

Prayer Focus
September 25th-October 1st

Changing of the Seasons

As I was praying about this week's prayer focus for us as watchmen for our state, I heard two things:

1. Trust ME, 2, Persevere

As we left summer behind and entered Fall 2023, we will continue to see very distinct change in our world. Oftentimes when we notice a change in our world such as the fall of a country like the Ukraine and ours along with it but, morally- it will change us too.

God is showing us that changes that occur in the earth, be it, politically, economically, morally, and geographically, etc.- will become more frequent and even more dramatic. However, we, as Believers, will also become more resilient, stronger, more joyful, and hopeful since we know our outcome is in Christ. We will become stronger in our faith, more resilient and far more courageous. Our perspective is no longer producing questions such as, "When will this end?" but, "What is the Lord saying to me and what is He asking of me?"

We too have entered a new season with the Lord. Our trust is growing so much that fear is not a factor in our decision making for the Lord. We are developing a trust in the Lord where we say what Job says in Job 13:15, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him," How amazing how the Holy Spirit has transformed us, prepared us this past season, for the one we have entered. Lord, how glorious and wise You are to build us up with the very thing the enemy plotted to destroy us with. You deserve all our praise. Just like the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us, we can and will persevere in Christ, our Hope of Glory.

Prayer points:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show us the beauty of this past season in detail because we will discover
 mysteries of how He used it to make us more like Him. Write these down. I believe the Lord is
 revealing His deeper purpose for it all though He did not cause any of it.
- 2. Pray about whom you are to share what the Lord has done for you. I believe we are being asked to come alongside other watchmen that have lost their will to keep watch because of this past season.
- 3. Pray for strength and wisdom to persevere in trusting the Lord in this new season so we don't quit from being weary. We will see many personal victories and corporate ones too.

4. Pray our faith increases to ask for the impossible- as we stand. The stakes are high and we serve the Lord on high- so ask Him for the impossible to be done in your life and for the body of Christ. The world will notice and run to our Savior. No one else has better answers.

Scriptures

<u>James 4:2-3</u> "You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

<u>Joel 2:28</u> "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."

<u>Romans 5:3–4</u> "We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope"

<u>Proverbs 3:5-6</u> "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Song

Seasons Change (ft. Michael Ketterer)