

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

Isaiah 62:6

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

Try These Three

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Part of Mobberly's "Deeper Through Devotion" is the idea of simplifying our lives so that we can focus on what is really important in life. Your life is probably like ours at times: busy, complex, challenging, tiring. Let me propose that in the month of February we scale it back a little and focus on three things as we faithfully fulfill our Watchmen responsibility – a privilege and a chance to impact eternity. Let me pass on to you three simple things that the apostle Paul shared with his friends in Thessalonica.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Paul says, "¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray constantly, ¹⁸give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." As you spend time daily with the Lord in February simply make sure that you include:

- Rejoice Always. The word for rejoice is to be "cheerful" – to be calmly happy. We can approach the Lord daily with a calm sense of joy because we know that we are in conversation with an all-loving and all-powerful Father. How often? One description of "always" is "every when" (at all times). Don't let doubt or fear creep in. Rejoice each time you talk to the Lord.
- Pray Constantly. We are called to pray "without intermission." You may not be in your prayer closet all day and we certainly hope you aren't closing your eyes to pray while driving. But you can be in a constant state of contact with God. As we go through the day, we are called to constantly lift up to Him the things He calls to our minds and hearts.
- Give Thanks in Everything. We are called to trust our wise and all-knowing God enough to thank Him for whatever He allows in our lives. This is the word we get "eucharist" from, and it simply means to express our gratitude to God. He is good – both now and into eternity.

Note that Paul doesn't say that this is a great self-help philosophy or a powerful plan you've come up with or even something conceived by some on-line preacher. Instead, he says simply, "This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." God's designs are always best for us, and I believe that your peace and joy will be multiplied as you focus on God's plan for your prayer life.

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, as you thank God for the praises and beseech the Lord with the requests that you'll see below remember...rejoice, pray and give thanks. Your prayers make a difference in the eternity of people here in East Texas and around the world. Keep it simple in February!



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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.

- View Worship Gatherings online (mobberly.org/online)
- Prayer concerns (mobberly.org/pray)
- Give to the Lord through Mobberly (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.

- **Jesus loved His enemies and calls us to follow His example**
 - **Matthew 5:44-45 (CSB):** "⁴⁴*But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*"
 - **Luke 6:35 (CSB):** "³⁵*But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil.*"
 - **Luke 23:34 (CSB):** "³⁴*Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided His clothes and cast lots.*"

Praise the Lord:

- Our Mission Team returned safely from Dubai and was able to serve and share there.

- For the participants in the Prepare to Share class on Wednesdays. They are preparing their gospel conversations and testimonies for upcoming mission trips. Praise God for their willingness to share the gospel.
- For a great start to the new year in the Worship Ministry with several new people joining the Choir and Orchestra.
- For Darcie Palmer joining our Children's Ministry team as the Administrative Assistant. She is such a blessing to us and a joy with whom to work.
- Many families are returning for the new year on Sunday mornings.
- The Children's Ministry team was grateful to attend a conference which provided learning, encouragement and soul rest.
- Within our Mobberly family there were 42 new babies born in 2025.
- He has provided healing from cancer for a Sunday volunteer in the Children's Ministry.
- For providing safety through the icy weather. God gave protection and provision for our community and church members through January's winter storm. Extra blessing: So many children enjoyed playing, sledding and enjoying God's wintery creation with the "snow days."
- He has been moving through our students in growing deeper in their faith.
- More and more students want to share their testimonies and teach.
- Parent Ministry opportunities are becoming more common.
- For a wonderful kickoff of our Women's Bible studies and book club. We are so thankful for the many new faces (and returning ones) at each one!
- For a great turnout for our Women's mission trips interest meeting. Some women were able to connect and sign up with our ministry partner, Young Life. All who came expressed interest in serving in a mission capacity.
- For the ability to partner with local Marshall community organizations such as Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center, 4Families/4Kids, and CASA.
- For five teenagers from our student ministry making spiritual decisions at Disciple Now weekend with Marshall-area churches!
- For leading our church members to volunteer with Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center in several positions.
- For our faithful Marshall campus deacons who serve in multiple roles every week.
- For bringing an additional musician to Marshall Campus these last few months as an answer to faithful prayer.
- For new partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For a healthy partnership with Buckner to bring about a Blueprint Dads group to equip fathers.
- For opening our eyes to see the growth in individuals that we serve.
- For the children finding forever families through Heart Gallery Etx.
- For new Thrive! Champions (leaders) coming forward to continue the offer of support groups at Mobberly.
- For new partnership inquiries for Hope Road Counseling (HRC).
- For HRC connection with Martin House Child Advocacy Center and SWEPCO's generosity to start a fund to support the staff of the center by subsidizing cost of counseling at Hope Road.
- For the volunteers who continue to improve Hope Road's "backyard".
- For the opportunity to invest in our HRC staff with a retreat in late summer and provide continuing education credits through the speaker.
- For such good HRC spiritual formation groups that have developed and are cultivating good spiritual community.
- For the snow and the provision of a slow, restful, and for some of us a contemplative place.

