



THE WATCH FOR AWAKENING 24/7 PRAYER

Welcome to the Watch for Awakening, an ongoing 24-7 Prayer movement, comprised of seven prayer watches (of roughly 50 days each) over a year period.

Please share this guide to prayer far and wide and use anywhere and everywhere it seems to fit to help focus prayer for awakening. We want to know who you are and where you are so we can better serve you and connect you with resources and the larger community as appropriate and helpful. Visit watchforawakening.com to register your participation and choose a time to pray.

We have felt a deep resonance with a particular word from the prophet Isaiah.

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem, and makes her the praise of the earth.
Isaiah 62:6-7

We will watch and pray. We will listen and speak. Word and Spirit. Heart and home. Church and city. Until heaven breaks in on earth with great awakening.

To that end, we covenant together in the following ways:

WE WILL WATCH

Giving attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, attuning our hearts and minds to both whispers and wonders, signs and symbols, messages and movements, and we will covenant to share such with one another as led.

WE WILL PRAY

Renouncing anxiety and fear, we will let faith arise; asking, seeking and knocking; confessing, lamenting, and repenting; listening, longing and loving God, neighbor and enemy until awakening breaks forth like the dawn. Though we grow to ten million souls on the watch, we will pray as one.

WE WILL WAIT

With our ears to the ground and our eyes on the horizon, we will wait upon the Lord. We will make no plans he does not inspire; launch no initiatives he does not authorize; and make no movements he does not compel. He is the potter. We are the clay.

WE WILL WORK

In the spirit of watching, praying and waiting we will work to make disciples of Jesus Christ who bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, healing for the sick, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed, and new life to dead places. And our work will be a sowing unto the Lord for a great awakening.

THE WATCH FOR AWAKENING: ADVENT TO EPIPHANY

(November 29, 2020 to January 6, 2021)

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO SEEK THE LORD IN PRAYER

The Watch of Advent through Epiphany walks us along a path from deep darkness to profound light in the Lord. We begin with expectant anticipation, waiting on the second coming of Jesus Christ. Next, we make our way on a journey of descent down to his first coming at the manger of Bethlehem. Christmas offers a twelve day feast climaxing with the Day of Epiphany on January 6. The days of Epiphany take us on a journey of ascent leading all the way up to the top of the Mount of Transfiguration where we will encounter Jesus shining with the luminous brilliance of a thousand suns.

*I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem [and insert your city here]
they will never be silent day or night.*

*You who call on the Lord,
give yourselves no rest,
and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem [and insert your city here]
and makes her the praise of the earth.*

—Isaiah 62:6-7 (adapted)

Wake up sleeper and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you —Ephesians 5:14

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned* —Isaiah 9:2

LET US WAIT UPON THE LORD IN HUMBLE QUIET AND STILLNESS

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*
— Psalm 130:5-6

*but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they
shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be
weary; they shall walk and not faint.* —Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

*I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.*

*He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him —Psalm 40:1-3*

LET US LIFT UP JESUS CHRIST, LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him
nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all
mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
—John 1:1-5*

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. —John 8:12*

LET US RECEIVE ANEW THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, JESUS CHRIST, AND BE FILLED AFRESH WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to
give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ
—2 Corinthians 4:6*

*Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”
And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit —John 20:21-22*

LET US NOW PREPARE TO PRAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God,
so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not
against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the
powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly
realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes,
you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to
stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the
breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness
that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of
faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take
the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in
mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. —Ephesians 6:10-18*

LET US PRAY FOR A GREAT AWAKENING IN OUR LAND AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN OUR HEARTS, HOMES, CHURCHES AND CITIES:

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

*“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.”* —Isaiah 40:3-6

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN HEARTS

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. —Ephesians 1:17-19

Begin by praying for your own heart that though you are awakened, there is more of the Lord and his grace to awaken to and appropriate in your life.

