

# PRAYERLINK

## PRAYER DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

**It's TIME! Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am LOCAL time (your time zone).**

The goal is to have ALL 50 states speaking this into the atmosphere. There will be a wave of declarations spoken across our nation for 6 hours!

### **NOTE:**

**January 2025 marks 3 years of speaking out God's Word over our state!** Please take this month to gather your county team for fellowship after the declaration.

### REMINDERS:

1. PRAY about where to do the Declarations the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month. *Pray, rather than think.* God knows the best place. It could be a governmental building, but it also could be a parking lot and God knows something you do not.
2. These should be done OUTSIDE. We speak these into the atmosphere.
3. **START promptly at 8:00am local time**
4. God designed this to be simple so everyone can be involved. Therefore, we do not suggest you add anything to the 15 min time. (unless otherwise specified for the month)
5. **PLEASE SHARE YOUR PICTURES!** Go the monthly Blog at PrayerLink.us and post them.
6. Please do not post the declarations on social media. Share them via email or text.

**If you know anyone who wants to receive the declarations, send them to [PrayerLink.us](https://PrayerLink.us) and have them click on **CONNECT**. They can sign up there and will be added to our list.**

### **Schedule - - Declarations**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month from 8:00am – 8:15am local time**

**Feet on ground in your county – wherever God tells you to go**

2025 Dates: Feb. 8, March 8, Apr. 12, May 10, June 14

July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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Dear Prayer Link Team,

**January 2025 marks 3 years of speaking out God's Word over our state!** At times it seems this journey began just yesterday, at others, I cannot remember the time before this assignment. God has accomplished many of His purposes for our state these past 3 years because of each of you and your faithfulness to what He asked us to do.

Over the last two years we have spent time between the porch and altar, weeping over our nation (Joel 2). This last year we spent repairing the gates and building the wall around our state and our nation. We girded our families with a sword, spear and bow (Neh. 4:13). We rebuilt the wall with one hand laid to the work before us and the other hand held the weapon of the Word of God (Neh. 4:17). *"We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against the enemy day and night"* through 24/7 prayer (Neh. 4:9). Some labored with the rising of the sun and others with the appearance of the stars.

The prayers within our states were heard by our heavenly Father and He relented. We cannot simply rest in the November win and hope that all goes well. Now that the wall is secure, the enemy will come with new tactics to attempt a breach. Just as Nehemiah, we cannot focus on the enemy or the distractions he sends our way, for God has called us to a great work and we cannot leave the wall to engage the enemy (Neh. 6:3).

It is now imperative that we each take our place on the Wall as Watchmen or at the Gate as Gatekeepers; each one as God has called. We have put on His armour, so that we can stand against evil and HAVING DONE ALL, WE STAND! (Ephesians 6:13). STAND on the wall or at the gate, STAND where God has assigned you. *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful"* (Hebrews 10:23).

Let's celebrate this 3-year milestone by gathering together in your counties for breakfast/brunch after the declarations. God's purpose in these declarations has always been two-fold: 1) speak out His Word over our state, and 2) build strong heart-to-heart connections amongst the intercessors. I now understand this to be similar to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> commandments: 1) love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and 2) love others as yourself. Paul said it well in 1 Cor. 13:2, *"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.**"* We meet and gather face-to-face to form these strong bonds of love. We honor our Lord by honoring and loving one another.

WE WILL WAR AS ONE, so let us begin 2025 standing together in our counties. It is my honor to serve with each of you!

Because of His sacrifice,  
*Dr. Keena K. Cowsert*

## BACKGROUND on WATCHMEN and GATEKEEPERS

### READ before declaration Saturday....

Watchmen and Gatekeepers are both to be vigilant and alert and their roles are crucial to the protection of the city.

**WATCHMEN** are to keep watch day and night, watching for anyone approaching the city. Watchmen patrol and guard the city, in a constant state of readiness and alert. They need a keen sense of observation, integrity and prompt responsiveness to all arising issues. They would alert the Gatekeepers to any potential threats or anyone of significance that was approaching by blowing the trumpet.

