



WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE NATION 24th—30th September 2018

The events of the last few weeks could easily crash the spirits of even the strongest, and that is why as watchmen in the wall, we have a duty to stand watching and praying. Think about some these events: *unexplainable kidnappings and murders of innocent Kenyans; talks of a nation that is unable to meet its financial obligations and an intentional move by the government to bridge the deficit; a standoff between the president and the parliament ending with increase in taxes on critical goods and services; deaths of infants at Pumwani Maternity Hospital...the list is long.*

This brings us to our focus for the week: *what is the unique role of the intercessor in light of the many challenges that seem to bedevil our nation? Ezekiel 33:6 says: “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone’s life, that person’s life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.”*

Ezekiel 22:30 “I searched for a man among them to repair the wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, so that I should not destroy it. But I found no one.”

This day must have been tragic in Israel when no one was found to stand in the gap for the sake of the nation of Israel. It would not be hard to suffer the same tragedy as a country, particularly when we allow the cares of this life to overtake us and blur our vision that we do not see clearly what the Lord would have us do.

MONDAY 24th SEPT. 2018: AWAKE OH YE WATCHMEN

1. Give thanks for the remnants—I believe there are people who are still standing in the gap.
2. Pray for true watchmen—these are men and women who will not be carried away by the cares of the day but will remain focused on what the Lord desires; stand in the gap.
3. Pray for the strength of the watchmen—Elijah, though a man of faith suffered great fatigue even with a success story. Pray that the watchmen will find strength to press on.
4. Pray for sensitive hearts—the greatest role of the watchman is to be able to see when danger is coming. We need the discernment of the times and be able to correctly interpret the events of our day with a spiritual antenna.

TUESDAY 25th SEPT. 2018: ARISE KENYA

Acts 17:26 “From one man He made every nation of men, to inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands.”

God ordains where men would live. He set the boundaries. We are in Kenya because God ordained it. But at times some if not most of the Kenyans have either lived or felt as if they were foreigners.

1. Pray that as Kenyans we will be faithful custodians of the wealth and resources that God has given them.
2. Pray that we will quit complaining about foreigners ‘taking over’ but instead position ourselves to benefit from what is rightfully ours.
3. Pray that we will be willing to become creative innovators because we have been created in the image of God.
4. Pray that we will seek harmony with the foreigners living within our borders and that we will not get to a place of fighting them.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 26th 2018: THE PRESIDENCY

Romans 13:10 “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

God ordains leaders in every season. We can rest assured that we have the current leadership today because God chose them. This doesn’t mean that they are perfect for no one is—but they are God’s servants. God indeed called Nebuchadnezzar “my servant”. Our duty is to honour and pray for them.

1. Pray for physical and mental strength of our president, his family and those who work closely with him (His deputy and cabinet secretaries etc.)
2. Pray for wisdom in his daily decision-making processes.
3. Pray that he will not show favouritism or partiality as he executes his mandate as the leader of the country.
4. Pray that he will get support from the right quarters so that he can fulfil God’s purposes for our country.

THURSDAY 27th SEPT. 2018: THE JUDICIARY

Exodus 23:8 “Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the righteous.”

Monday to Friday each week, thousands of cases are decided on behalf Kenyans of all walks of life. For some, it was the only lifeline left yet some walk out of the court rooms without the justice that they desired. Many lives have been devastated. Some have been awarded what they didn’t deserve while others were denied what they deserved.

1. Pray for the Chief Justice Maraga, the president of the Supreme Court that he will walk in wisdom of God and integrity of heart.
2. Pray concerning the case of Justice Mailu, the DCJ that it would come to a swift and a fair conclusion so that the work will not be stalled.
3. Pray for all the judges and the magistrates, court clerks and prosecutors, lawyers and any other person that is involved in the justice process that they will only do what is right.
4. Pray for the investigators that they will be diligent in their work and incorruptible.
5. Pray that Kenyans seeking justice in our courts will feel treated fairly—justice be our shield and defender.

FRIDAY 28th SEPT. 2018: OUR ARMED FORCES

2 Timothy 2:4 “Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.”

The work of the disciplined officers is hard and tough. From the training to the execution, it is probably the riskiest career one would ever engage in. They confront risks daily as they engage with criminals in their bid to maintain law and order. We cannot possibly say that their income is an enough compensation of their contribution.

1. Pray that all those in the armed forces (Police, Army, Navy etc.) will consider their work to be a call and serve faithfully.
2. Pray that the changes recently effected in the police force will be for the betterment of the forces.
3. Pray for their safety in line of duty.
4. Pray for our KDF officers still in Somalia fighting the Al-Shabaab.
5. Pray for the families of our forces that they will be at peace as their own serve in this risky job.
6. Pray for the saving of the souls of our armed officers.
7. Pray for the widows/widowers and orphans as a result of officers who have died in duty

SATURDAY 29th SEPT. 2018: THE POLITICIANS

The former president of Tanzania, Mheshimiwa Mkapa gave a hilarious story describing a politician. He said that a father desired to know what his son would become. So he placed on the table, a bible, money and a bottle of beer. If he took the bible, the father said, then he will be a preacher. If he took the money, he will be a businessman. If he took the bottle, he will unfortunately be a drunkard. Well, when the son came, he took the money, put it in his wallet,

took the bible and put it in his armpit and then opened the beer bottle and swallowed its contents. The father said: *he will be a politician!* Do you feel like at times this describes our politicians?

1. Pray that genuine leaders, men and women of character will throw their hats into the ring in consecutive elections.
2. Pray that Kenyans will discern and vote for men and women of character.
3. Pray that our current politicians will know that they are God's servants, called to do and resist being compromised.
4. Pray that they will become diligent and serve faithfully as they prepare, debate and vote of bills that become law.
5. Pray that our politicians will not be controlled by the demon of greed and selfishness.
6. Pray that we will love and pray for them faithfully.
7. Pray that Kenyans will not put undue pressure on their political leaders in search for favours while circumventing the law of the day.

SUNDAY 30th SEPT. 2018: WHERE ARE THE DANIELS?

Daniel 6:3-4 "Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent."

We preach the true Gospel! Then why does it seem like it has lost its power to change humanity? The problem is not with the message but with the messengers. Too many Christians are "Sunday Christians". They have a form of godliness that deny the power. They won't mix God with business.

1. Pray that the believer today will be willing to stand for Christ in the market place
2. Pray that the church will prepare the faithful effectively to realise that their duty as Christians is as much in the market place as it is in the church on Sunday
3. Pray that integrity and hard work will be hallmarks of the Kenyan Christian
4. Pray that those who stand up for the truth will be favoured like Daniel, promoted and given an opportunity to influence others.

Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.