WATCHMEN ON THE WALLS Prayer Guide

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"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent." Isaiah 62:6

The purpose for the prayer guide is to provide our Watchmen, those who stand in the gap through prayer, with ways they can undergird the mandate and mission of our church: to take the gospel of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world. This prayer guide will assist you daily in praying for the needs of our church, community, city, state, country, missionaries, and world. Join us as we cry out to our Father in brokenness and repentance for Him to pour out His Spirit upon us and do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all that we could ever ask, think, or imagine.

Wednesday, May 1

Bombard God's throne on behalf of those who will gather to seek the heart of the Father tonight in worship. Plead with the Father through brokenness for a mighty revival to ignite our church and a spiritual awakening to spread throughout our city and country. Ask the Father to bless Pastor Kevin, Kim, and family with every spiritual and physical blessing. Pray for James and Sonya Herron as they serve as IMB missionaries on the Lake Victoria Islands in Jinga, Uganda. Ask the Father to convict the Nyiha unreached people group (pop. 14,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 2

Ask the Father to continually bless Brother Mark Harrison, Debbie, and family as he leads the various ministries of our church. Pray for our nation today on this 72 observance of the National Day of Prayer. Intercede on behalf of Mayor Stan Hogeland and wife Susan as he continues to lead our city with honor and integrity. Pray for our IMB and NAMB missionaries who faithfully serve in God's Kingdom at home and abroad. Ask the Father to convict the Nyika unreached people group (pop. 6,800) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 3

Pray for De Allen, Cindy, and family, as he oversees our finances and facilities. Cry out to God without ceasing for the salvation of President Joe Biden and his family. Ask the Father to bless Bobby and Tammie Greer as they serve in North Africa. Petition our Lord to purify and heal our nation from idolatry, immorality, racial injustice, and bigotry. Pray for God's comfort to fill the lives of Christians who are being persecuted worldwide because of their bold stand for Jesus. Ask the Father to convict the Portuguese unreached people group (pop. 20,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, May 4

Thank the Lord for those who labor diligently, especially those who labor in His kingdom. Pray for Phil Cronin, Gina, and family, as he leads us in membership assimilation and community outreach. Pray for Governor Ivey to stand strong amidst political adversity. Pray for Hatika Naymalo as she serves our Lord faithfully through medical missions in Jinja, Uganda. Ask the Father to convict the Sena unreached people group (pop. 675,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 5

Pray for a mighty move of God today as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for Roy McNiel as he gives leadership to various restoration and evangelism ministries. Lift up Roy and his family as they navigate through the stages of grief with Kelly's passing. Pray a hedge of protection over our armed forces serving both at home and abroad. Pray without ceasing for the salvation of Vice President Kamala Harris and her family. Intercede on behalf of Loyd and Alma Miguel who serve multiple churches and pastors in Nicaragua. Ask the Father to convict the Senga unreached people group (pop. 36,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 6

Lift up Shea Clark, her family, and the many volunteers and participants who serve in our Recreation and UPWARD ministries. Thank the Father for the men and women in blue who protect the residents of Gardendale and every city across America. Intercede for the Hope of Life staff in Guatemala. Pray for God's peace during this time of national and international turmoil. Ask the Father to convict the Shona unreached people group (pop. 99,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, May 7

Ask the Father to inspire our Congressional leaders to introduce and pass bills that comply with "In God We Trust." Pray God's comforting hand would touch our homebound members who are physically unable to join us in worship and Bible study. Pray for our US senators, Katy Britt and Tommy Tuberville, to represent the values of our state and, more importantly, the truth of God's Word. Ask the Father to convict the Swahili unreached people group (pop. 4,100) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, May 8

Intercede for those who will gather tonight to seek the Father's glorious face in worship. Plead for God's Spirit to break and dispel the chains and forces of darkness. Pray for Daniel Crenshaw as he leads a host of volunteers in the Media Ministry to exalt the Name of Jesus for the live, online, and delayed broadcasts during our times of worship. Intercede on behalf of our Life Group Leaders as they prepare this week to share God's Word with their groups this coming Sunday. Ask the father to bless Ayman and Mary Lolas who serve the Lord in Bethlehem. Pray they will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Father to

convict the Tonga unreached people group (pop. 391,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 9

Ask the Father to protect everyone who serves at the City of Gardendale Fire and Rescue. Bathe our schools ... faculty, staff, and students in prayer today. Lift up Carlos Vargas as he continues to lead the Hope of Life Rescue Ministry in Guatemala. Pray for Kyle and Hannah St. Amand as they serve the Lord at Casas por Cristo in Guatemala. Ask the Father to convict the Tumbuka unreached people group (pop. 2,998,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 10

