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

For the week of *February 17, 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 - #24

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 More Workers in God’s Harvest

Sovereign Lord—head of the Church, commander of Your armies, Lord of the harvest—You know the need for workers in our country and throughout the world. Give me, and other intercessors, diligence in praying for more workers.

I plead with You to raise up mature and effective men and women and young people and send them out from our church, our Sunday school and our youth group. Do the same in other churches in our country and in other parts of the world.

I pray for the people You plan to send—some of them now students in seminaries, Bible schools, and other training programs. Teach them to abide in Christ and to nourish their souls in Your Word. Empower them by Your Spirit to reap and build right where they are, and make them ready to go wherever You send them—some into needy areas and closed countries where people live in deep darkness.

Work in all Your people Lord. Make us willing to follow You anywhere, anytime, with or without anybody or anything but You. Wherever You lead us, may our primary interest be the things that are on Your heart.

Amen

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.—*Matthew 9:37-38 NIV*

#### As You Have Time

USE GOD’S WORD IN PRAYER. For richer and more powerful praying, weave Scriptures into your prayers. This will strengthen your faith, focus your heart and mind, and keep you praying according to the will of God. As Andrew Murray wrote, “God’s listening to our voice depends on our listening to His voice. . . Our whole life must be under the supremacy of the Word: the Word must be dwelling in us.”

Use verses that the Holy Spirit brings to your attention in your quiet time and verses you have memorized. Search out prayers and benedictions in the Bible. We’ve listed below some references to get you started. Select the ones that mean the most to you and copy them for easy use. Then as you’re able, meditate more deeply on each one. Use them in prayer often, for yourself and others.

Some prayer and benedictions:

Numbers 6:24-26; 1 Corinthians 4:10;  
Psalm 26:4-5; 57:1-2; 119:9-11, 73; 143:8-10;  
Ephesians 1:17-21; 3:16-21; Philippians 1:9-11;  
Colossians 1:9-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24;  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:16; Hebrews 13:20-21

Other great passages for prayer:

Psalm 84:11-13; Isaiah 55:1-3; Habakkuk 3:17;  
Romans 5:1-5; 8:1-4, 31-39; Ephesians 1:3-13;  
Philippians 3:7-10; Colossians 3:1-17;  
Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Peter 1:2-8

**In coming weeks:** Pray for Worldwide Missions; for God’s Blessing on Our Missionaries; for all Who are Suffering

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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

- 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 and to meet in our most urgent needs.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s Songs of the Cross service as you prepare your heart for the observance of Holy Week and the triumph of Easter Sunday.
- Pray for Evangel as we face significant challenges *and* opportunities. Pray specifically in the three areas covered in the Songs of the Cross time of intercession: 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).

*Pastor Dave’s reading of John Ryle’s “The Suffering of Christ” (in place of a sermon this week) will be posted on the website by Monday*

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