

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

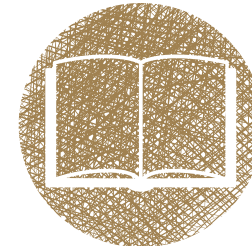
LUKE 22:46

WHEN 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 arbor, 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 odors and soft influences, all tending to lull pilgrims to sleep. Remember Bunyan's description: "Then they came to an arbor, 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 arbor 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 neighbors to temptations: be as happy as you will, only be watchful.

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

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BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING

"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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

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THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER

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"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning
will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Psalm 5:3

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Music Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Bus Ministry
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Special Needs Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 16)	Benevolence Ministry
Website (www.gleniris.net)	AWANA Youth Program
Gospel Outreach and Visitation	Blazers for Christ Ministry
Jail Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey and Kathi Lamb	Nursery
Josh and Ashley Wilson	Preschool
Rob and Laine Ferrill	First-Fifth Grades
Anthony and Anna Johnson	Sixth-Twelfth Grades
Brian and Robin Babin	College and Career
Don Graham	Sunday School of the Air
Gayle Waits	Ladies' Bible Class
Joy Garrison	Special Adults' Class
Paul and Donna Hancock	Primary Church
Bart and Brooke Booth	Children's Church
Josh Wilson	Sunday School Superintendent

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Bill and Sandy Younger

Good Shepherd Ministries - Haiti

- Please pray for God's continued blessings on these ministries.
- Pray for the needs of these young people, both physically and spiritually, to be met.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Health Needs

Janet Brock	Gary Dennison	Stan Waits
Jack Criswell	Jerry Dickey	Sheryl Woodward
Robert Crocker	Gloria Randolph	Buddy York

Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Mary Sue Allen	Bill Leon	Pearl Marcus
Sonia Boyer	Jackie Lightfoot	Polly Mays
Jackie Gullede		Geraldine Sizemore

Special Requests

Eldon Joslen - Aspire Physical Recovery at Cahaba River
Pastor Ken Taylor (Upper Room Baptist) - health concerns
Gail Waits - recovering

DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays
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COLLEGE AND CAREER

Jay Babin	Stephen Ferrell	Win Otamias
Jeremiah Babin	Geon Lee	Caralise Roach
Walton Ferguson	Hyun Lee	Savannah Saruse
Candie Ferrill	Shayna Lightfoot	Charisma Yeluri
Carlie Ferrill		Sara Young