Petition the Father for a reviving of His people and an awakening in our community, city, and country. Pray for Leslie Everhart and family as she plans to lead the Celebration Choir to usher us into God's throne room. Pray for God's joy to permeate our Greeters who volunteer their time to stand at the doors and welcome our members and guests. Bathe Archie and Annette Hand in prayer as they serve as missionaries in Tapachula, Mexico. Ask the Father to convict the Yao unreached people group (pop. 2,538,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, May 11

Ask the Father to bless Sheila Keedy, Pat, and family, as she enlists, encourages, and gives direction to our Women's Ministry. Pray for the Lord's blessing to rest upon our Shuttle Ministry volunteers who transport our attenders to and from their vehicles. Intercede on behalf of our single mothers and fathers who are faced with the tremendous task of raising their children in the eyes and ways of the Lord. Pray for Lauren Stoval as she serves in Brazil on the Amazon River. Ask the Father to convict the Zulu unreached people group (pop. 76,000) of Malawi to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 12

Ask the Father for His mighty move today as we gather to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for Allen Oakley, Robin, and family, as he continues to cast and implement the vision for the Adult and Men's Ministries. Intercede on behalf of the orphans and our widows to experience encouragement, peace, and comfort from the Father. Call on Jehovah Rapha to heal those who are sick in our church body. Ask the Father to convict the Arab Saharan unreached people group (pop. 45,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 13

Lift up Morgan Ramsey as she encourages and leads the middle and high school girls into a greater level of maturity and ministry. Plead with the Father to make us desperate for Him daily and specifically when we gather corporately to worship Him in spirit and truth. Intercede for Ramchand Saranu who pastors in Delhi, India. Pray for God's comfort to be

poured out on those in our church family who are grieving over the death of a loved one. Ask the Father to convict the Arab Syrian unreached people group (pop. 15,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, May 14

Lift up Beth Rogers, Daryl, and family, as she continues to lay a solid foundation for spiritual support and development to our preschoolers and their families. Intercede for the Well House Ministry as they continue to rescue and restore women and children from the snares of human trafficking. Thank God for our ushers who welcome us with warm, friendly smiles. Ask the Father to convict the Badyara unreached people group (pop. 2,800) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, May 15

Ask the Father to fill His House with His glorious power as we gather tonight for worship. Pray for Draper Rogers, Tinker, and family, as he equips our Young Families to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. Ask our Lord to convict unbelievers of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come. Pray God will bless James and Moite Lalrobul with all the spiritual and physical resources needed to expand their ministry to the Gilgal Children's Home in India. Ask the Father to convict the Bainouk Samik unreached people group (pop. 2,800) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 16

Ask the Father to bless Ryan Taylor, Erica, and family, as he guides our children into God's truth through practical and relevant ministry. Earnestly plead with the Father to fill the employees and volunteers of the North Jefferson Women's Center with wisdom and compassion for the women who come seeking spiritual guidance and help. While we continue to rejoice in the Roe v. Wade overturn, let's not forget to pray for wisdom in handling the pregnancy crises. Pray for more families to accept the call to fostering unwanted children. Ask the Father to convict the Balanta Ganja unreached people group (pop. 126,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 17

Lift up Madison Terry, Angela, and family, as he teaches and motivates our college students to unashamedly live and share the gospel on college campuses. Petition the Father to bring peace to the city of Birmingham and Mayor Randall Woodfin as he leads the city. Pray for Kevin and Donne' Proctor who serve the Lord in South Africa. Intercede on behalf of the families who participate in our Foster Care Ministry. Ask the Father to convict the Bambara unreached people group (pop. 92,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, May 18

Pray for Tanner Vines, and Katy, as he prepares himself to lead us to God's throne in worship. Lift up our Media Ministry as they diligently work to enhance our times of worship. Intercede

on behalf of the Covenant Rescue Group, under the direction of Jared Hudson, as they continually rescue women and children from sex trafficking. Cry out for brokenness and repentance in our church. Intercede for the staff of Sonrise Baby Home in Jinja, Uganda. Pray for peaceful solutions to our immigration crisis on our southern border. Ask the Father to convict the Bandial unreached people group (pop. 14,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 19

Pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed today as we worship our Risen King. Intercede on behalf of Caleb Waid, Brittney, and family, as he gives leadership to our student ministry. Pray for our state congressional leaders serving in the Alabama House of Representatives and the Senate. Pray they will be of one mind as they lead our great state. Lift up every church in the Gardendale area as they continue to minister effectively in their communities. Ask the Father to convict the Banyun unreached people group (pop. 35,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 20

Pray for Steven and Karen Webb as they continue to pour into our present and future newlyweds. Petition the Father to continually use our cross to convict those traveling on I-65 of their desperate need for Jesus. Plead with the Father to pour out His Spirit in such a powerful way that sin once again becomes repugnant to the people of God. Pray against the spirit of depression that has penetrated and overwhelmed the minds and hearts of so many people. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem in the midst of the Israeli/Hamas War. Ask the Father to convict the Bassari unreached people group (pop. 20,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, May 21

