



## WATCH AND PRAY

**SCRIPTURAL LESSON:** *Matthew 26:36-46*

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**

Through prayer, we have access to heaven's power that subdues the evil traps and snares the devil places before us (*Matthew 26:41*).

**GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:**

*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Philippians 4:6).*

**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:**

1. Prayer moves the hand of God that moves the world. Our duty is to pray for this lost and dying world (*I Timothy 2:1-4*).
2. The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray in the Spirit one for another (*Ephesians 6:18*).
3. Effectual, fervent (earnest) prayers of faith by a righteous man shall avail much (*James 5:15-16; I Peter 3:12*).
4. The work of God is maintained by faithful prayer warriors who watch and pray every day at 2pm at all of our branch churches (*Acts 2:42*).
5. Our servants faithfully uphold the saints of God in prayer so that we go all the way with the Lord and gain the victory (*Ephesians 3:14-19; Colossians 4:12*).

**BACKGROUND SETTING:**

The prayers of the saints ascend up to God as a sweet-smelling incense and He moves upon them (*Revelation 8:3-4*). Spiritual battles are won through prayer! The enemy is defeated and the victory won through the fervent prayers of the saints of God (*Acts 4:18-20; 29-31*). The power of prayer by the faithful saints of God effectually praying in one heart, one mind and in one accord. In obedience to the His command, God's people tarried (prayed) in the city of Jerusalem for 10 days until the Holy Spirit fell upon them, forming the church (*Luke 24:49*). Prayers continue to empower the church to victory. Jesus said the gates of hell shall not prevail against it because prayer moves the hand of God which moves the world (*Matthew 16:18*).

**LESSON SUMMARY:**

The believers of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God face many spiritual challenges (*II Kings 6:13-17*). Prayer brings down the unseen powers of heaven to intervene in our reality. Therefore, as believers we must learn to pray without ceasing in everything (*I Thessalonians 5:17*). It is to trust and depend upon God's Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and protect us in everything we do in this life. Prayer is not only the strength of the gospel but ours too! To be an effective prayer warrior, we need to abide in an unbroken fellowship with Jesus because Jesus always prayed. As true born-again believers of Jesus and as the Body of Christ, we believe in the power of prayer. *"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer"* (*I Peter 4:7*).

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