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

For the week of January 20, 2013

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 - #20

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 all Who Profess to be Christians

O my Strength, I will sing praise to You, for You, my loving God, are my strength, my fortress, my joy, my reward. I rejoice again in Your unlimited power and Your many promises to answer prayer. My heart trusts You, and I am helped and deeply blessed.

Lord, how Your heart is grieved by the many people who seem to be Christians in name only—by the more than 1 billion nominal Christians in the world today. Have mercy on them—including ones I know personally. Whether they are lukewarm believers or don’t know You at all, convince them of their sins and spiritual sickness, their empty ritualism, their compromise, their ignorance and indifference, their loving what gives them pleasure rather than loving You. Help them see that they have a mere form of godliness without the content.

Be gracious to them, Lord, so that in the end they will not lose everything they’ve lived for and receive no rewards. And draw those who don’t know You to Your Son so that in the end He will not have to say, “I never knew You; depart from Me for your deeds are evil.”

Thank You, Father, for Your heart of compassion toward these people, though You hate their ways. I plead with You to work in their lives. Make them aware of Your deep longing to make them truly—and wholly—Yours. Deliver them from merely acting as if they know You. Bring them into true faith and full commitment to Christ. Lead them into a warm, vital relationship with You. May Your Spirit work in their lives—and mine—with mighty power, making us a glory to Your name.

Today, I pray these requests especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Amen

Truly my soul silently waits for God.

Psalm 62:1, NKJV

#### As You Have Time

BE STILL AND KNOW. Andrew Murray wrote, “The nearer we come to God himself and the deeper we enter into His will, the more power we have in prayer. In the stillness you will receive power to pray.”

Here’s a prayer to use as you pursue a deeper knowledge of God and richer times of stillness in His presence:

*Dear Father, how I long to know You better. Reveal Yourself to me in new ways as I wait quietly before You. Make Yourself more real to me than anyone or anything on earth. Open my eyes to see You in the Scriptures; quiet my mind and emotions to be still and know that You are God. Calm my heart, taking away my strain and stress. Make me conscious of Your presence as I wait before You with holy reverence.*

2 Peter 1:2-4, Psalm 73:25-26; Proverbs 3:1-5; Psalm 46:10

*Lord Jesus, make Yourself to me*

*A living, bright reality.*

*More present to faith’s vision keen*

*Than any earthly object seen;*

*More dear, more intimately nigh*

*Than e’en the sweetest earthly tie.*

Hudson Taylor

**In coming weeks:** Pray for New Believers; for Pastors; for God’s Power on All Who Serve the Lord—Lay and Full-Time

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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

- This week’s prayer is a good reminder to update your “Impact List” of people, especially those who may profess to be Christians without actually knowing Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s sermon\*, “The Betrayer” (Matthew 26:14-16).
- Pray for Evangel as we face significant challenges in this new ministry year. Pray especially for God’s direction in our pursuit of a Worship Arts Director as a significant part of our ministry team.

\*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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Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.

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