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

For the week of February 24, 2013

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31 Prayers - #25

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 Worldwide Missions

Father, give Your people hearts that burn with Your longing for the Good News to be preached throughout the world, and begin to be preached through the world, and begin this work in my heart. May we desire what You so deeply desire to do—to bring people into Your family and mold them into the image of Christ. May we faithfully invest our prayers, our time, and our money in what is on Your heart.

Bring a revival of urgent prayer among all Your people. May more churches, everywhere in the world, become missions-minded. May they send out people who are close to You, empowered by You, and equipped to serve and pray effectively.

Show me, Lord, which mission groups and which parts of the world—which cities, countries, or people groups—You most want me to pray for. And enable me to pray with a growing faith, confident that my prayers indeed make a difference in the world, removing mountains that hinder Your work and bringing about impossible things.

Lord, You’re in charge of the harvest. Cause countless people to turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to You. Do this in every tribe, every language, and every religion—even in most hard-to-reach places and the most resistant religions.

Lord, there are big request but not too big for You!

Amen

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come...Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.—

Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15 NIV

As You Have Time

THE SIZE OF THE TASK. In view of how much our fallen world needs continued prayer—and how inadequate our praying time seems—consider some ways to match need with practice.

- We can tailor our prayer life to fit each stage of our earthly life and spiritual growth, beginning with ten or fifteen minutes, then letting the time grow.
- We can learn to pray more throughout the day. Continual praying is not something we suddenly decide to do. It’s something we grow into.

WORLDWIDE TEAMS ALREADY AT WORK. Pray that God’s Spirit will work mightily through the many round-the-world ministries He has raised up. Ask Him to guide you to several missionary societies or projects which you can partner in prayer.

S. D. Gordon gave this encouragement:

Prayer puts us into direct dynamic touch with a world. A man may go aside today, and shut his door, and as truly spend a half-hour in India for God as though he were there in person....Surely you and I must get more half-hours for this secret service.

In coming weeks: Pray for God’s Blessing on Our Missionaries; for all Who are Suffering; for Presidents, Prime Ministers, and All in Authority

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 and to meet in our most urgent needs. At the same time pray for unity and a strong sense of commitment. that we will not lose people through the back door.
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message from Matthew 26, “Overcoming Spiritual Failure (Part 1).”
- 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. Praise the Lord that Bridgette Ecklund will direct 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 hopes to meet with a potential candidate this week).

**A podcast of the sermon, along with pdf files of the PowerPoint notes and sermon outline are posted on the website by Monday.*

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