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For the national Unite and the Reconciliation

Would you like to commit yourself to praying one hour per week for : the Church , our regions, our country, the unity of believers?...
In a nutshell, FOR A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL IN FRANCE !?

Our congregation must be a house of prayers.

" A Church of praises and Continuous Prayers"

The Watchman ministry is a group of people who have decided to become "prayer warriors" by praying continuously 7 days a week and 24 hours a day until the day when our Lord Jesus Christ will come back.

Of course, nobody can pray continuously during 24 hours all the weeks long, therefore each person has committed him/herself to praying one hour each week.

All of them, exactly 168 persons, build a wall of continuous prayers dedicated to the glory of the Lord.

"The Watchman Ministry" was created by Larry Thompson who gave the guiding principles to this programme and adapted by Emmanuel Duvieusart for the France. John A. Martin has stated that " in the ancient world watchmen were stationed on city walls on towers that faced each direction. They were placed there to watch for approaching enemies."

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Because of their extremely important task watchmen were carefully appointed and commissioned. Once they had accepted the position as watchmen, failure to carry out their duties responsibly could result in their own deaths as well as the death of God's work in that city.

Why should I commit myself to the " Watchman Ministry" ?

✓ You will have two Christians to call, two new prayer warriors with who you will talk each week, one of them will be the one praying before you, the other the one you will have to call.

" And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him; a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4/12

✓ You will become engaged in one of God's great and exciting project. A week contains 168 hours, you will be among the people praying and praising God continuously.

" Pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you." 1 Thessalonians 5/17-18

✓ You will be covered by God's armour. One of the most important elements of this armour is often forgotten: the armour of prayers. The armour without all its elements is not complete.

" Pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this mind, be alert and always keep on praying all the saints." Ephesians 6/18

✓ You will discover the peace and the joy He gives us if we obey Him.

How will I know the topics of my prayers ?

You will receive a letter or an email together with the following information:

- ÷ Words of encouragement
- ÷ The monthly letter of prayers
- ÷ The watchman's prayer guide
- ÷ The "news" paper

We need to concentrate on five particular topics:

- ÷ Prayers for the preachers, the leaders, the ancients...
- ÷ Prayers for the ministries in the Churches...
- ÷ Prayers for the missionaries, assistants ...
- ÷ Prayers for France, the churches, the unity of Christians, of preachers, specific topics...
- ÷ Praising, worship

If you want to commit yourself in this ministry,

Get registered on:

[Click here](#)

You can get registered on one or several of these walls:

There are two walls for the region Rhône Alpes, one wall for FRANCE, one for PARIS and one for the FRENCH SPEAKERS.

After your registration, you will receive the confirmation of your choice(s) , a booklet, the names, addresses and phone numbers of the person praying before And after you, together with a monthly letter containing the topics of prayers.

For this great challenge [«A FRANCE FOR JESUS ! »](#)

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INTRODUCTION

For years Christians have known that every great spiritual awakening is born in a remnant committed to prayer. Countless books call people to prayer and emphasize the importance God places on His people's praying. Yet we must answer one sobering question: if prayer is so important, why do most Christians and churches do so little of what God deems essential?

We have more money, more buildings, more ministries, more media, and more people but less power than at any time in church history. We have ministers for every age group. Yet few Christians can claim that they are spiritually stronger today than they were a year ago.

Even the churches with outstanding family ministries are not immune to the devastation that a failed marriage brings to their congregations. Our nation boasts some of the finest student ministries, but we remain respectably religious when there is a desperate need for radical relationships with Christ. Single adults compose nearly half of today's population yet Satan's singles ministry continues to overshadow even our best efforts. We measure the success of our churches in comparison with others, saying, "we are making a difference," but on our best Sunday our combined attendances dwarfed by the number of unchurched people..

When one considers these facts, an obvious cry grips the heart. There must be more. Where is the power? The answer, quite simple, is that power has always been accessible. We are the ones who have not been available.

