


*"On your walls,  
O Jerusalem I have  
set watchmen  
all the day and  
all the night."*

Isaiah 62:6



# WATCHMEN ON THE WALL



## Power and Proxy

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Picture this. You are sitting with friends on a hillside near the town of Bethany. Standing before you is the resurrected Lord Jesus. He has shown you many convincing proofs that He is indeed Jesus and that He is indeed risen from the dead. He has spent time with you teaching you. And now the time has come for Him to ascend to His Father. But first...a promise and a proxy.

In Acts 1:8 we read a passage similar to Jesus' Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* The promise is that as Jesus leaves the Holy Spirit will be sent to abide in the disciples, direct them, and empower them to accomplish what He commands. The proxy? They are charged with being Jesus' representatives to bear witness to His life, death, and resurrection...and the amazing power of His grace to redeem and restore broken people. They are the bearers of the "good-est" news ever proclaimed on earth.

As we approach Resurrection Sunday this year on Sunday, March 31 it's a wonderful time to visit that hillside again and remember that this promise and proxy is for us today just as much as it was for the disciples in that day. The Holy Spirit is in and around you to empower you and lead you. You are not alone and you are not called to live out this mission in your own strength. We are given not just regular human power, but God's amazing resurrection power to make the dead live again. He raised Christ from the dead and he takes sinners who are dead in their trespasses and gives them new life.

Our proxy is to be empowered witnesses for Christ. The resurrection gives us good news to share with others around us – the neighbors in our sphere of influence. The disciples' job was not to solve all the problems of their world. Their call was to tell others about Jesus and how He had changed their lives. They were called to serve people and gain the privilege of speaking into their lives.

Prayer Warriors, as you pray this month revisit the hillside with the risen Christ. Pray for an amazing celebration of the resurrection at Mobberly (see schedule below). Pray that the powerful Spirit of God will move in amazing ways in the coming weeks. Pray that Mobberly family members will be empowered witnesses in sharing Christ and inviting neighbors to come and hear the gospel preached. As always, never lose sight of the fact that your prayers matter. God has given you the privilege of participating in this divine and eternal building of the Kingdom. Pray with passion in March – God is listening!



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## **Special Prayers for All in These Times**

2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” As believers, we have the authority Christ has given us to pray about the spread of any disease and pray for healing for those who have the Coronavirus.

- Praise God for His sovereignty. He is and always will be in control of all things. Pray that we will trust Him to help us navigate this season of uncertainty. (Psalm 103:19)
- Ask God to protect our missionaries and their families around the world, using these global circumstances to advance His Good News to all nations. (Mark 16:15)
- Pray for the protection of doctors, nurses, crisis response teams, emergency first responders, researchers and other medical professionals who risk their lives to protect ours.
- Pray for wisdom for governmental leaders to have the wisdom to direct us in the best course of action for our country. (Romans 13:1–4).
- Pray for peace, calmness, freedom from fear, anxiety and panic among individuals and communities. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Pray for racial understanding, peace, and harmony. Pray every person as an image-bearer of God, would experience justice and protection. (Galatians 3:28)

## **See web links below for the most up-to-date information about our campus schedules and guidelines.**

- View Worship Gatherings online ([mobberly.org/online](http://mobberly.org/online))
- Prayer concerns ([mobberly.org/pray](http://mobberly.org/pray))
- Give to the Lord through Mobberly ([mobberly.org/give](http://mobberly.org/give))
- Stay connected with our social media accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
- Subscribe to our [email news](#) list.

**Praise:** Praising God for who He is and for what He is doing.

- **God is the God of the living**
  - **Matthew 22:31-32 (CSB):** *"<sup>31</sup>Now concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven't you read what was spoken to you by God: <sup>32</sup>I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."*
  - **Romans 14:8-9 (CSB):** *"<sup>8</sup>If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Christ died and returned to life for this: that He might be Lord over both the dead and the living."*
  - **1 John 5:10-11 (CSB):** *"<sup>10</sup>The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself. The one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony God has given about His Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."*

