

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of March 13, 2016

When You Need Prayer Support

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.

READ: Lord, teach us to pray. *Luke 11:1*

REFLECT: One Sunday, our Sunday school teacher asked us to pray for his son-in-law, who was facing critical brain surgery the following day. “He has the best brain surgeon in the area,” he said, “but without the prayers of those who care, we don’t feel that we have the whole team in the game. Will you be a team player with us?”

A year later, in the hospital for a coronary bypass, I remembered his words. I had the best surgeon in the area, but as I looked around the walls of my room, I had proof of something else: Those who cared about me were also praying for me. Our daughter Nancy had covered my walls with colorful handmade posters from the children of the church. And my wife Barbara was holding a stack of prayer cards written and signed by the adults. By their cards and posters, they had demonstrated their commitment to pray. They had all joined the team.

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PRAY: *Lord, I’m so grateful You’re on my team. Would You bring a few others to join us who believe in Your power to answer prayer?*

DO: Have someone gather others around you to pray with you through a crisis.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. Copies can be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org). The prayer time returns to Wednesday evenings on March 30.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “Reviving Repentance – Part 3” (Luke 15:1-24)—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing to people you have contact with.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.
- Pray that God will bless our succession planning efforts. For more information, pick up a copy of the Evangel Profile (one per household). Also see the [website](#) for information to help you better understand our succession planning as Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement (tentatively late spring 2017).

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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