- For God to awaken us from slumber
- For the Lord to break up the fallow ground in our hearts and sow seeds of awakening (Hos. 10:12)
- For the Lord to give ear to our words and listen to our cries for help (Ps. 5:1-2)
- For God to raise the level of holy discontent within us that we might long for more of Him
- For God to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in us and the gifts of the Spirit through us
- For God to awaken us to our belovedness in the midst of our brokenness
- For God to give us a hunger for his Word and a thirst for his Spirit like never before
- For God to help us love our enemies
- That we would forgive those who have hurt us
- That we would be filled with love and compassion
- May we put on the armor of God (Eph. 6):
 - » Take a stand against the devil’s schemes
 - » The belt of truth around our waist
 - » The breastplate of righteousness in place
 - » Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace
 - » We take up the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN HOMES

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*
—Numbers 6:24-26

Begin by speaking out the names of your children or family members before God for blessing and favor.

- For God's presence to fill our homes
- For the strengthening of marriages in Christ
- For the hearts of fathers and mothers to be turned to their children
- Declare over your home: "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." (Josh. 24:5)
- For all family members to experience saving grace and for all to be taught the Christian faith in their homes—that they would grow in wisdom, stature, and the favor of God and people
- For families in distress, crisis, financial strain, and health challenges—that Christ would turn agony into awakening
- For any personal needs in your family (provision, employment, reconciliation, peace, sickness, mental illness, or others struggles)
- For families who are suffering with or who have lost loved ones from COVID-19
- All the above for our neighbors—speak them by name: "[Name]—peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have." (1 Sam. 25:6)

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN CHURCHES

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. —1 Peter 2:4-5

Begin by naming your own church and other churches in your town or city.

- For a joyful unified recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord
- For the many different churches in a particular community to begin to recognize they are only together the Body of Christ and pray for unity among them.
- For a hungering and thirsting after the Word of God and the Spirit of God in our local churches
- For our pastors and leaders struggling to give leadership through this pandemic
- For a deepened appetite for prayer to arise and be mobilized in our churches
- For our churches to become agencies of all manner of healing in our communities
- For banded discipleship to take root and bring deep wholeness to people
- For the raising up of spiritually gifted apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers within our churches (Eph. 4:11)
- That churches would be awakened to their mission to make disciples who reach the lost
- For churches to rescue the perishing, care for the dying, and serve the poor
- That churches would rise up into their apostolic calling to be the central agencies of salvation and grace, healing and wholeness, prophetic justice, and extravagant mercy in a local community and beyond.
- For churches to be blessed with financial provision to serve their communities
- For local churches to move toward one another in unity for the sake of awakening in the larger community in which they are located

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN TOWNS AND CITIES

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. —Isaiah 61:4

Begin by naming your town or city and perhaps neighboring towns and cities in the region.

- For God to bring an awakening to Jesus Christ through his Spirit upon our city, town, and region (name where you live)
- For local churches to move toward one another in unity for the sake of awakening in the larger community in which they are located
- For God to bring awakening to Jesus Christ through his Spirit upon our city, town, and region (name where you live)
- For many to come to faith in Jesus Christ
- For the Kingdom of God to break in on towns and cities with all manner of transformation in every sector of society
- For the delivering work of the Holy Spirit to set people free from all manner of addiction, bondage and strongholds of sin
- For our towns and cities to become increasingly delivered from strongholds of darkness and death
- For the decrease of alcohol and drug addiction
- For the decrease of homelessness, poverty, and crime
- For the decrease of depression, anxiety, and mental illness
- For the decrease of sexual brokenness, physical violence, and all manner of hatred
- For the increase of peace across bitter political and ideological divisions
- For the increase of good will across the community
- For the increase of racial harmony
- For the increase of love, one to another
- For the peace and prosperity of the city in which you have been assigned (Jer. 29:7)

CLOSING THE WATCH

PRAYER FOR ONE ANOTHER:

Thank you Father for meeting with us in this time of watching and praying. We close by praying for any and everyone who has joined during this particular time of prayer, near and far.

If praying with a group, each person pray for another person by name. If praying alone, pray for others who are also keeping the watch for awakening.

Close out with the Lord's Prayer.