
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of October 26, 2014

This series is aimed to support our "Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel" initiative. It is based on *The One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale House, 2003). We will focus on specific topics that relate to faith, witness, prayer and outreach. "The driving force behind this proposal is to increase our evangelistic witness and the impact on our neighborhood and community." (From the overview document, available at www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf)

The Power of Scripture

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and the make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Prayer for the Week

Thank you, Lord, for not leaving us to walk in darkness and for giving us the light of your Word to guide us. Help me to cherish the wonderful gift I have in your holy Scriptures and to receive its teaching and instruction for my life. Guide my prayers through the inspiration of your Word.

Notable Quote

Prayer and the Word are inseparably linked together: power in the use of either depends upon the presence of the other.

Andrew Murray

Reflection

Beginning our quiet time with God without our Bibles open is like trying to read in the dark—we'll have only limited, dim understanding instead of the bright illumination of God's Word. Without the knowledge of Scripture we are only at a loss about how to pray in agreement with the Holy Spirit, but we are also impaired in our ability to receive God's response to us.

Someone once said, "When I pray, I speak to God; when I read the Bible, God speaks to me." We could add, "What I pray Scripture, I pray the words of God!: When God's Word guides our prayers, they become a living interchange of speaking and listening.

Do you desire God's wisdom for decisions? Do you need power to live and walk by the Spirit? Would you like to see God's intervention in the lives of others? Take your Bible with you into your prayer closet. Through it the Spirit will guide you in how to pray, and he will prepare and equip you for every good thing God wants you to do.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- If you have not engaged in the type of quiet time suggested in this week's reflection, try it this week and share with others your experience.
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Eric Johnson's sermon "Missions—Why (Bother)?" Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons from the worship service and the LIF@E Time presentation by Eric and Janet on their work in Mexico.
- Thank the Lord for Evangel's long history of involvement with missions, particularly since many of the current and former missionaries we have supported have had a direct connection to Evangel. Pray that God will bless us and the missionaries we support as we continue our special focus on missions this week.
- Continue to remember one family from your circle of influence for intercession. They could be a neighbor, coworker or relative. Pray for their struggles to be resolved, their health improved and their relationships strengthened. Ask the Lord to bring them to a fuller, closer relationship with Himself in faith and obedience.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable an offer of attendance.
- Continue to pray for our "Stepping Out in Faith" initiative. Continue in prayer for the efforts of Mark Albrecht and Converge MidAmerica to secure the right person to lead a church plant from our facilities, aimed at increasing evangelism in our area.

**A podcast of the sermon, along with other materials, will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.*

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