

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

Isaiah 62:6

# WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

## Transformational Prayer

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

One of my favorite verses in the New Testament is Romans 12:2: *"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."* The word "transformed" is the Greek word "metamorphoo" and it means to change or transfigure. As you would suspect this is where we get our word "metamorphosis" (Merriam Webster - change of physical form, structure, or substance especially by supernatural means). It's the same word we find in the gospels as Jesus is transfigured (metamorphoo) before three of His disciples. The idea is change – radical, supernatural change from God.

God wants to do a work in our lives that supernaturally and radically changes our heart, our way of thinking. In Psalm 23:3 David says of our Great Shepherd *"He restores my soul."* "Restoring" means returning to the starting point (think hitting "restore" on your computer to put it back to how it was at the beginning). God wants to transform our thinking back towards what He originally intended.

What does this have to do with prayer? Certainly God wants to hear our heart, our concerns, our requests. But even more He wants to transform and restore us. As we pray we must open ourselves up to hear from God and be transformed. The question regarding prayer should not be "Are my prayers changing God?" Instead, we should ask "Is God changing me through my prayer life?"

He begins by creating in us a clean heart (Psalm 51:10). It's a clean slate where He can work to renew our minds through connecting with Him. Once the "board" of our sinful thinking is wiped away He can begin to teach and shape us. Psalm 25:4 says, *"Make Your ways known to me, Lord; teach me Your paths."* We must listen to all that God is saying to us. He does this through His Word as we read and pray it back to Him. He does this as we watch to see how He answers our prayers, teaching us about His character and plans. He does this as we rest in His love and sovereignty. He does this one step at a time. "Photo morphing" blends and transforms two pictures into one – a gradual, frame-by-frame transition.

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, pray fervently and as you do ask God to "metamorphosis" you. Our requests, God's answers, are designed to transform us into the image of Christ over time...one frame at a time. Keep up your faithful prayer life in and for Mobberly...I can hardly wait to see the finished pictures!



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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.

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

- **God is our comfort**
  - **Psalm 94:19 (CSB):** *“<sup>19</sup>When I am filled with cares, Your comfort brings me joy.”*
  - **Isaiah 49:13 (CSB):** *“<sup>13</sup>Shout for joy, you heavens! Earth, rejoice! Mountains break into joyful shouts! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.”*
  - **2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (CSB):** *“<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. <sup>4</sup>He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.”*

## **Praise the Lord:**

- For the heroic and sacrificial acts of many during the Central Texas floods – local heroes, first responders, disaster relief helpers, and so many more.
- For a fun, impactful, God-honoring Patriotic Family Night on July 2. Praise the Lord that one of Mobberly's own band members was convicted at the Patriotic Family Night during Pastor Andrew's message to give his life to Christ. He followed through, decided to follow Christ, and has already been baptized in one of our worship gatherings. Praise God for a transformed life, along with other salvation decisions!
- All of our summer mission trips have finished. We had six teams (168 people) serve on mission this summer! We shared the Gospel, planted churches, served the least of these, poured into the lives of children and ended up being the ones who were blessed by getting to serve.
- Our Preschool classrooms (babies-Kindergarten) have had some of their highest attended days this summer!
- New families are coming regularly, and many are jumping right into Connect Groups. Families are hungry for community and Biblical truth.
- Two new babies were born to our Mobberly families in July. Five babies are due in August.
- About 75% of our current Sunday volunteers and teen helpers are returning.
- We have had a great end to our summer filled with Serve Days, Bible Studies, and just Late Nite Parties with our students.
- God has taught our students so much over the summer.
- We have had such amazing leaders that have led throughout the summer on Sundays, Wednesdays, events, and Bible Studies.
- Several Young Adults were involved in many of the Mobberly mission trips and had life changing experiences.
- We have had several Young Married families and Young Adults checking out Mobberly over the summer.
- For the friendship and God-honoring fun that was cultivated through our Women's Summer Recharge events. In June and July, 26 gatherings were held all over East Texas for women of all ages. We thank Him for the stories of new members and guests who were able to form new friendships and receive invitations to Connect groups and women's studies. We thank Him for the space to connect with other women through the summer months in a way that felt like rest.
- For the new leaders and missions' partners serving across various Women's ministry areas: Amber Morris, Samantha Lyle, Donna Adamo, Jane Tarr, Kristi Ford, Kim Rush, Cassie Davis, Kimber Nadolski, Mindy Kammerdiener, Jeree Brunson, Maddie Sherwood, Heather Lane, Bailey Gregory, Lisa Smith, and Lauren Smith.
- For new partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For new flourishing Thrive! support groups.
- For showing up in the small moments and showing His always-on-time provision and glory.
- For His protection of His people and calling us back to Himself.
- For the children finding forever families through Heart Gallery Etx.
- For new Thrive! Champions coming forward to start new support opportunities.
- For continued partnership and open doors for gospel with Travis Elementary (Marshall) starting with back-to-school prayer walking on campus with teachers and administrators.
- For Marshall campus' generosity toward the Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center baby bottle fundraiser.
- For Marshall campus members and attenders catching the vision for Love the Nations, praying for mission partners, and planning to go on mission trips.
- For the ability to partner with local community organizations such as Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center, 4Families/4Kids, and CASA.

