



## 21-Day Prayer Watch for the Elections

I had a dream a few years ago that the Lord brought back to mind recently. In the dream, I found several watches hidden between the mattresses of my bed. I recognized them as watches that belonged to my family. I felt the Lord saying, "Pick one," so I took the one closest to me. As I did, I began to understand that we, the Lord's family, are sleeping on our watches.

During the 21 days leading to the November elections, the Lord is asking many of us to pick up a night watch and pray. Any watch will do, pick the one that's closest to you. We all recognize the need for prayer, but there is a heightened need for watchmen in the night right now to pray for the USA.

Rather than go into a deep discussion about the watches of the night established by our forefathers, I believe the Lord is simply asking us to pick any watch between sundown and sunup and watch with Him in prayer.

Some are called to take an entire watch, but I believe most are being called to stand guard for an hour in the night. It was in the night that our Lord asked his disciples, "could you not watch with me 1 hour?" Do you find yourself waking up at 2 or 3 in the morning? God may be nudging you, calling you to pick up your watch and start praying.

*Matthew 26:40-41 (NKJ) "Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

### **It's only 21 days!**

Choose your watch, then remember to keep your appointment with the Lord for the next 21 days. Use the scriptures below to guide you as you pray. If you do your part, He will do His!

The following prayer guide is divided into three weeks with daily scriptures that will help give direction and focus to your prayers.

## Week One

**Contend** - *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* (Ephesians 6:1). Contend in prayer for the safety and protection of those who are standing against corruption in politics and fighting for righteousness and justice.

### Daily Focus

**Day 1** - Jude 1:3, *"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."*

**Day 2** - Psalm 35:1, *"Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take up shield and buckler; arise and come to my aid. Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, I am your salvation."*

**Day 3** - Isaiah 49:25, *"But thus says the Lord: Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children."*

**Run the Race** - Who is running for office in your state? Find those who love our nation and defend the Constitution. They are in one of the most contentious races of their lives. Remember, they don't have to be believers to be God's chosen vessels. Pray that they find the strength to stay the course and push past walls of resistance. Pray that they will be protected from violence, lies and slander. Pray for their families and loved ones.

**Day 4** - Hebrews 12:1, *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."*

**Day 5** - 1 Corinthians 9:24 & 25, *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown."*

**Day 6** - Philippians 3:12, *"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."*

**Day 7** - 2 Timothy 4:7 & 8, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."*

## Week Two

Several years ago, less than four months before the 2012 elections, the Lord woke me with an unusual revelation. I heard in my spirit, "Three nines and four months." Then I began to hear words and phrases of things to come, "bloodshed in the streets, chaos, civil war, anarchy." At that time, our nation was far from perfect, but nothing like what I was hearing in my spirit. That morning I was driving to a conference at my church with my son Brian, so I asked if "three nines" meant anything to him. He owns an IT services management company and without hesitation told me, "In IT language three nines represent 99.9%". I was certain God was speaking through him, and I knew immediately what the Lord was saying. There was a 99.9% chance that in four months' time if things didn't turn around, our nation would head down a path that would eventually lead to bloodshed in the streets, chaos, anarchy, and the beginnings of civil war. The very things we are seeing today. Sadly, the elections of 2012 did not turn our nation in the right direction.

**It's not too late!!** Did you know that through prayer and intercession we have the opportunity to intervene in the course of history? When God reveals that we are headed toward disaster because there is corruption in the land, it isn't because he is looking for us to agree. He is looking for someone to stand in the gap and pray for forgiveness and mercy! (Ez 22:30)

### Daily Focus

**Take a stand** - There comes a time when evil has had its heyday, and good people finally say, we've had enough. When we arrive at a place where fear no longer controls our decisions or interferes with the Holy Spirit's call to fight for what is right, we will finally take a stand. That's when we draw a line in the sand and say to all that is evil, "No more, you shall not cross this line."

**Day 8** - Ephesians 6:13 & 14, *"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore..."*

**Day 9** - 1 Corinthians 16:13, *"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong."*

**Day 10** - 2 Samuel 10:12, *"Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his sight."*

**Day 11** - Hebrews 11:32 & 33, *"And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions."*

**Day 12** - Nehemiah 4:14, *"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.'"*

**Day 13** - Deuteronomy 31:6, *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them, for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

**Day 14** - Nehemiah 4:13-14, *"So I stationed armed guards at the most vulnerable places of the wall and assigned people by families with their swords, lances, and bows. After looking things over I stood up and spoke to the nobles, officials, and everyone else: 'Don't be afraid of them. Put your minds on the Master, great and awesome, and then fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.'"*

## Week 3

**God's Change Agents** – Some people are born to be change agents. They understand that we are in a contest between good and evil and they fearlessly defend the truth. Others are emerging quietly with solutions to some of the world's biggest problems. These are God's secret change agents, and they are beginning to come into view now. They are the Moses's, David's, and Joshua's of our time. Look for them, pray for them and when possible join their cause.

### Daily Focus

**Day 15** – Exodus 5:1, *“Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Let my people go...’”*

**Day 16** - Matthew 16:19, *“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

**Day 17** – Mark 16:15 & 16, *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

**Day 18** - 1 Samuel 17:45, *“Then David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts ...”*

**Day 19** - Joshua 1:9, *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

**Day 20** – Jonah 3:1 – 2, *“Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you’. So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.”*

### Election Day

**Take it back!** – There is a biblical strategy for recovering our godly heritage, religious freedoms, and moral foundations that once defined our nation. It's found in the biblical account of David and the town of Ziklag (read 1 Samuel 30). When David returned to Ziklag and saw that all that belonged to him and his army had been burned or taken captive, they wept until there was no more power to weep. **Then David strengthened himself in the Lord, inquired of Him, and set out in pursuit to overtake and recover all that had been stolen,**

**Day 21** – 1 Samuel 30:8, *“So David inquired of the Lord, saying, ‘Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?’” and He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”*