

# Prayer in the Darkness

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## I. Importance

Often times some of the “worst” crimes (ex: rapes, murders, thefts) happen at night. However, it does not *have* to be that way.

Unless there is a prayer covering over a city, these “bad things that happen at night” will remain. There **must** be prayer in the night for this very reason. It may not be convenient or even always *enjoyable* to pray in the late hours of the night. We must face the facts and decide what we want more: our *convenience* or praying for a city that needs Godly change; our *enjoyment* or the laying of our lives for a cause far greater than we know or understand.

### Prayer and Fasting

When we pray *and* fast it changes lives! We must first believe and trust God that this statement is true before we can truly understand the significance of night prayer. We must understand that when we pray, it is not just about us and our relationship with Christ. We must pray and intercede for this city before change can occur! Unless we pray and fast, God can't move through us to change things (Mark 9:28-29 AMP).

### Light and Darkness

We must understand that the light **can** outshine the darkness (*blind the darkness*). John 1:5 (AMP) says: “light shines into the darkness and the darkness did not understand it; and the darkness cannot overpower it”. The darkness *cannot* overpower the light because “light *always* pierces the darkness.”

### Dying People

We **must** recognize that we are in a warzone. Not of earthly powers, but of spiritual ones.

It's like this: a ship has capsized and souls are drowning. We have two choices: we can either rescue them or let them drown and die. Without prayer and fasting, the hope we have of reaching out to others (and they accepting) is far lesser than if we *do* pray and fast. If we want to see this city changed, we **must** pray and fast. There are no in-betweens.

## II. Organized Prayer Topics

There must be organization in the prayer topics. These topics will be shown on the screen during prayer time. Certain sections will remain on screen longer than others. The subtopics will be looped for the entire time the main topic is being prayed for. Some subtopics will have specific verses to pray over in that specific area. You do not have to follow the *exact* subtopics, but we ask that your prayers be specific to the active main topic.

## State and National Government

First of all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way (1 Timothy 2:1-2 AMP).

- Judges (Judicial Branch)
- President (Executive branch)
- Members of Congress (Legislative Branch)
- State Governor
- Government Agencies
- Godly men and women will be elected that won't waiver in Godly convictions

## Local Government

- Police department
- City hall
- Mayor
- Judges
- City Council
- School Board

## Local Media and National Moral Matters

- News Media (TV and paper)
- Entertainment (TV, music, internet)
- Events (ex: concerts)
- Abortion
- Gay marriage

## Education System

- Truth would win out
- Teachers would see and teach truth
- Politics would die
- Good, Godly priorities would be set into place
- First Priority would be a light to peoples lives in Tallasse High School

## Prayer Wall

- Prayer for items on the prayer wall (and each specific section)

## Freedom for People (specifically in Tallasse)

- Drug use would stop and God would take that void trying to be filled
- Broken homes would end
- Homosexuality would end

- Name of Tallassee will be changed *from* “Little Miami” (Isaiah 62:4)
- Sexually activity (outside wedlock) would end and Godly relationships would take it’s place
- Gossip would end and be replaced with prayer
- Religion would be replaced with relationship with God
- Political discord would end (specifically within the church and school system)
- Citywide rejection of “those who don’t fit in their own little group” would end (Galatians 5:20)
- Jealousy would be replaced with contentment
- Demonic activities would cease (drugs, witchcraft, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, certain music and television, etc)
- Church divisions would be replaced with harmony and unity
- Fruits of the Spirit to flow from the lives of people in Tallassee (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Disrespect for authority (rebellion) would be replaced with respect and honor of the authority (Romans 13:1-5)
- Hatred, bitterness, and un-forgiveness will be replaced by the Fruits of the Spirit
- “Fire-insurance” teaching would end, to be replaced by relationship with God, and discipleship
- Freedom would reign in peoples lives (chains would be *forever* broken)
- Depression would leave and hope would come
- Generational curses would be broken (Leviticus 26:39-42)

### III. Implementation

There must be a way to implement the prayer time. There should be accountability within the week that we should challenge each other to press harder into God each week. We should have goals to meet (these will be personal **and** corporate). If someone is too “busy” or “uncomfortable” to commit to a certain prayer time, then we’re not looking for them to be a set part of this prayer time. We need people who are fully committed to the times they specify (see “Determining Times and Dates”).

#### Order

People can pray at times they feel led to pray at the front by contacting the leader(s) of the prayer time in order to retain order and prevent disorder. Specific worship songs can be requested before service. At the official start of the prayer time, there should be *no* useless conversing (non-prayer oriented discussion) in the main prayer room.

#### Determining Times and Dates

The prayer events will be held two to four times per month on a Friday and/or Saturday starting between 10pm and 12am without an official “end” time.

Every week there will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to commit to a certain prayer night. On this sheet, the specific times he or she would be willing to come in at and his or her name should be added into the list. He or she can sign up for as many dates and times as is possible. Dates will be set on how many people committed to that particular night. Some nights will have an earlier start time, while others will have later start time.

## Recommendations

We ask that those who are committing to a specific date spend *at least* two days out of the week fasting (this includes food **and** daily luxuries such as TV; they *do not* have to be consecutive days). Also there should be personal goals with accountability partners and/or groups.

There will also be corporate goals for each month (specific chapters out of the Bible to study, for example). These should be completed at least once before the prayer night.

During prayer time there will be worship, reading and praying of the scripture, and prayer.