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

On April 9, 1865, Lee met Grant in the parlor of a private home at Appomattox Court House. He surrendered his army and brought an end to four long years of death and devastation called the Civil War. In the same year a 36 year old Englishman by the name of William Booth declared war on Satan, sin and the flesh by organizing the Salvation Army.

One of the most effective weapons in General Booth's arsenal was fervent prayer. It was not unusual for Booth to hold an "all night of prayer" when he came to preach the Word of God. People would flock the alter everywhere he went. "The power of God was wonderfully manifest in the meetings...people were frequently stricken down, overwhelmed with a sense of the presence and power of God."

The Salvation Army's success at freeing the captives was uncanny, especially when one considers those who it strived to reach. Booth's battle cry was "Go for souls and go for the worst."

"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers."
I Pet 4:7

Gen. William Booth

Booth's success attracted not only supporters but also enemies. Those who served in the Army were pelted with hot coals, sprayed with tar and burning sulphur, beat, stoned and even kicked to death in the streets. The Salvation Army resisted their enemies with a cheerful "God bless you", and a prayer.

Night after night Booth would come home bleeding and bruised after being attacked for preaching in the slums of England. After such nights of testing he would take his wife's hand and say, "Kate, let me pray with you." Then he would rise from his knees armed with fresh courage and hope.

Once while traveling, Gen. Booth's car was detained. He took advantage of the opportunity and exhorted some bystanding factory workers. "Some of you men never pray, you gave up praying long ago. But I'm going to say to you, won't you pray for your children that they may be different?" Within minutes 700 men knelt in silent prayer.

During the course of William Booth's ministry he traveled 5,000,000 miles and preached 60,000 sermons. God help us in this desperate and distracted day in which we live to heed Booth's advice. "Work as if everything depended upon **your** work, and pray as if everything depended upon **your** prayer."

BOOKS WORTH READING

The General Next to God
R. Collier
'a gripping picture of William Booth's life of sacrifice & self-denial.'
Salvation Army Pub.

Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians
James G. Lawson
'spirit-filled moments of truth in the lives of great Christians leaders.'
Warner Press

When the Fire Fell
George T.B. Davis
'a book that highlights the history of revivals and encourages prayer.'
Schmul Publishing Co.

A TIME TO PRAY

Mon-Fri 6 am
auditorium
Sat 8 am basement
Sun 8 am auditorium

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"...that in all things, He (Jesus Christ) may have the preeminence."
(Col 1:15-18)