Pray for George Weeks, Cindy, and family, as he leads our Senior Adult ministry. Intercede on behalf of Grant and Kali Brown who serve the Lord in Southeast Asia. Lift up our Deacons as they faithfully support our pastor and serve our church body, especially our widows. Pray for the Gardendale Chamber of Commerce and Bill Cassaday, Executive Director. Pray for peace to end the Russian/Ukraine conflict. Ask the Father to convict the Budik unreached people group (pop. 5,600) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, May 22

Petition the Father for a great night of fellowship at Party at the Park. Pray God would raise up young men in our church to preach the Word of God with boldness. Pray for our Supreme Court Justices to be filled with godly wisdom and for the salvation for those who are lost. Cry out to God for the "Woke" crowd to be awakened by the transforming power of God. Ask the Father to convict the Cape Verdean unreached people group (pop. 43,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 23

Lift up our High School and College Seniors as they graduate. May God's favor be upon them. Pray for unity with our fellow churches in the North Jefferson Baptist Association under the direction of Brother Steve Loggins. Pray for the men and women who are incarcerated in our local, county, and state jails and prisons. Plead the blood of Jesus over their lives so they will listen to God's Spirit who convicts them of sin. Pray believing that what the enemy meant for harm they would allow God to work for their good and His glory. Ask the Father to convict the Chinese unreached people group (pop. 1,700) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 24

Ask the Father to open the minds and hearts of His worshipers to obey the truth of His Word tonight. Pray for Lisa McGrady, director of our Early Learning Center Kindergarten/Daycare and After School Program, and staff who provide foundational skills and a safe place for our school-aged children. Intercede on behalf of NAMB missionaries, Jeff and Kelly Belcher, who serve as church planters at Church of the Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland. Cry out to God to revive His Bride. Ask the Father to convict the Crioulo unreached people group (pop. 12,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, May 25

Intercede on behalf of our Ministerial Support Staff who work faithfully behind the scenes. Stand in the gap through prayer against the forces of wickedness who have mesmerized the people of GFBC. Lift up Randy and Deana Therio who serve as NAMB church planters in Winslow, Arizona at Multiply Church and missionaries to the Navajos in Cornfields, Arizona. Intercede for the Jefferson County Board of Education under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Walter Gonsoulin. Ask the Father to convict the Deaf unreached people group (pop. 167,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 26

Seek the Father's heart to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all we could ask or think today as we come to worship Him in spirit and truth. Cry out to God to raise up a body of believers at GFBC who will grab hold of God in prayer and not let go until He moves in power. Lift up Abraham and Grace Shepherd as they minister through Send Relief to various countries. Pray for an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to someone who desperately needs the gospel. Ask the Father to convict the French unreached people group (pop. 95,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 27

Plead with God to empower us with a holy boldness to share the gospel. Pray for the volunteers who serve in our Grounds for Missions Café. Intercede on behalf of each home in Gardendale for strongholds to be broken and household salvation to flood each home. Pray for unity and repentance in churches that are experiencing the attack of the devil. Pray for our Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, the Executive Director, Dr. Rick Lance and

staff. Ask the Father to convict the Fula Jalon unreached people group (pop. 219,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, May 28

Pray for the Lord's righteous right hand to be extended toward our Security and Medical Support Teams. Pray for the various age group ministries in our church. Plead the blood of Jesus over every abortion clinic in states where pro-life convictions are ignored. Pray fervently that their doors would close and services would end for the countless numbers of babies who are brutally murdered every day. Intercede on behalf of missionary Elise Cadet for supernatural power as he serves the LORD through the Holy Bible Church and the 450 children of the Christian School in Petite Riviere de Bayonaise, Haiti. Ask the Father to convict the Fulani Fouta Tooro unreached people group (pop. 686,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, May 29

Call out the name of someone dear to you who desperately needs to experience the saving grace of Jesus. Bathe the mayors of our surrounding cities in fervent prayer. Intercede on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention and for President, Bart Barber, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas as he leads our convention during a very volatile time. Ask the Father to convict the Fulani Fulakunda unreached people group (pop. 1,823,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 30

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the fields to share the gospel (that includes you!) Plead with the Lord to break us from settling for what is safe (coming to church but not being the church), but pray "Here I am Lord, send me!" Ask the Father to convict the Fulani Pulaar unreached people group (pop. 1,073,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 31

Thank the Lord for His abundant blessings He so graciously poured out on us this month! Rejoice over those who committed their lives to the Lord and joined our church. Petition the Father to prepare us for the great things He has in store for us in June. Ask the Father to convict the Jahanka unreached people group (pop. 60,000) of Senegal to become fully devoted followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.