

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

Isaiah 62:6

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

Love Is Patient

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

Two thoughts collided during February to create one thought that captured my mind. The first was the traditional consideration of "love" centered around Valentine's Day. It's that time of year when talk about love is all around us. And that's what most of it is – talk as opposed to actual sacrificial demonstrations of love. So much of love is just buying a card, giving some candy, a candle-lit dinner...with no discernable love shown day to day by our behavior. 1 Corinthians 13:4 starts a list of actions that indicate real love. The list begins with "Love is patient..." Hmm, not my strong suit.

The second thought came out of my Men's Ministry Bible study on Thursday mornings. We are walking through a study on 2 Peter. As I read through this wonderful letter I came across 2 Peter 3:8-9 which says, "*8Dear friends, don't overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.*"

When those two thoughts collided, I began to see more clearly that God demonstrate His love toward us (Romans 5:8) through His patience with people. He loves people so much that, like the father of the prodigal son in Luke 15, He waits long and watches faithfully, giving people time to respond to His great love. Paul talks about Christ's patience with him personally in 1 Timothy 1:16 says, "*16But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate His extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life.*"

God's love is active love, "agape" love. It is the highest, most pure form of love as a choice, not out of attraction or obligation. Agape love is unconcerned with the self and concerned with the greatest good of another. In the case of patience it is God's temporary forbearance of action against us when we deserve His wrath. Patience (makrothymeō) is long-suffering, God kindly waiting long as a parent giving his child more time to respond to his love. What great love this is that waits for us to come!

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, what does this have to do with us in our ministry of prayer? We need to thank God for His patience with us and with others. Praise Him for waiting for you to respond. We need to ask God to continue His patience with lost people and ask that every ounce of Mobberly impact will be used to show people His great love for them in hopes of their repentant faith.. We need to pray that this season of God's patience will serve to see many come to a saving knowledge of and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you, God, for Your patient love for this world!



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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.

- **God is glorious**
 - **Psalm 19:1 (CSB):** *"¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of His hands."*
 - **Psalm 29:2-3 (CSB):** *"²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. ³The voice of the Lord is above the waters. The God of glory thunders."*
 - **Habakkuk 3:4 (CSB):** *"³His brilliance is like light; rays are flashing from his hand. This is where His power is hidden."*

Praise the Lord:

- We had two mission teams go out in February. A group of eight men traveled to Pittsburgh to serve with New Horizon Church and complete lots of projects as they help renovate their facility

(100+ year old church). Also, a couple went to Seattle to lead a marriage retreat for Resonate Church with seven of their married couples.

- For a sweet time of partnership between the Senior Adult Ministry and the Worship Ministry to present “Soups, Sweets & Songs.” What a wonderful time of delicious food, encouraging fellowship, and singing of beloved hymns!
- Our kids enjoyed Donut Forget God Loves night with yummy donuts.
- For 13 families who participated in Baby Blessing; we love hearing from the fathers as they express why the day is special to their family.
- Several different parents have mentioned their children asking their parents to “take them to church.”
- Parents have shared videos of their children reenacting the Sunday’s Bible story at home. Other parents have recounted recent times where the child heard a seemingly random word in a conversation which then prompted the child to quote a simple Bible verse.
- For His continued presence in Children’s Ministry as He guides, brings wisdom, clears a path, and protects staff, leaders, children, and families.
- For an excellent time of discipleship, worship, and fellowship at Princess Weekend (our Girls’ Ministry retreat). The senior girls, under Katherine’s leadership, did an excellent job pouring into the younger students.
- For a fun and successful SPARK weekend where students encountered Jesus for the first time, made decisions for Christ, and learned that Jesus is The Way.
- For five Spark student baptisms.
- For His provision of sacrificial volunteers – we can’t do Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, or discipleship weekends without them!
- For a sweet time for Dads & Daughters at our Daddy-Daughter Dance.
- We have several Young Adults that are going on Mission Trips to San Antonio, Colorado, Africa and Dubai.
- We are about to launch a new Young Married Connect Group beginning early March.
- For a great kick-off to spring semester in Women’s Bible Studies, for healthy leaders, and for great conversations occurring around the tables about Scripture.
- For the 40 women who have voiced interest with our Women’s Ministry office in going on mission this year and are seeking His wisdom about where they’ll go to serve.
- For the ability to partner with local community organizations such as Marshall Pregnancy Resource Center, 4Families/4Kids, and CASA.
- For men and women stepping up to help launch new men’s and women’s ministry efforts in Marshall.
- For bringing an additional musician to Marshall Campus these last few months as an answer to faithful prayer.
- For a dozen new members of Mobberly from the Marshall Campus!
- For Chelsea Booher (Marshall Children’s Minister) and her husband Chad (Media Director), and pray for Chelsea’s four-week replenishment time in March after five years of faithful service.
- For new Thrive! partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For a healthy partnership with Buckner to grow the Blueprint Dads group.
- For champions within the church to develop and mentor the Mommy Matters group.
- 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 coming forward to continue the offer of support groups at Mobberly.
- For a new Hope Road Counseling (HRC) partner: New Covenant Church.

