:1-13).
- Pray for Evangel as we enter a new calendar year. Praise God for blessings of the past year and pray that we will be faithful to him and claim his promise of blessing.

*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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