Every great spiritual awakening, in our nation and around the world, has had as its foundation a people who were committed to prayer. The Shantung Revival of China came about when Southern Baptists missionaries set themselves apart to pray for the healing of the eyes of one of their own. The Welsh Revival caught fire when a teenage girl cried out to God and proclaimed: "You are everything! You are everything!" the Jesus Movement of the late '70's began on a college campus when students humbly fell before the Lord and prayed.

Today we have the same opportunity for revival. We stand at the door of a passing opportunity at a critical hour of our history. Our response to this call to prayer could determine if we as a people see the glory of God and experience an outpouring of His Holy Spirit on us or if we continue with business as usual: great churches with great fellowship and great people but little power.

Dilemmas in a church's prayer life have included the logistical difficulties of an organized prayer ministry, such as:

- Driving time to and from locations
- Safety during late-night hours
- Inconvenience for the elderly, for young mothers, and for the handicapped
- Limited number of persons who could participate
- Inclement weather conditions

These problems may result from misplaced theology. In the Old Testament God had a temple for His people, but in the New Testament He had a people for His temple. Many churches have limited the power and significance of prayer to the four walls of the church! We have built elaborate prayer chapels, yet the finest intercessory prayer ministries in our nation have difficulty keeping and maintaining 24-hour ministries. Although we know we need intercessory prayer ministries, most of us have created a structure that is neither practical nor successful.

Our responsibility to be consistent and fruitful in prayer demands that we reevaluate our past mythology and re-examine biblical truth to gain new insights and a fresh model for an intercessory prayer ministry.

CHAPTER 1 : BACKGROUND

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE WATCHMAN

“On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” (Isa. 62:6-7)

John A. Martin has stated that “in the ancient world watchmen were stationed on city walls” on towers that faced each direction. They were placed there to watch for approaching enemies. Throughout the history of Jerusalem watchmen had a twofold ministry on the wall. The first was to watch for the enemy, providing protection for those asleep or at work. Second, the watchmen were to repair the wall after an attack. At times they would carry out both ministries on the same watch. Because of their extremely important task watchmen were carefully appointed and commissioned. Once they had accepted the position as watchmen, failure to carry out their duties responsibly could result in their own deaths as well as the death of God’s work in that city.

THE DUTIES OF THE WATCHMAN

Watchmen took their places on the walls to “remind the Lord” (Isa. 62:6). The implication is that they were to give neither themselves nor the Lord any rest until He establishes His presence and power in their midst. Their foremost prayer was “Make us a city of praise on the earth.” Additionally, the watchmen had two specific responsibilities:

1. *Watchmen reminded God of His people.* Some might say that God does not need to be reminded of His people. However, children often tell their parents what the parents already know, and both the children and the parents are blessed by the communication, interaction, and dependence shown. As my daughters converse with me, they may share experiences or information I know well, but I rejoice in their desire to share their time and fellowship, which deepen and strengthen our bond of love.
2. *Watchmen reminded God’s people of His promises.* The presence of the watchmen stationed around the walls constantly reminded all in the city that they belonged to God. By shouting Scripture and repairing the broken places, they daily confronted the people with the promise of God’s protection and love.

THE DILIGENCE OF THE WATCHMAN

The Bible indicates that the watchmen were present “all day and all night” (Isa. 62:6). There was never a time when the walls were not secure and the people silent. The watchmen made continuous intercessions on the behalf of all the people. The watchmen were also committed to the personal preparation of their own lives while standing watch, and they corporately prayed for revival and the establishment of Jerusalem. The fact that their voices were constantly heard assured the people of the city that they had “set a watch” to mark the time and to show they were constantly attentive to their duties. Constant intercession in our midst will encourage those who are going through difficult times, because they know the watchmen are being faithful to make prayerful petitions on behalf of the people.

