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

For the week of April 7, 2013

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31 Prayers - #31

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 that God’s People Realize Their Worldwide Calling

Dear Lord, how much You love every person in the world and hate to see anyone perish! You are not content for people in vast areas of the earth to sit in darkness without Your Cross lifted high. I am grateful that I can work along with You in Your worldwide purposes.

Thank You that these days of prayer have helped me pray in new ways for myself and others. What a privilege to join Christ in His intercession—to have Him and His Spirit as my nearest and best prayer partners! How gracious of You to welcome me into Your innermost circle of love as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And to think that my prayers are highly significant in Your eyes, and that they can make a great difference in my life, job, family, friends, and marriage—and in countless other lives!

May your Spirit plant Your burden for the world ever more deeply within me—and within all Your children. May He overwhelm us with the privilege of living solely for You and Your kingdom throughout the world so that rival interests will lose their lustre and their hold on us. Help us to realize that “he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose” (Jim Elliot). Stir us to give, to go, but most of all to pray.

May we hasten the day when Christ will return and the knowledge of You will fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

Amen

God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us—that Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations. *Psalm 67:1-2*

As You Have Time

RECEIVING THE BENEFITS. Pray that believers will yield to Christ and that His Spirit will take full possession of them; as you pray this, yield yourself anew and count on the Spirit’s gracious control and fullness in your life. Pray that believers will feed richly on God’s Word, then pray, “Lord, may I do the same.” And as you ask the Lord to remove sins and deficiencies in others, let Him search your heart and reveal your own sins and shortcomings.

Don’t miss the opportunity to receive for yourself the same benefits you ask for others.

OUR WORLDWIDE CALLING. God blessed Abraham so that through his descendants (and, supremely, Jesus Christ) he could be a blessing to the whole world through prayer as well as service. Every believer, as a spiritual descendant of Abraham (Galatians 3:19), is likewise blessed to be part of God’s blessing to the whole world.

Andrew Murray was deeply burdened that God’s people fulfill their calling to bless the entire world through prayer as well as service. He wrote: “If this were preached and believed and practiced, our mission work would be radically changed. Huge numbers of willing intercessors would be added. Cry to God that we His people will realize our world-wide calling.”

“This world is God’s prodigal son, and He is heartbroken over it.” (S. D. Gordon)

COUNT ON GOD’S GRACIOUS WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.

“May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

This ends our 31 Prayers series. Next week we will begin another topic (suggestions are still welcome).

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

- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s worship service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message “Witness for the Defense”* from Matthew 26, and the LIF@Etime session, the first in a series on “Doing the Right Thing.” Pray for the leading of the Spirit in applying the lessons learned to your own life and as a witness to others.
- Pray for Evangel as we face significant challenges *and* opportunities. Pray specifically in three areas: RELATE (partner with a congregation looking for a place to worship), REORGANIZE (streamline our administrative structure, and RECRUIT (Worship Arts Director, VBS staff, and the efforts of each of us to witness to others, invite them to the kingdom and Evangel). Pray for Church Council as it meets Monday evening to discuss a “Fresh Start” strategy.

*A podcast of the sermon will be posted on the website by Monday, along with pdf versions of the PowerPoint notes and sermon outline

Touch Points is e-mailed every Friday and normally posted on the website (www.evbapt.org) by Saturday.

Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.

