


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

Isaiah 62:6



WATCHMEN ON THE WALL



Praying the Psalms

Watchmen Prayer Warriors,

As we read together in our "Deeper Through Devotion" time we are reading Donald Whitney's *Praying the Bible*. Psalm 100 came to my mind as a way to practice praying the Psalms as Dr. Whitney suggests. As we prepare our hearts for prayer in May here's some prayers that came to my mind:

¹Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord!

We lift up our praise to you, Lord! You are triumphant over all and we look forward to the day when the whole earth will acknowledge You as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

²Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Lord, our "joyful song" is our service to You. We gladly and gratefully live out ways to serve the people you've created, especially as we carry out these many ways to share Jesus with them.

³Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are His—His people, the sheep of His pasture.

You are our Great Shepherd – leading us, guiding us, guarding us, using us your "sheep." We acknowledge we are Your creation, and so we seek to know Your heart and follow You in every ministry and mission. Help us as we undertake. Guide us and bless Your work for Your glory.

⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

Lord, as we see the results of our specific prayers for these specific people, ministries and missions we promise that all the praise, blessings and glory will go to You. You alone can change people's lives for this earthly life and for eternity.

⁵For the Lord is good, and His faithful love endures forever; His faithfulness, through all generations.

You are good, Lord – help us to share Your faithful love with the children, youth, and adults you've placed within Mobberly's sphere of influence in reaching and teaching them.

Watchmen Prayer Warriors, as you pray for the important Kingdom praises and requests below I hope that you find it joyful to continue to pray for these things but seek to do it in a new and fresh way. Thank you for confidently approaching the throne of God in these matters!



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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.

- **The Lord takes joy in His people**
 - **Psalm 147:11 (CSB):** *"¹¹The Lord values those who fear Him, those who put their hope in His faithful love."*
 - **Psalm 149:4 (CSB):** *"⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."*
 - **Luke 15:7 (CSB):** *"⁷I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance."*

Praise the Lord:

- Pastor Andrew is praising God for the people who responded to the gospel during Easter week! There were 90 people saved in our Easter week's activities and services.
- For 94 people, including our students, who came and participated in our Easter Street Blitz. There were 600 Inviter cards passed out.

- For God-honoring, Jesus-worshiping, Spirit-filled worship services in all Mobberly venues for Easter! He is risen! “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’ Praise the Lord!” Psalm 106:48 (ESV)
- For the KidsLIFE Choir Night of Worship presented on April 22. Our children read Scripture, led in fun motions of worship, and sang to Jesus that night! May the joy of worship be a life-long pattern in their lives! “This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!” Nehemiah 8:10b (NLT)
- For God’s faithfulness through the Love the Nations offering — over \$200,000 for 2026.
- Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday brought many new and returning families to Mobberly.
- KidsLife Night of Worship gave our PreK and Kindergarten kiddos an excited heart to be able to sing on stage.
- For our Sunday morning Preschool and Children’s Ministry leaders who serve in classrooms on a regular basis and were thrilled to honor them in April. We are grateful for them!
- In the past month our Sunday morning attendance average has grown by 15-20 children at both the 9:30 and 11:00 hours.
- For nice weather recently for the children to enjoy outside play.
- Several young adults made decisions at our Palm Sunday Worship Experience.
- We baptized four young adults in April.
- For the newest group of women’s leaders joining our mentoring and teaching teams: Jenny Beaty, Shelby Jones, Samantha Howard, Megan Jameson and Lainey Mock. Ask God to guide them in all wisdom and grace as they prepare to serve others.
- For the provision of Women’s Summer Recharge leaders for the June 11 and July 9 gatherings in homes across East Texas. We have 15 groups options for women to choose from and over 30 hosts participating this summer.
- For the college ministry in Marshall, the students whose lives have been changed by Christ and those who have faithfully served our ministries this school year.
- For men and women stepping up to help launch new men’s and women’s ministry efforts in Marshall.
- For Fred, a Swedish tennis player at ETBU who was saved through FCA ministry and is being baptized at Mobberly Marshall. Pray for him as his family in Sweden are all atheists and Sweden is a secular culture.
- For answering prayers of his people and those who faithfully pray at the Marshall campus.
- For the seven Marshall members who have formed an ad-hoc advisory team to provide feedback to Pastors for future planning and direction.
- For Sonya Reeder, who gave a great talk for Marshall campus members on Biblical Sexuality.
- For an ever-growing preschool ministry in Marshall.
- For new partnerships that are bringing help and healing to the community.
- For healthy community partnerships in support ministries.
- For champions within the church to develop and mentor new support groups.
- For opening our eyes to see the growth in individuals that we serve.
- For the children finding forever families through Heart Gallery Etx.
- For connections made with more East Texas churches as potential partners with Hope Road Counseling and Oasis in the Pines during the April Lunch and Learn in Marshall.
- For the opportunity at the Spiritual Formation Groups (SFG) Banquet in April to praise Him, magnify His name and celebrate with one another all that He has done in the lives of those attending Spiritual Formation Groups in 2025-2026.
- For generous volunteers we have at Hope Road Counseling (HRC) – Analisa Hood, Joey and Lisa Degraffenried and Lesa and Bob Schwartz.