- For use our college students and young adults who are served on missions this summer and bringing them back to us more equipped for ministry in Marshall.
- For the addition of Suzette Whinnery, Olivia Pedroza, and Ariana Evans to the Hope Road Counseling (HRC) team.
- For Joni Bailey coming out of retirement to serve on an interim basis to maintain good financial practices and train our new HRC Finance Specialist.
- For the incredible gift of the beautiful space for the HRC team to do ministry in. Being under one roof has been great for our counselors, staff, and clients.
- For the opportunity HRC has to provide care and counsel for the staff of another local church this summer.
- For the opportunity HRC has to support what God is beginning to do through Oasis in the Pines.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Twelve** people put their hope in Jesus through this team's ministry since the last Watchmen Alert! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ: **Savannah, Christopher, Antwonita, Alyshia, Savanna Ann, De'Zedrick, J. C., Marquita, Pamela, Terry Lynne, Bobbie, and Charlotte.**

**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 provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the Central Texas flood victims, using even these circumstances to draw people to Jesus.
- To bring new Choir and Orchestra members to the Fall Kick-off on August 13. May the lives of those involved in the Worship Ministry be transformed as they worship Him each week.
- To bless the Serve team as they plan for the Single mothers' support day on Oct. 18.
- To bless Mobberly members as summer ends and a new school year begins. Our mission field shifts to the classroom as so many of our students and teachers return to campus. They will be starting a 9-month mission trip and have many opportunities to share the Gospel and point people to Jesus. We pray for boldness and for the Lord to use them on their campuses.
- To provide a smooth transition on Promotion Sunday, Aug. 17, for our families, children and teachers.
- To help our members and teens to respond when God nudges them to serve.

- To provide as Mother's Day Out staffing needs complete by mid-August.
- To lead meaningful Leader Training for the Children's Ministry on Aug. 9 and for the speakers to discern His voice in what to say.
- To bless KidsLife as it kicks off on Aug. 27.
- To give use a jumpstart going into the fall with where God has led our students through the summer.
- To provide rest and peace for our Youth staff who have run hard throughout the summer.
- To provide more Youth leaders that God has called to be a part of our ministry.
- To encourage the new students that are coming into our Youth ministry whether new 7<sup>th</sup> graders, 9<sup>th</sup> graders, or just new to the church in general.
- For a deepened discipleship within our students and for more to come to salvation.
- To help our Young Adults to embrace sharing the Gospel.
- To provide as two Young Married Connect Groups need leaders.
- To provide additional volunteers to serve in the Hope and Help Alzheimer's / Dementia ministry partnership with the East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance on Thursdays at Mobberly.
- To guide and direct the details of the Senior Adult October Retreat – providing opportunities for spiritual encouragement, discipleship growth and a deeper understanding of our nation's spiritual heritage.
- To strengthen and encourage the Bible studies at Eastman Assisted Living and Hawkins Creek, as well as blessing the senior adult Bible study this fall (Wednesdays) in Isaiah.
- To give our Women's Ministry study teams wisdom, health, and joyful endurance as they plan for the upcoming semester of programmed study. Pray also for the outside women's organizations we host on campus, as they strive toward the same goals of Bible Literacy and spiritual growth among Women and families in East Texas: Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), Womenary, and Moms in Prayer.
- To help us deliver an impactful training night for our Titus 2 women's mentors, Worthy Crisis Pregnancy mentors, and Marshal campus mentoring teams on August 3. Pray for guest speakers, Sonya Reeder and Treva Barham, as they lead our team in a conversation about how to sit well with others.
- For calm hearts and loving response to families and individuals in crisis.
- For bravery and courage to walk into the uncomfortable spaces that God leads us into.
- For safe families to rise up and provide care and mentoring for youth in the foster care system.
- For the continued success and attention to Heart Gallery ETx and for the future adoptive families of the children featured in the Gallery.
- For the needs of the children that attend Thrive! for Kids and Students (TFK) to be met. Ask that they feel seen, heard, and valued by the people they come into contact with as they practice the emotional management and self-leadership skills they learned during their time at TFK.
- For Celebrate Recovery(CR) participants and leaders to stay focused on their recovery and not let fear and anxiety overcome them.
- For bravery for those that are seeking to release the chains of hurts, habits, and hang-ups and are fearful to take the first steps through the doors of Celebrate Recovery.
- For a continued healthy partnership with Dept. Family and Protective Services families.
- For the healthy support of children that remain in state conservatorship.
- For healing of those that are experiencing the dissolution of their marriages and are seeking recovery through DivorceCare.
- For people grieving a loss, life change and/or challenges.
- For single moms in our midst to feel love and a sense of community in their current circumstances.