CHAPTER 2 : DESCRIPTION

Through the Holy Spirit's leadership and a call to the Watchman Ministry, an individual will be assigned one hour a week on the wall in one direction: north, south, east, or west. If only one wall is used, then the directions will not be necessary. Each wall consists of 168 prayer warriors, one for each hour of the day, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day. A watchman will pray toward the direction assigned.

After you have prayerfully committed to the Watchman Ministry, your church will give you instructions on how to register for your assigned hour. You will also need to complete a covenant during the worship service on Launch Sunday. Your pastor will instruct you to sign the covenant in that service as all the watchmen in your church join together for a time of dedication and commitment.

Once the hour assigned, the watchman will "set the watch" for that hour as instructed in "Watchman Prayer Alert", a monthly newsletter the church mails to all watchmen. "Watchman Prayer Alert" will inform intercessors of needs in the church's fellowship and of ministries that require special attention.

Keep in mind the twofold purpose of the Watchman Ministry:

- 1) To remind the Lord of His promise and covenant with His people asking for His protection for their lives and ministry;
- 2) To remind the people of the Lord's presence and of His provision and protection.

Following the assigned hour on the wall, the watchman will call the next hour's watchman to duty. The watch may take place wherever the intercessor is, as long as one uninterrupted hour to watch and to be with the Lord is available. A list of intercessors and their telephone numbers is made accessible through the Watchman Ministry so the intercessor can phone the person scheduled for the next watch and report: "I have completed my watch of the north wall. I now commend you to the Lord while you watch and pray."

This approach is so simple that reserved intercessors are not needed in case of absences; for instance, if the watchman is out of town, he or she is still accountable for the same hour on the wall and, if possible, for calling the next watchmen; watchmen will continue serving their assigned hours until they notify the prayer office that they wish to be relieved of the responsibility. If an intercessor fails to take the assigned watch, the prayer office will call and offer assistance. If the watchman fails to keep his assigned hour for two consecutive weeks, the prayer office will enlist a replacement.

To secure a position on the wall, a watchman must be of a mature and responsible age. Parents are encouraged to allow children to participate in the parents' assigned hours on the wall. This will be good training and spiritual preparation for the child, who will understand the principle of prayer through practise with the parents.

CHAPTER 3 : PROMISE

The Lord makes a twofold commitment to those who answer the call to the wall.

HIS PROTECTION

In Isaiah 62:8 God promised: " I will never again give your grain as food for enemies; nor will foreigners drink your new wine, for which you have laboured."

These words demonstrate a unique balance between humans' intercession and God's sovereignty. During the years when Israel had remained silent before the Lord, the enemy had consumed everything for which the Israelites had worked. Their silence was evidence that they had a self-sufficient attitude, having forgotten the Lord's power and provision. Once they accepted their appointment to the wall, God committed to protect them from their enemies. It is obvious today that our congregations' families and singles need this kind of protection. Without God's protection we have a problem: the enemy is allowed to consume us at the point of our need, and we get weaker while the enemy gets stronger.

HIS PROVISION

Once the people respond to God and meet His conditions, not only will the protection from the enemy be present, but also the provision will be bountiful and the needs met. The Lord has promised His harvest to those who obey His call.

Isaiah 62:9 " But those who garner grain and praise the Lord, and those who gather their wine shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

CHAPTER 4 : CHALLENGE

YOUR PRAISE

"Those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." (Isa. 62:9)

A natural response of God's people when His provision and protection are realised in their midst is an expression of praise. Much of our work on the walls during the week will be filled with praise as we thank the Father for His protection and provision in our midst. God has made a commitment to us in the form of an oath, and He continues to wait for us to answer the call to the wall and to take our places in the ministry of intercession.

YOUR PREPARATION

"Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations!"