The spiritual context is more than warning of danger, but guiding others to righteousness and repentance (Matt. 24:42-44). They were tasked with calling upon the Lord, seeking His guidance, and persistently interceding for the well-being of the people. The watchman's role is intimately connected to prayer and intercession. It is through persistent communion with God that the watchman receives divine guidance, discernment, and the ability to effectively fulfill their calling.

**GATEKEEPERS** were responsible for manning the watch and opening and closing the gates. Gatekeepers had oversight of the gates of the Lord's house/the Temple. Gatekeepers were also tasked with discerning the intent and character of those seeking entrance. They were the first line of defense for the city.

In ancient cultures, gates were more than just points of entry; they were places of business, judgment, and assembly. City gates often served as gathering places where legal decisions were made, disputes were settled, and important messages were conveyed. Gatekeepers had the authority to control access to these public spaces, making their position crucial to both the spiritual and civic life of the community.

The gates of a city or temple symbolized boundaries—between sacred and profane, between inside and outside, and between order and chaos. Gatekeepers stood at these boundaries, serving as protectors and enforcers of societal and religious norms.

## STAND FIRM

### Stand on the Wall

*"I have posted WATCHMEN on your walls" [Jerusalem] that you will "never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest" (Isaiah 62:6). Father, I accept Your call to be a WATCHMAN standing on the wall of my city, day and night. I will exhibit unwavering attention and an acute awareness of the spiritual climate surrounding my city, state and nation.*

*Being now "reconciled in the body of His flesh through death," I will "continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast; not moved away from the hope of the gospel" so that I may be "holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight" as I take my position on the wall (Colossians 1:22-23).*

*I declare myself "crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "For through Him, I have access by one Spirit to the Father" (Ephesians 2:18).*

*"Son of man, I have made you a WATCHMAN for the people of Israel; so hear the WORD I SPEAK and give them warning from Me" (Ezekiel 33:7). I will hold fast to Your Word so I may hear Your voice and warn the wicked (Ezekiel 33:8-9).*

*LORD, I will listen and harken unto YOUR Word, rooted in divine truth. I will not heed the voice of man or look to government for the answers. I will look to YOU and YOUR Word. I will "hold fast the confession of my hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23).*

*Isaiah challenged the WATCHMEN to be actively engaged in their faith, to stand firm in their convictions, and to raise their voices against injustice, falsehood, and spiritual apathy. "Your Word that is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105) and Your Word will show me how to engage in my city.*

*Therefore, I "shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before me, and the God of Israel will be my rear guard" (Isaiah 52:12). If I move only when You move and go only where You go, I go with Your protection.*

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Father, I acknowledge that *“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the WATCHMEN stays awake in vain”* (Psalm 127:1). For the battle is not mine, but Yours, Lord (2 Chronicles 20:15).

I will declare Your promise of redemption to my community (Ezekiel 33:11) by being salt to the earth and light to the world (Matthew 5:13- 16). I will walk in faith even when I cannot see what You, Lord, are doing behind the scenes.

*“For I walk by faith, not by sight”* (2 Corinthians 5:7) as *“faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”* (Hebrews 11:1). Therefore, I will *“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong”* (1 Corinthians 16:13).

*“Listen! Your WATCHMEN lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes”* (Isaiah 52:8). Father, I will watch and wait like the five wise virgins, keeping my lamp trimmed with oil, looking for Your coming (Matthew 25).

## Stand at the Gate

Father, I will prepare myself to stand at the GATES. I will *“submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from me.”* I will *“draw near to God and He will draw near to me.”* I will *“cleanse my hands and purify my hearts”* that I be not double-minded (James 4:7-8) and that I *“should no longer be tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men”* (Ephesians 4:14). I will *“pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness”* (1 Timothy 6:11).

I recognize that while I stand guard at the GATE, *“the Lord is my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer”*; (2 Samuel 22:2) *“my God, my strength in whom I trust; my buckler and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower”* (Psalm 18:2). My soul will *“wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved”* (Psalm 62:5-6). Because He is my rock, I can stand firm at the GATE.

Thank You, Father, that You *“chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace”* (Ephesians 1: 4-6). Thank You, Father, that You have entrusted the city to us as WATCHMEN and GATEKEEPERS.