- For the partnership between Hope Road and Oasis in the Pines and the opportunities that are before us.
- For the new counselor Blair and how he is so easily fitting in with HRC.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Two** 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: **Ezekiel and Tracy**.

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."* (I 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 bless and guide Pastor Andrew as he leads the Mobberly family through Romans.
- To guide, bless and use two upcoming mission trips leaving in February. One trip is to Seattle (Feb. 26-Mar. 1) to lead a church-wide marriage retreat. One trip is to Pittsburgh (Feb. 28-Mar. 6) to work on construction projects.
- To bless and encourage those participating in our Monthly Churchwide Prayer/Visitation. Pray for their willingness to meet and encourage our Sunday visitors. Pray for calm weather on these days and safety on the road.
- To motivate the Worship Staff, Media, Choir and Orchestra members to dig deeper in their personal relationships with the Lord. May each one bear fruit in their service within the Worship Ministry.
- To bless, direct and guide the planning taking place for our Easter celebrations here at Mobberly!
- To provide a sweet Children's Ministry celebration of God's love for Donut Forget God Loves You on Feb. 11.
- To walk alongside a few of our Mobberly families with young children who are walking through deep grief.
- To provide wisdom within our Children's Ministry to engage families with special events in meaningful ways.
- To continue to pour His vision and direction for our Children's Ministry into our hearts and minds and that we would see it clearly.
- To bless the upcoming Youth Ministry Spark Weekend. Pray for salvations, baptisms, and just big steps in student's lives. Pray for the college leaders that are leading the weekend. Pray for details and logistics so that the weekend will go smoothly.
- To bless the upcoming Youth Ministry Princess Weekend. Pray for all our girls as they come together and receive from our senior class

- To guide the newly formed Grandparenting with a Long View ministry, a partnership with several area churches designed to equip grandparents live with intentionality and a spiritual legacy in mind. This ministry will launch on Monday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm in the south foyer of Mobberly's Worship Center.
- To lead the Adult Special Ministries team as we partner with the Texas Baptist Convention to host a regional day camp for special needs adults on Feb. 27 at Mobberly.
- For His blessings over the Women's Ministry and our leaders throughout the semester. May He fill each of them and sustain them to do the work to which He has called them.
- To provide the right opportunities for missions for our women at Mobberly. Pray that He would open the right doors for ministry.
- To encourage many men to join together at the Men's Ministry breakfast on Jan 31 to learn how to go "deeper" in our relationship and fellowship with God in 2026.
- To lead the Marshall campus in 2026 to grow our deacon ministry. We are praying for three-four additional deacons.
- To lead our Marshall campus "Deeper through Devotion" in 2026 and to see spiritual fruit from spiritual roots.
- To give us direction and leaders for discipleship equipping, men's, and women's ministries in Marshall as three key ministry areas for 2026.
- To work in people's lives who have drifted out of regular church attendance. Ask God to work in their hearts, relationships, and schedules and through our church family to see them come back to participating and growing in Christ.
- To lead several people "on the fence" to link arms through church membership this month.
- To bless our effort to grow the prayer ministry in Marshall during 2026 by inviting more from our congregation to pray together at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday, praying for specific congregational and community needs.
- To raise up key male and female adult leaders for student ministry.
- To bring more musicians to Marshall campus: electric guitar, drums, bass guitar.
- 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.
- To provide four new preschool teachers and four new preschool helpers for Sundays.
- 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 provide for Keisha Robinson, one of our young adults in Marshall who is serving at our church plant in San Antonio and working toward the International Mission Board (IMB) Journeyman missions program. Update: Keisha will be leaving in March for an extended short-term mission trip (6 months) to Mexico. Pray for her as she immerses herself in missions and language learning to be better equipped for career missions.
- To pave the path before us as we seek to build new infrastructure for families and support.
- For the various agencies serving children to come together seamlessly in a community of support.
- 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 wisdom for new leaders stepping into existing support groups this spring. Ask that they will be able to see underneath the behaviors and appropriately meet the emotional needs of the participants.

- 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 healing of those that are experiencing the dissolution of their marriages and are seeking recovery through DivorceCare.
- To encourage people grieving a loss, life change and/or challenges
- To help single moms in our midst to feel love and a sense of community in their current circumstances.
- For moms to find true, supportive Christian community in the monthly Mommy Matters group.
- For truth, compassion, wisdom and hope to lead the conversations within the new Sexual Integrity groups.
- For the Thrive! support ministry to “speak Jesus” into the hearts of all those with which we interact, endurance when the path gets difficult, for wisdom in urgent decisions, and for “next steps” to be made clear and the path to be bathed in His light.
- To provide needed funds for the Hope Road Counseling (HRC) Hero Scholarship Fund while we take a year off from the 5K and begin planning next year’s event.
- To provide needed resources to complete the path between HRC and Oasis in the Pines and down to lake.
- To provide as we begin planning this year’s HRC Night of Hope.
- To give us new opportunities to share the work of HRC with our community.

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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