- For Selah Moms to bring hope and comfort to women in the midst of heartbreak from pregnancy and infant loss and for the right man to come forward to lead a support group for dad's dealing with this loss.
- For Thrive! to “speak Jesus” into the hearts of all those with which we interact, endurance when the path gets difficult, and for “next steps” to be made clear and the path to be bathed in His light.
- For wise decision-making in situations that present themselves in the course of ministry.
- For wisdom and protection in new avenues of support for the suffering in our community
- To bless Mary Harmening as she leads the Marshall Campus as coordinator for Mobberly’s “Worthy” women’s mentorship ministry.
- To provide female leaders for Marshall’s Student Ministry.
- To guide the process of recommending new deacons to serve at the Marshall campus.
- To bless Cory Perkins as he preaches in Marshall Aug. 3.
- To make an eternal difference in the lives of students as the ETBU Football and Women’s Soccer teams join the Marshall campus for worship on Aug. 17 and Aug. 24.
- To give extra grace to Pastors Andrew and Geoffrey for the Revelation sermon series. Pray for grace and unity in our congregation to rally around the things that are primary and keep fellowship despite differences on things that are secondary or tertiary.
- To bring more musicians to Marshall campus: electric guitar, drums, bass guitar.
- To grow our Marshall campus in unexpected ways over the summer months and keep our congregation in tune with what He is doing among us and through us.
- To grow the Marshall campus members and attenders into saints equipped for ministry and that they would find fulfillment in fulfilling their ministry roles and that no role would be left unfilled. We are putting opportunities in front of people each week during August.
- To grow our Marshall Children’s Ministry volunteer base as our Children’s Ministry has doubled in size since 2024 and continues to grow. We are praying daily for four new preschool teachers and four new preschool helpers for Sundays. Pray for three young families who are expecting to deliver babies this month!
- To raise up a new Adult Connect Group leader for Sunday morning and one-two more for a mid-week group in Marshall.
- For more men to lead on Wednesday nights in Marshall Student Ministry.
- To lead our Marshall campus members and attenders to make a tangible impact in the Marshall community by growing in generosity and sacrificial giving to God through the church.
- To grow our church as neighbors who love others as Jesus does, serve others as Jesus served, and invite others to know of follow Jesus.
- To grow us in Head, Heart, and Hands during our church focus for 2025: Love the Nations. Ask God to send more from the Marshall campus on short-term and long-term missions.
- To go before the group traveling in September to Zambia, Africa to further discipleship ministry of Jericho Road Ministries.
- To provide for Keisha Robinson, one of our young adults who is serving at our church plant in San Antonio and working toward the International Mission Board (IMB) Journeyman missions program.
- To lead us in hosting the East Texas Community for The Longview Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Hope Road Counseling (HRC) on August 12, 4:30-6:30pm.
- To open the door for the opportunity to minister to more pastors and church leaders throughout the year, and specifically at our HRC Annual Ministry Leader breakfast on Oct. 21.
- To provide the resources and plan for walkways between HRC, Oasis house, and Williams Lake area in His timing.

- To guide Heather Hill (volunteer Event Coordinator) and others as they work to plan the annual HRC Night of Hope fundraising event for Nov. 13, 2025. Pray for the growth of our donor network and the continued generosity of God's people to the work of Hope Road Counseling.
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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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Romans 12:2

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