THE WATCHMAN'S LETTER

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BECOME A HOUSE OF PRAYER AGAIN

Rebuilding Prayer in Churches, Homes and Everyday Life

"For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." - Isaiah 56:7 (NKJV)

An awakened Church must become a praying Church. Prayer cannot remain a specialist ministry for a faithful few while the rest of Christian life runs on programmes, personalities and activity. Jesus placed prayer at the heart of the life of God's people. If Australia is to see lasting spiritual awakening, prayer must become normal again in churches, homes and the ordinary rhythms of believers.

PRAYER MUST BECOME NORMAL AGAIN

Prayer should not feel unusual in Christian life. We pray because we depend upon God. A church may have excellent preaching, music and administration, but if prayer is marginal, something central is missing. Prayer acknowledges that spiritual fruit cannot be manufactured.

FROM PRAYER EVENTS TO A PRAYER CULTURE

Special prayer gatherings are valuable, but a prayer culture goes deeper. Leaders pray before decisions. Families pray through pressure. Believers pray for one another naturally. Intercession becomes part of discipleship rather than an occasional emergency response.

REBUILD THE FAMILY ALTAR

Homes are powerful places of spiritual formation. Family prayer does not need to be complicated. Read Scripture, give thanks, pray for needs and ask God to help each person follow Jesus. Consistency matters more than polish.

MAKE ROOM FOR CORPORATE INTERCESSION

When believers pray together, burdens are shared and faith is strengthened. Corporate prayer teaches us to move beyond personal needs and carry the Church, community, leaders, lost people and nations before God.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Scripture gives prayer substance and boundaries. Pray the Psalms. Pray apostolic prayers. Turn biblical promises and commands into intercession. This protects prayer from becoming driven by rumours, anxiety or personal preference.

PRAY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecostal prayer depends upon the Holy Spirit. We ask Him to help our weakness, direct our intercession and align us with the heart of God. Spiritual fervour should remain submitted to Scripture and centred on Jesus.

PRAY WITH FAITH AND HUMILITY

Faith does not mean telling God what He must do. It means trusting His character and asking boldly while remaining surrendered to His wisdom. Humility keeps intercession from becoming spiritual control.

LET PRAYER LEAD TO OBEDIENCE

Prayer is not an escape from action. God may answer by sending the person who prayed. Intercession may lead us to reconcile, give, serve, speak, invite, forgive or go. A house of prayer should also become a house of obedience.

PRAY FOR THE LOST BY NAME

General prayer for revival matters, but personal intercession changes how we see people. Write down names of people who do not yet know Christ. Pray consistently for open hearts, Gospel conversations and believers who can walk with them.

PRAY FOR PASTORS AND CHURCHES

Spiritual leaders carry pressures that congregations may never see. Pray for purity, courage, wisdom, marriages, families, health and strong teams. Pray that churches will become places of Scripture, prayer, holiness, compassion and mission.

PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA WITHOUT PANIC

National intercession must remain grounded in hope. We can pray about public leadership, families, education and social pressures without sounding as though Christ has lost control. Prayer should make us steadier, not more frantic.

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS

Isaiah's vision reaches the nations. Prayer should enlarge our hearts beyond our own congregation and country. Australia is connected to Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and the nations are also present in our communities.

BUILD PRAYER INTO THE CALENDAR

What matters must be given time. Put prayer into the weekly rhythm before everything else consumes the space. Protect personal prayer, family prayer and corporate prayer as real appointments.

TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO PRAY

Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Churches should do the same. New believers need practical help: how to use Scripture, listen, give thanks, intercede and persevere. Prayer becomes sustainable when it is discipled.

BECOME THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Buildings do not pray; people do. The call is personal. We are living stones in God's house. Let November's awakening become practical: rebuild prayer until dependence on God is visible again.

THIS MONTH: AWAKEN THE CHURCH

Pray for a genuine culture of prayer to be rebuilt in Australian churches, homes and individual believers, flowing into mission and intercession for the nations.

10 PRAYER POINTS

- Personal prayer lives to be renewed - Matthew 6:6
- Family prayer to become normal - Deuteronomy 6:6-7
- Corporate intercession to strengthen churches - Acts 4:31
- Pastors and leaders to prioritise prayer - Acts 6:4
- Biblical, Spirit-led prayer - Romans 8:26
- Persistent prayer for the lost - Colossians 4:2-3
- Prayer for public leaders - 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- Prayer altars across Australia - Isaiah 62:6-7
- Intercession for the nations - Psalm 2:8
- Prayer that leads to obedience - James 1:22

A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Father, make Your Church a house of prayer again. Restore the secret place, the family altar and corporate intercession. Teach us to pray with Scripture, faith, humility and the help of the Holy Spirit. Strengthen pastors and churches. Put names of lost people on our hearts and enlarge our concern for Australia and the nations. Let prayer lead us into obedience, mission and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WATCHMAN'S RESPONSE

Choose one prayer rhythm that needs rebuilding and make it concrete this week. Do not wait for a crisis. Put the time in the calendar and begin.

OUR MISSION

To equip, encourage and mobilise Spirit-filled believers to pray, proclaim God's Word and contend for revival, reformation and the advancement of God's Kingdom in Australia.

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