"See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him" (Isa. 62: 10-11)

As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness and proclaimed, " Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29), we too must proclaim and make straight the path for the Lord's return. We must clear away the debris of sin and slothfulness that would cause others to stumble on their way to meet Jesus. We must prepare the way by lifting high the banner of our King for all to see. We must act! In doing so, we have the assurance that the world will recognise God's people. Our prayers on the walls will usher in a spiritual awakening in our church that will arouse our community and eventually the world. We stand at a crossroads with the privilege of preparing the way for the Lord and then being proclaimed as His people.

YOUR POSITION

"They will be called the Holy people, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought after, the city No Longer Deserted." (Isa. 62:12)

Notice that the Scripture says, " They will be called...". This means that the world will take notice. Because God's people have answered the call to the wall and have set their watch with God, the world cannot avoid noticing His power, protection, and provision for His people. You will be called " the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord...Sought After, The City No Longer Deserted" (v12)

Our call is now! Each day that we fail to answer God's call to intercessory prayer, another family is broken apart, another teenager is lost to suicide, another job is lost, another financial collapse is witnessed, another day passes during which our nation moves closer to a date with destruction. I beg you to answer this call to the wall. If not for our nation, if not for the sea of humanity that is lost and bound for eternity in hell, if not for the church that stands as a lighthouse in this explosive community, if not for any other reason, would you take your hour for yourself and for those you love? The walls are silent today; they await your appointment.

CHAPTER 5 : INSTRUCTIONS

Leonard Ravenhill has said: “ one might estimate the weight of the world, tell the size of the celestial city, count the stars in heaven, measure the speed of lightning, and tell the time of the rising and the setting of the sun—but can you cannot estimate prayer-power. Prayer is as vast as God because He is behind it. Prayer is as mighty as God because He has committed Himself to answer it. »

After you have been appointed to the Watchman Ministry and have been assigned your hour and your direction, you will be ready to prepare yourself for your ministry in prayer.

Follow these simple preparatory steps.

1. **Take your position a few minutes before your assigned watch :** the watchman before you should phone and commend you to the Lord for your watch. However, if you do not receive a call, begin your watch on the assigned hour. If you fail to receive a call from the previous watchman for two consecutive weeks, alert the watchman office coordinating the prayer ministry so an inquiry can be made.

2. **As you begin your watch, use this checklist to make sure you are ready to pray :**

a) Are all sins confessed? (See Isa. 59:1-2; 1 John 1:10)

b) Are relationships with all others right? (See Matt. 6:14-15)

c) Are you prepared to seek His will in all things? (See 1 John 5:14-15.)

d) Are you willing to allow God to receive all glory? (See John 14:13-14.)

e) Are you depending on the Holy Spirit's leadership for this watch on the wall? (see Rom. 8:26-27.)

f) Are you trusting God in spite of the circumstances? (See Prov. 3:5-6.)

g) Are you willing to praise the Lord in all things ? (See Rom. 8:28; 1 Thess. 5:16-18.)

3. **Follow the instructions in this month's *Watchman Prayer Alert*.**

4. **Remember that you are charged with the watch for the entire hour.**

5. **Your last prayer before ending your hour on the wall should be for the watchman who is following you on the wall.** Call the person by name and ask for the Lord's encouragement in his or her life .

6. **As you finish your hour, phone the next watchman and remind him or her of the watch.** Make your message simple and to the point. For example, greet the person and say : “I have completed the watch on the north wall, and now I commend you to the Lord for your watch. May God bless you as He has blessed me.” If you cannot reach this watchman for two consecutive weeks, call the office coordinating the prayer ministry so an inquiry can be made.

7. **Take a moment and record any thoughts, answered prayers, or claimed promises in the *Watchman Journal* section of this guide.** A simple sentence with a date will give you and your family a point of reference later to remember what God has done in your lives.

8. **If you have any questions or need to make any changes in your assigned hour on the wall, call te office coordinating the prayer ministry .**

9. **Remember that Satan will do all he can to keep you from your watch.** You must be “strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might” (Eph.6:10, NASB). Our authority is useless unless it is used!