- For great Oasis in the Pines connections with the following ministry leaders:
 - March 24, SBTC Staff Retreat, Summer Mills, Belton, TX
 - March 24-26, Care 4 Pastors/Great Commandment Network, Austin, TX
 - March 30, Texas Baptist (BGCT) Chapel, Dallas, TX
- For the completion of Oasis Backyard Projects: Fencing, Water Feature, Outdoor Kitchen, Garbage Container Storage and Thresholds.
- For new Oasis in the Pines partnerships:
 - International Mission Board: We are now listed as preferred providers for over 3000 IMB missionaries and their families when they are on furlough.
 - Great Commandment/Care4Pastors Network: Thankful to join this network that advocates and cares for pastors and Christian leaders.
- For our Tuesday morning Family Services benevolence ministry continuing its vital ministry. **Three** 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: **Sicretia, Bobbie Jo, and Diasia.**

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 Pastor Andrew as he leads two key staff searches. Ask that God would provide the right men at the right time.
- To bless and guide Pastor Andrew as he guides us to grow deeper through the study of Romans.
- To work as we do follow up including baptisms of those recently saved. Many of these are attending a New Believer's class on Monday night with Fred Jennings and Tommy Nevels.
- To build a sense of excitement and anticipation in the Choir and Orchestra as they attend the Patriotic Family Night Kick-off on Sunday, May 3. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16 (ESV)
- To bless our special morning of worship on Sunday, May 17 with guest worship leaders here to lead with the Choir and Orchestra. May the name of the Lord be praised! "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!" Psalm 113:3 (ESV)
- To lead our Missions Development Committee as they plan the 2026-27 budget.
- For wisdom as we explore new potential mission trip locations.
- To provide physical healing for several of our Sunday Preschool leaders.

- To lead out in summer plans, camps and activities on campus for our Mobberly families.
- To provide comfort and encouragement during heaviness over child loss for three of our young families.
- To lead in preparation for high school and junior high camps coming quickly. Pray for logistics and for students to grow in their relationships with Jesus!
- To help our senior students to end the semester well before graduation.
- To use several college students that will be serving in missions and as apprentices in other local churches over the summer.
- To encourage the many young adults struggling with anxiety and discouragement.
- To guide our Women's Ministry leadership as they train, equip and encourage a large group of new leaders to begin serving this summer and fall.
- To give our Summer Recharge gatherings favor as women seek to fellowship in the upcoming months. Pray for our hosts to prepare with joy and confidence, for women desiring community and to learn ways to plug into church life would register in May for the June 11 gatherings.
- 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 Marshall people through Christ & Culture, a discipleship equipping event designed to train for the Christ-like life, formed by God's word, and withstanding 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 as they pray for specific congregational and community needs.
- To raise up key male and female adult leaders for the Marshall student ministry.
- To bring more musicians to the Marshall campus.
- 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.
- 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 grow our base of faithful givers at the Marshall campus.
- To provide for and work through Keisha Robinson, one of our young Marshall adults serving in missions in Mexico.
- 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 bravery and resilience 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 healing of those that are experiencing the dissolution of their marriages and are seeking recovery thru DivorceCare.
- For comfort and strength 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.
- To continue to build Hope Road Counseling (HRC) according to His will. Ask Him to lead our HRC Directors and Advisory Team as we begin to develop a three-five year strategy. Let every conversation and decision be grounded in You.
- To provide abundantly for the needs of our HRC counselors heading into summer. Ask the Lord to give them discernment beyond their training, compassion without burnout and clarity in each situation. Ask Him to protect and strengthen them day by day and restore their soul.
- To bring true, deep and lasting healing to those who come to HRC. May they each be met with grace, truth and hope to restore and strengthen them for their journey ahead.
- To cover HRC, protect every session, conversation and heart and to guard against discouragement, confusion and spiritual heaviness.
- To prepare the hearts, minds and schedules of our staff for the HRC staff retreat August 28-29, to provide wisdom for our speakers Kent and Karla and for the retreat to be a time of refreshing for each member of the HRC staff.
- To bless Oasis in the Pines (OITP) participants. Each retreat brings couples and individuals with unique backgrounds and situations. Pray for participants attending May 11-18, May 30-June 6: Both of these couples are traveling from out of state, so pray for their travel as well as their time at Oasis.
- To lead out in Oasis in the Pines budget planning for 2026-2027. Pray for wisdom in planning and good communication with current and potential financial partners during this process.
- To bless ministry awareness through the June 6-10 Southern Baptist Pastor’s Conference and Southern Baptist Convention, both in Orlando, FL: Pray for safe travels for Gregg, Tina, Analisa, and Justine. Pray for effective connections with pastors, denominational leaders, and other ministry leaders who can help connect Christian leaders with Oasis in the Pines.
- To provide needed funds to complete the sidewalk/bridge connector between Oasis in the Pines and Hope Road Counseling. The Grant Proposal and Request submitted to help with completion of Oasis Backyard Projects was not received.
- To bless the Oasis/Hope Road Mission trip to Southeast Asia, Oct. 10-20, 2026: The Oasis Care Team along with other volunteers will be traveling to Southeast Asia to work with Kris and Jana Kelley to provide an Oasis Spiritual Formation Retreat for six seasoned International Mission Board (IMB) missionary families. This trip will also include opportunities to work with other IMB leaders in prayer walking, spiritual conversations, and other opportunities
- To bless, guide and use those involved in Oasis in the Pines leadership:
 - Oasis Care Team—Analisa Hood, Sonya Reeder, and Gregg & Tina Zackary.
 - Oasis Volunteer Teams: Meal Team Volunteers, Flower Team Volunteers, Facility Care Team Volunteers
 - Oasis Advisory Team Members: Kendall & Heidi Archer, Darrell & Valerie Ash, Ben & Mindy Avedikian, Stan & Katherine Baker, Michelle Barajaz, Tom Bevan, Mike Burns, Steve Cochran, Tim Dowdy, Lee Ferguson, Chuck & Rhonda King, Tommy Kirl, Randal Lyle, Colton & Maddie Sherwood, Lesa Schwartz, Jonathan Smith, and Andy Spencer.

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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Psalm 100:1-5
