

Weekly Prayer Strategy

16 October – 21 October 2017

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Stewart Bishop entitled: Rebuilding The Walls.

Prayer Point 1

But when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious, completely enraged, and he ridiculed the Jews. ²He spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Can they restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the heaps of dust *and* rubbish, even the ones that have been burned?" ³Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Even what they are building—if a fox should get up on it, he would break down their stone wall." ⁴[And Nehemiah prayed] Hear, O our God, how we are despised! Return their taunts on their own heads. Give them up as prey in a land of captivity. ⁵Do not forgive their wrongdoing and do not let their sin be wiped out before You, for they have offended the builders [and provoked You]. ⁶So we built the wall and the entire wall was joined together to half its *height*, for the people had a heart to work.

- Pray that we will be a Church and community of believers that do not give in to persecution, ridicule, mockery and opposition from the enemy but will stand strong in our faith and in what we are called to do.

Prayer Point 2

- Pray that we will become a Church that allows the Holy Spirit to mould our attitudes in line with God's word.

Prayer Point 3

- Pray that we may be a community of believers that is committed to the cause of the gospel, ready to pay all the sacrifices and work in unity.

Prayer Point 4

Nehemiah 1: 7-9

But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches were being closed, they were very angry. ⁸ They all conspired together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to cause a disturbance in it. ⁹ But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.

Matt. 26:41

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mark 13:33

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Luke 21:36

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

- Pray that we may be a Church sharpened in the art of spiritual warfare knowing how to engage the enemy at every stage.

Prayer Point 5

Nehemiah 1: 14

¹⁴ When I saw *their fear*, I stood and said to the nobles and officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; [confidently] remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and [with courage from Him] fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and for your homes."

- Pray that in all adversity we may never forget the nature of God: His Greatness, His Awesomeness, His Faithfulness and Jehovah God of the angel armies.

Prayer Point 6

Nehemiah 1: 15-20

¹⁵ Now when our enemies heard that we knew about *their plot against us*, and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each one to his work.

¹⁶ From that day on, half of my servants carried on the work while the other half held the spears, shields, bows, and breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah. ¹⁷ Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens loaded themselves *so that everyone* worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other. ¹⁸ Every builder *had* his sword secured at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet [to summon the troops] stood at my side. ¹⁹ I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰ Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, gather to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

- Pray that we may be a Church that will always confess our faith in God even when the situation in the natural depicts a different picture.

Prayer Point 7

Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

- Pray that we may have the humility as a Church to acknowledge that God is always the one who builds and we are his servants.