## **Praise the Lord:**

- For 11 new members at the Marshall Campus.
- For five new Deacons In Training at the Marshall Campus.
- For several new folks serving on the Marshall worship team.
- For two new first-time host homes during SPARK weekend in Marshall.
- For people of all ages participating in the Neighborhood Initiative Prayer Hub in Marshall.
- For healthy delivery of baby Hayes Punjak to parents Haley and Hunter Punjak. Haley leads worship on the Marshall campus.
- For members of the Marshall congregation meeting needs of other members.
- For how He is leading us to become neighbors in Marshall.
- For wonderful volunteers who stepped in to lead worship and keep ministries moving forward when staff members had to be out for various reasons.
- For almost 200 people participating in Prayer Hub homes on February 18. We look forward to how God will be working as we reach out to our neighbors and family.
- For continued new and returning families in the Preschool area.
- For a new 9:30 teacher for babies.
- For texts from parents who appreciate how Mobberly intentionally invests in their children.
- Love Like Jesus Sunday was a happy day as we emphasized loving our neighbors in our Preschool and Children's Ministries.
- Donut Forget God Loves You (on Valentine's Day) was a fun celebration of love with donuts!
- Preschool Volunteers sent out 367 Valentine postcards to our preschool kiddos.
- For ministry through meals to our Preschool and Children's volunteers experiencing hard seasons of life.
- For an "ice cream ministry" to a preschooler who had tubes put in and tonsils removed...big smiles from little one and her parents!
- For all the visitors that have been attending our Children's Ministry.
- For our Leaps and Bounds Ministry leaders who love our kids with special needs and their families so beautifully on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- For the many generous people that have helped our students fund their mission trip opportunities.
- For an amazing discipleship weekend with SPARK. We are so thankful for a church that prays for, supports and loves our students. Thank God for great college leaders and host homes. Give God all the glory for souls being added to the Kingdom and life change!
- Several young couples are getting married this year.
- A new Young Professional Connect Group kickoff was a success.
- For two new additional team members serving on the Senior Living Community Bible Study Ministries team.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Six** people put their hope in Jesus through this team's ministry over the last two months! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ: **Robert, Theresa, Ricardo, Kimberly, Rogers and Debra.**

**Repent:** Our sins committed, and commands neglected.

Our ongoing sins disrupt our fellowship with our heavenly Father. This is why we need to repent of our sins and confess them to God. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9, CSB)

As you pray, take time to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal your sins. Think through various areas of your life: sins of thought, sins of attitude, sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of self-rule, sins of self-reliance or sins of relationships. Ask God for the grace to repent and to restore your fellowship. Then thank God that Christ has already paid for your sins. Rest in His unfailing love.

**Ask:** When our hearts are God-oriented in praise and purified through repentance, then we are ready to "Ask". God encourages us to come boldly to Him and ask. *"Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need."* (Hebrews 4:16, CSB)

**Ask God:**

- To guide, encourage and bless Pastor Andrew as he develops Palm Sunday and Easter messages on the resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15.
- To move powerfully in Mobberly's Passion Week schedule:
  - Sunday, March 24
    - United Worship - Church-Wide (Elevation, 5:00-7:00 p.m.)
  - Wednesday, March 27
    - Children – "Let's Glow" (Grades 1-3 – Crossing, Grades 4-6 – Elevation, 6:00-7:30 p.m.)
    - Youth – Friend Night (Parking Lot, Worship Center. 5:00-8:30 p.m.)
  - Friday, March 29
    - Self-Guided Lord's Supper (The Crossing, 5:00-8:00 p.m.)
  - Saturday, March 30
    - Easter Worship Gathering – same as Sunday gatherings in the Worship Center (Worship Center, 6:00 p.m.)
  - Sunday, March 31
    - Longview
      - Easter Sunrise Gathering (Williams Lake Amphitheater, 7:00 a.m.)
      - Easter Gatherings (Worship Center, 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:00 a.m.)
      - Mobberly en Español Easter Gathering (The Crossing, 11:00 a.m.)
    - Marshall
      - Easter Gatherings (Marshall Worship Center, 9:00 / 10:30 a.m.)
- To provide KIDS WKND (VBS) volunteers and new team leaders in Marshall.
- To bring people to salvation through Easter worship and gospel proclamation.
- To grow our college students as they go on mission over Spring Break (Beach Reach, Celina).
- For men to lead on Wednesday nights in Marshall Student Ministry.
- To lead adult Connect Groups to empower more people for ministry through group care and outreach coordinator positions.
- To bless our widows through the Deacon/Widow banquet on March 2.

