## WHY SLEEP YE? RISE AND PRAY, LEST YE ENTER INTO TEMPTATION.

Luke 22:46

I HEN is the Christian most liable to sleep? Is it not when his temporal circumstances are prosperous? Have you not found it so? When you had daily troubles to take to the throne of grace, were you not more wakeful than you are now? Easy roads make sleepy travellers. Another dangerous time is when all goes pleasantly in spiritual matters. Christian went not to sleep when lions were in the way, or when he was wading through the river, or when fighting with Apollyon, but when he had climbed half way up the Hill Difficulty, and came to a delightful arbour, he sat down, and forthwith fell asleep, to his great sorrow and loss. The enchanted ground is a place of balmy breezes, laden with fragrant odours and soft influences, all tending to lull pilgrims to sleep. Remember Bunyan's description: "Then they came to an arbour, warm, and promising much refreshing to the weary pilgrims; for it was finely wrought above head, beautified with greens, and furnished with benches and settles. It had also in it a soft couch, where the weary might lean." "The arbour was called the Slothful's Friend, and was made on purpose to allure, if it might be, some of the pilgrims to take up their rest there when weary." Depend upon it, it is in easy places that men shut their eyes and wander into the dreamy land of forgetfulness. Old Erskine wisely remarked, "I like a roaring devil better than a sleeping devil." There is no temptation half so dangerous as not being tempted. The distressed soul does not sleep; it is after we enter into peaceful confidence and full assurance that we are in danger of slumbering. The disciples fell asleep after they had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountain top. Take heed, joyous Christian, good frames are near neighbours to temptations: be as happy as you will, only be watchful.

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's Morning and Evening

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"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

ISAIAH 56:7

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#### THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day."

1 Kings 8:28

#### CHURCH MINISTRIES

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Nursery Kathi Lamb/Leah Dickey
Kindergarten Class Josh & Ashley Wilson
First, Second Grades Mabel Otamias/Charlotte Thornton
Third-Fifth Grades Valerie Rueckert/Jackie Young

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Sixth-Twelfth Grades Anthony & Anna Johnson

College and Career Class Brian & Robin Babin

Adult Bible Class Randy Raiford
Sunday School of the Air Class LeGrand Lamb
Ladies' Bible Class Gayle Waits
Special Adults' Class Joy Garrison

Primary Church Paul & Donna Hancock/Loraine Marcus

Special Adults' Service LeGrand Lamb/David Hollis

Sunday School Superintendent Josh Wilson

#### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

#### Dave and Kathy Cook

Serving in Manitoba, Canada

- Please continue to pray for Kathy's health.
- Pray for God's blessings on the works the Cooks have started.

#### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

#### **Health Needs**

Janet Brock Cathy Davis Pearl Marcus
Robert Crocker Jerry Dickey Sheryl Woodward
Jackie Lightfoot

#### Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Mary Sue Allen Montez Haley Geraldine Sizemore
Robert Duke Marlene Jackson Bette Talley
Lou Rutherford

#### **Special Requests**

Robert Crocker – cancer Montez Haley – cancer

Amy Graham (Don and Jean Graham's daughter-in-law) - cancer

Lou Rutherford - cancer

#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER**

Jay Babin Shayna Lightfoot
Jeremiah Babin Arphaxad Otamias
Julia Layne Markell Strong
Geon Lee Charisma Yeluri
Hyun Lee Emily Young

#### SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Jim Boyce	Charity Lamb	Natalie LeCroy
Jonathan Dickey	Chris Lamb	Jasmine Lee
Leah Dickey	Kathi Lamb	Molly McLain
April Everett	LeGrand Lamb	Jani Pickett
Joy Garrison	Elise LeCroy	Melanie Saruse
Mary Beth Garrison	Ethan LeCroy	Dale Scruggs