

# THE Watchword

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen;  
All day and 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."

Isaiah 62:6-7

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The purpose of this newsletter is to encourage prayer and passion for a true revival of apostolic Christianity.

The following material is offered in the hopes of provoking zeal and providing a vision of what the church could be if we would fervently pray.

## PRAYER MAKES HISTORY

"The life of Billy Bray was an almost perfect example of the threefold injunction: Rejoice evermore-Pray without ceasing-In everything give thanks.

No sooner was Billy saved that he began at once to look after others. He prayed for his workmates and saw several brought to Jesus in answer to his prayers. He believed in the reality of prayer, and he meant to be answered whenever he interceded for the souls of his comrades. Bray began publically to exhort men to repent and turn to God about a year after his conversion. Toward the end of 1824 his name was put on the Local Preacher Plan, and his labours were much blessed in the conversion of souls.

Billy could not tolerate deadness as he expressively called it, either in a professing Christian or in a meeting. There was great excitement in many of his meetings; some singing, some praying, some shouting, and some dancing, scenes that were once quite common among the Cornish Methodist people.



Billy Bray

In regard to fasting Billy would say, "On Sunday I get my breakfast and dinner from the King's table, two good meals too, and I would not exchange this food from heaven for the richest dinner on earth; or I have had a good slice off my Heavenly Father's great loaf this morning." The practice of fasting never quenched Billy's life of joy and praise, for he would be jumping and dancing almost every moment when not otherwise engaged, he never seemed to want food, and he never seemed dull or fatigued.

Billy Bray's ministry was effectual because he prayed much. By prayer he opened the hand of God when it was filled with blessings."

(Billy Bray: The King's Son  
F.W. Bourne - Schmul Publishing)

"It is truer to say that we  
live the Christian life in  
order to pray, than that we  
pray in order to live the  
Christian life."

P.T. Forsyth

## BOOKS WORTH READING

### **I Saw The Welsh Revival**

**David Matthews**

*'a firsthand report of the Welsh revival of 1904'*

Endtime Handmaidens

### **David Brainerd's Testimony**

**Walter Searle**

*'a rich diary of prayer for a revival of the American Indians'*

Baker Book House

### **The Soul of Prayer**

**P.T. Forsyth**

*'a stirring challenge to our motivation in prayer'*

Schmul Publishing Co.



## A TIME TO PRAY

**Western Hills Church**

Mon-Fri 6 am auditorium

Sat 8 am basement

Sun 8 am auditorium

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prayer watch

"...that in all things,  
He (Jesus Christ) may have the  
preeminence."

(Col 1:15-18)