- To bless, use, and protect four mission teams going out to serve others and share the Gospel. Please pray for our Spring Break Mission Teams:
  - Adult Mission Trip – Mexico – March 8-16
  - Junior High Mission Trip – Katy, TX – March 10-13
  - High School Mission Trip – Hungary – March 9-16
  - College & Young Adult Mission Trip – Celina, TX – March 9-13
- To bring the person with the right personality and qualifications to fill the audio/lighting job opening and complete the Media Team!
- To use the KidsLIFE Choir when they sing on March 3 to show that all ages can lift up praises to the Lord!
- To bless and guide all the worship planning for Palm Sunday (AM), Churchwide Family Worship Palm Sunday (PM), Good Friday, and Easter Saturday and Sunday! May the gospel be presented clearly and boldly through the various worship arts.
- To bless our monthly church-wide visitation which will include newcomers to town as well as Sunday visitors. Please pray more people will see the importance of getting involved as we reach out to our community.
- To encourage families desiring to have a child yet the desire is unfulfilled.
- To provide workers in the Preschool and Children's Ministries. Three weekly Sunday volunteer spots became vacant within two weeks, increasing the weekly substitute need until new permanent volunteers come forward.
- To open our kids' hearts and minds and expand their thinking about Christ's sacrifice and rescue this Easter season. Pray that kids would prioritize Jesus at Easter.
- To bring families to us this month who are new to Mobberly and who need Christ to be central in their homes. Help us to recognize their needs and to speak truth and direction into their lives.
- To give our Children's Ministers stamina, energy, joy, wisdom, and discernment on Sunday mornings.
- To stretch our students that will be on mission trips in March and use them for His glory.
- To bless our Friend Night (evangelistic event) on Wednesday, March 27. Pray our students will be bold going after the lost and pray for Ronnie Hill as he shares the Good News and invites students to give their life to Christ and follow Him.
- To encourage our 12th graders as they approach graduation. Time moves fast for them as they experience so many "lasts" and approach this big milestone that will surely bring big change.
- To bless the mission trip to Hungary. Pray that our students will be bold and clear with their mission and purpose of going on the Mission Trip. Pray that salvation and freedom would come to the people of Hungary and to all the people with whom our kids come into contact. Pray for protection and favor.
- To bless the mission trip to Houston. Pray for our kids to be focused and clear on the purpose of God's calling to the people we will be serving. Pray that the community and partners would be encouraged and reminded of God's faithfulness to their ministry there.
- To guard our kids' minds and hearts in the culture they live in on a daily basis.
- To move in our students' homes and relationships with the parents, helping them to be softened and grown in this next season of their lives!
- To raise up new adult leaders in the Young Adult / College Ministry.
- To encourage and strengthen young adults going through anxiety, fear and stress.
- To encourage church members to engage in the Committee Nomination process and for individuals that would serve the church on Mobberly's five committees beginning in the fall of 2024. These committees are Committee on Committees, Finance Committee, Missions Development Committee, Personnel Committee, and Planning & Building Committee.

- To provide additional volunteers that would serve as part of the Hope and Help ministry, providing engaging programming for individuals with Alzheimer's / Dementia and a much-needed respite for family caregivers.
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**Yield:** To what God says to me. Yield my will to the will of God. Yield my agenda to the plan God has for my life. We must be willing to yield our desires and our thoughts to God's sovereign wisdom. As Jesus faced the cross, He prayed in Matthew 26:39 (CSB), "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." We must pray with that same spirit, humbly yielding our will to God's will. To close our prayer by "yielding" to God is a way in which we submit our desires to Him. In the end, it is our way of acknowledging His will, which is what will truly satisfy us anyway. God's will and plan are better than ours. He knows the end from the beginning, and He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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Acts 1:8

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