

## **WATCHMEN ON THE WALL**

### **Prayer Guide for Lesson 1 (NIV unless noted):**

#### **Psalm 5:3 (NASB)**

In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask the Father to show you how to watch eagerly with Him.
- Ask Him to teach you how to pray with Him about the things on His heart.

#### **Psalm 130:6**

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask the Lord to teach your soul how to long for Him as you watch and wait in prayer.
- Ask Him for a deep desire to know Him better each day.

#### **Isaiah 21:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> A prophecy against Dumah:

Someone calls to me from Seir,

“Watchman, what is left of the night?

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<sup>12</sup> The watchman replies,

“Morning is coming, but also the night.

If you would ask, then ask;

and come back yet again.”

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Seek God for patience to wait for His timing.
- Ask Him to help you to trust Him even in the midst of the darkness when you can't yet see the light of morning.

### **Isaiah 62:1-7 (TLB)**

Because I love Zion, because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I will not cease to pray for her or to cry out to God on her behalf until she shines forth in his righteousness and is glorious in his salvation. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness. Kings shall be blinded by your glory; and God will confer on you a new name. <sup>3</sup>He will hold you aloft in his hands for all to see—a splendid crown for the King of kings. <sup>4</sup>Never again shall you be called “The God-forsaken Land” or the “Land That God Forgot.” Your new name will be “The Land of God’s Delight” and “The Bride,” for the Lord delights in you and will claim you as his own. <sup>5</sup>Your children will care for you, O Jerusalem, with joy like that of a young man who marries a virgin; and God will rejoice over you as a bridegroom with his bride. <sup>6-7</sup>O Jerusalem, I have set intercessors on your walls who shall cry to God all day and all night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all you who pray, and give God no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her respected and admired throughout the earth.

### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray that all nations would see and experience the righteousness and glory of God.
- Ask God to help you pray without ceasing until His purposes are fulfilled on the earth.
- Pray that you would understand your role as watchmen on the walls of your city, state and nation.

### **Ezekiel 3:16-21 (TLB)**

At the end of the seven days, the Lord said to me:

<sup>17</sup>“Son of dust, I have appointed you as a watchman for Israel; whenever I send my people a warning, pass it on to them at once. <sup>18</sup>If you refuse to warn the wicked when I want you to tell

them, 'You are under the penalty of death; therefore repent and save your life,' they will die in their sins, but I will punish you. I will demand your blood for theirs. <sup>19</sup> But if you warn them, and they keep on sinning and refuse to repent, they will die in their sins, but you are blameless—you have done all you could. <sup>20</sup> And if a good man becomes bad, and you refuse to warn him of the consequences, and the Lord destroys him, his previous good deeds won't help him—he shall die in his sin. But I will hold you responsible for his death and punish you. <sup>21</sup> But if you warn him and he repents, he shall live, and you have saved your own life too."

### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray that the seriousness of being a watchman would become a reality deep inside of you.
- Ask for the courage and boldness to pray and to speak whatever God shows you in your role as a watchman.

### **Matthew 24:4-14**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> 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.

### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask God to give you discernment so that you will not be deceived by false prophets or testimonies.
- Seek God for courage as you sense that darkness is growing stronger and that biblical prophecy is being played out just as Jesus said.
- Pray earnestly that you will stand firm for Jesus Christ until the end if persecution comes your way.
- Ask the Father to help you to share the gospel of His Kingdom to as many lost people as possible.

### **Matthew 24:42**

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask God to help you to make a commitment to obey this command by being a faithful watcher until Jesus returns.
- Ask Him to give you the patience to watch and pray as long as it takes.

### **Matthew 26:38**

Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

### **Prayer Point:**

- Seek God for perseverance as You keep watch.

### **Matthew 26:40-41**

And He came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and \*said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask God to give you the desire to watch and pray for longer periods of time than you do now – even an hour at a time!
- Ask the Father to keep you from falling into temptation.
- Pray that your spirit will always be willing and will overrule the weakness of your flesh.

### **Mark 13:32-37**

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

<sup>35</sup> “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray that you will be continually on the alert for the return of Christ.
- Ask God to show you your “assigned task” in these last days.

### **Luke 21:36**

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

### **Prayer Point:**

- Ask for strength to pray watchfully and continually so that you will be able to persevere through all that is coming, in order to stand blamelessly before Jesus.

### **Acts 2:42**

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

#### **Prayer Point:**

- Pray that you will be continually devoted to Scripture, to fellowshiping with the body of Christ, and to prayer.

### **Acts 20:28**

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray for your pastors and leaders – that they will keep watch over their lives and over those God has given them oversight of.
- Ask God to help your pastor to be faithful shepherds of His church, which was bought with the blood of Jesus.

### **Colossians 4:2 (TLB)**

“Don’t be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God’s answers, and remember to be thankful when they come.”

#### **Prayer Points:**

- Ask God to help you to be alert and awake in order to persevere in prayer.
- Pray that you will constantly watch for God’s answers and that you will be thankful when they come.