

## Scriptural Meditations for 24-7 Intercessory Prayer

Psalm 24:7: “Lift up your heads, O gates and be lifted up O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in!” Psalm 16:8 (That’s 24 times 7!): “I have set the Lord continually before me...”  
1Thess 5:17: “pray continually;” Neh 4:9: “But we prayed to our God...we set up a guard..day and night.”

Luke 12:35-38: “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes...even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night.”

In Mark 13:34-37, Jesus said the man who leaves his house for a journey “...tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone, ‘Watch!’”

In the next chapter of Mark, in 14:37-38 and similarly in Matthew and Luke, we receive the last instructions of Jesus spoken to His disciples before His crucifixion, before Judas and the crowd arrived, as He spent the night in prayer “...Could you not keep watch for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 24:42: “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” Jesus could have returned to earth within a year of His ascension, instead of over two millennia. Nevertheless, we are to watch as if every day could be the day that the saints are called. A praying Church is the intercession that God requires of His people in order to see His intervention become real.

Isaiah 62:6-7: “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.”

Luke 18:1-8: “Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.... ‘yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice....’ Then the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge said; and shall not God bring about justice for His own elect who cry to Him day and night, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?’”

Persevering prayer is a demonstration of faith. It says I am going to keep on asking and keep on seeking and keep on knocking until there is an answer to the promises of God for the people in my sphere of influence locally and around the world. So we must persevere in confident prayer, keeping watch.

Matthew 7:7-11: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you...how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

Luke 2:37-38: Similar to the devout Simeon, Anna was in “the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers” before the glorious day when they saw the infant Messiah. Similarly, the Church is called to cry out day and night for Christ’s return. “Yes, I AM coming quickly” He replies in Rev 22:20, His last written words.

Mark 2:20: Prayer and fasting is showing devotion for the coming Bridegroom. “But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.” Mark 2:22: No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.” Our local church body must be ever ready as a fresh wineskin to continually pour out the Holy Spirit into our thirsty world.

Matthew 6:6: “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.”  
O, that our reward would be souls saved and lives continually transformed! In Jesus Name, Amen!