

# Watchmen for Your City



***“A watchman on the wall does many things. He carefully watches what is happening and alerts the community when good ambassadors approach the city... A watchman also warns the city far in advance when an enemy approaches. He sounds an alarm to awaken the people because he knows ‘to forewarn them is to alert and arm them.’ Then they quickly can rally to take their stand on the wall against the enemy before he wrongfully tries to enter into the city.” Dutch Sheets***

Day and night prayer is not only enjoyable, leading to heartfelt action and abundant fruitfulness, it will also change the atmosphere of your city. If there was ever a time when we needed to be alert for our cities and pray day and night for our neighborhoods, it is now. Too many evil things are happening at an increasing rate.

We have the secret of prayer and God’s presence that can touch our cities and ward off the evil intent of the enemy. Day and night prayer is much more powerful than we realize. It can release the power of God and His anointing in even the darkest of places.

**In the House of Prayer we welcome and honor the Holy Spirit, asking Him to lead us in our prayer time.**

We need to pray by the power and at the initiation of the Holy Spirit. We can’t do it ourselves (John 5:19). Sometimes He whispers to us with an impression in our heart as to what to pray. Sometimes He directs us to specific Scriptures to pray. We need to be watchful and attentive to the Spirit’s leading (1 Peter 4:7; Ephesians 6:18). We ask the Lord what He is doing and listen. We spend time in worship when we come into God’s presence.

It’s almost like putting up the sail in a boat on a lake when the weather is calm. Suddenly the sail catches the wind even with the most gentle breeze, and the boat begins to move. We position our heart to listen carefully for the knowledge of His will; then we pray it back to Him. Many times God’s leading is like a whisper. If we pray faithfully and thankfully during the day of small beginnings, God will lead us into action and will bring increase (Luke 16:10; 19:17; Matthew 25:21). Sometimes the action God wants us to take is prayer for protection. Sometimes it is reaching out in love to a needy person in the inner city.

**Look at what happened to a 47-year-old woman named Martha:**

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***“I was walking down the street on my way home from work around two years ago. A lady told me there were people inside praying. She said they prayed here every week and invited me to come. I was looking for God everywhere and knew He was speaking to me, so I went in. I have struggled with loneliness for many years. These people told me I belonged and had a place with them. I am now serving God and know my place is truly with Him. I still have struggles, but I now have people to help me walk it out.”***

***“Watchmen are ordinarily placed on the walls of a city to give notice to the rulers of coming danger. God appoints watchmen not only to warn men - often they will not hear - but also to summon Him to come to their aid whenever need or the enemy may be threatening. The great mark of the intercessors are that they are not to hold their peace day or night, to take no rest, and to give God no rest, until the deliverance comes. In faith they may count upon the assurance that God will answer their prayers.”***  
**Andrew Murray**

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