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

For the week of February 10, 2013

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31 Prayers - #23

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 God’s Power on All Who Serve the Lord— Lay and Full Time

Gracious Father, thank You for raising up full-time ministers and laymen and laywomen to serve You in a wide variety of ministries. I especially thank You for _____ and _____. Bless them in every area of their lives. In their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. In their marriages and families and other relationships. In their finances and paperwork. In their personal struggles and temptations. In their time pressures. In their recreation.

May all Your servants take time daily to seek You earnestly in Your Word and in prayer, refusing to let busyness and distractions squeeze You out. Give them wisdom in what to say yes to and no to—even in ministry opportunities. Give the laypeople special wisdom in juggling the demands of their jobs, families, and ministries.

May those who serve You be strong in Your grace to disciple and coach younger Christians to endure hardships, and to steer clear of needless entanglements. May they see Your Spirit work powerfully in their ministries.

Amen

You help us by your prayers.

2 Corinthians 1:11 NIV

As You Have Time

PARTNERING WITH SPECIFIC MINISTRIES. “Be specific in your petitions,” wrote Andrew Murray, “then you’ll know what answers to look for. Intercession is not the breathing out of pious wishes; its aim is to bring down God’s blessing through believing, persevering prayer.

Be receptive to focusing prayer on specific ministries the Lord lays on your heart. Consider some possibilities in our military services, in inner cities, in isolated rural areas, and in special ethnic groups; ministries to the sick, the poor, the physically and mentally disabled, prisoners, drug addicts, unwed mothers, ministries in publications, Christian radio, and TV.

ENRICHING AND EXPANDING YOUR INTERCESSION. As you spend time in God’s Word, be on the watch for passages that relate to any of the thirty-one [prayers in this series] and copy them for [future] use. Some Scriptures that may help you pray for people serving the Lord are 2 Corinthians 2:10; 3:5, 17-18 and Ephesians 6:19-20. Or glean requests from chapters such as 2 Corinthians 4 or Romans 8.

Always remember that those in special ministries—no matter how spiritually gifted they may seem—are as human as you are. Start with the same requests you pray for yourself!

In coming weeks: Pray for More Workers in God’s Harvest; for Worldwide Missions; for God’s Blessing on Our Missionaries

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

- Pray that the Lord will lead three new families or individuals to us by Easter and three more by Memorial Day—people with a love for the Lord along with the gifts and passion to use them in His service at Evangel.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s sermon*, “The New Covenant,” (Hebrews 8:6-12).
- Pray for Evangel as we face significant challenges *and* opportunities. Pray specifically in the three areas outlined at our congregational meeting last week: RELATE (partner with a congregation looking for a place to worship), REORGANIZE (streamline our administrative structure, and RECRUIT. Regarding the last item, praise the Lord that Bridgette Ecklund will be filling the position of director for VBS (July 15-19) and pray that God will lead to us as quickly as possible the part-time Worship Arts Director we have sought since last summer (the Worship Board will discuss several potential applicants this week).

*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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