- That the HRC Hero fund is fully funded for 2026 thanks to faithful and generous contributors (note this was a prayer request last month)!!!
- For continual generous donors of Hope Road who faithfully give which allows us to continue to offer good care to many people.
- For strengthening connection between Hope Road and the Women's Center of East Texas.
- For counselors who love and carry forward the ministry heart of HRC.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Seven** 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: **Misty, Kendrick, Adrian, Shakyea, Darnisha, Ray, and Cindy.**

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 bless and guide Pastor Andrew as he guides us to grow deeper through the study of Romans.
- To bless upcoming mission trips. Spring Break is always a busy time with mission teams. Please be in prayer for these who are going to serve:
 - March 6-14 - Hungary — high school students and sponsors
 - March 7-10 - Killeen, TX — family mission trip
 - March 7-11 - San Antonio, TX — college and young adults
 - March 11-14 - TX Hill Country — HS and JH students & sponsors - disaster relief
 - March 15-18 - TX Hill Country — HS and JH students & sponsors - disaster relief
- To help our church body seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first and trust Him to provide all that we need!
- To bless, direct and guide the preparations taking place for our Easter celebrations here at Mobberly!
- To help us follow His lead as we prepare for the Easter season and how to best use time/resources to impact each age group.
- To bless our Monthly Churchwide Prayer/Visitation Dates this semester. We always have people who are first time guests that need a visit. March 29, April 26, May 17. Pray that new people will get involved in this helpful outreach.
- To provide growth and health for two premature babies.
- For wisdom and gentleness as we minister to families walking through grief.

- To heal our Children's Ministry leaders and leaders' immediate families who are experiencing health struggles, some very serious.
- To be with our student ministry team as we prepare for Spring Break mission trips. Ask that the Lord would help us to prepare these trips well and to lead our students to become more equipped ambassadors for Christ.
- To work in the hearts of the people in Budapest, Hungary, to whom our team will be ministering.
- To grow selflessness in the hearts of our students as they serve in Kerrville, Texas, repairing damage from the flooding last summer.
- To help our students boldly share the gospel in their homes, schools, state and around the world.
- To bring students to Elevation who don't yet know Christ, and to open their ears to the gospel message.
- To provide the San Antonio Mission Team with safety, unity and many opportunities to share the gospel.
- To raise up volunteers that will share a devotional once a month at Heartis Assisted Living Bible study ministry and weekly at Arabella.
- For wisdom and favor as our Women's Worthy Crisis Pregnancy Mentoring team on the Longview campus meets with the local Young Lives and Mercy Manor staffs on multiple ways to partner in the community.
- For our Worthy team members currently partnering with Hope Road counselors who are leading them through cohort groups to finish well this spring. The goal was to build trust as a team and determine together how to offer Worthy curriculum in a small group environment for church members and for clients of partnering community organizations, like Mercy Manor or Young Lives. Ask God to give us wisdom as we evaluate and look for next steps.
- For the Women's Ministry office as they work alongside Michael Curl and church plant partners to provide encouragement to ministry wives and female congregants in short-term mission opportunities both stateside and abroad.
- 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 strengthen the souls of our people through Christ & Culture, a discipleship equipping event designed to train for the Christ-like life, formed by God's word, and withstands the pull of secular culture.
- To work in people's lives who have drifted out of regular church attendance 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 bless our effort to grow the prayer ministry in Marshall during 2026 by inviting more from our congregation to prayer at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday and praying for specific congregational and community needs.
- To raise up key male and female adult leaders for Marshall's student ministry.
- To bring more musicians to the 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.
- For four new preschool teachers and four new preschool helpers for Sundays in Marshall.
- To raise up a new Adult Connect Group leader for Sunday morning and one-two more for a mid-week group in Marshall.
- Ask God for more men to lead on Wednesday nights in Marshall Student Ministry.
- To provide for Keisha Robinson, one of our young adults who is serving at our church plant in San Antonio and working toward the 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.
- To protect the Region 4 Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) employees that are striving to improve the lives of children and families in our area.
- 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 with whom they come into contact 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 thru 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 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 Thrive! 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.
- For the scheduling paths to be clear for our workers to serve with us more long-term in Thrive! For Kids.
- For direction and provision as we plan for Hope Road Counseling’s (HRC’s) annual fundraiser, Night of Hope for November.
- To order our steps in connecting with the International Mission Board (IMB) to provide counseling, coaching and spiritual direction support for our Southern Baptist missionaries especially in North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia.
- To strengthen and use the cooperative ministry efforts of HRC and Oasis in the Pines to be a blessing to many who are serving God in ministry and missions.
- To guide those planning our HRC staff retreat in August and for Kent Denlinger as our speaker and his wife, Karla, who will be coming to be with us.
- To strengthen and guide all the counselors, staff and their families at HRC. Pray especially for Holly as she works on completing her Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy training. Also pray for Bailey and Lisa as they work to get their registered play therapy credentials completed.

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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2 Peter 3:9
