

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 12:23

“As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you....” 1 Samuel 12:23

A distinguishing mark of any great and enduring ministry is unceasing prayer. Only prayer that is empowered by the Holy Spirit can be ceaseless, for His energy is unlimited. “Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.” (Jude 20) Only Spirit empowered prayer can make it possible to obey the Scriptures command that, “men ought to pray and not faint.” (Luke 18:1) Only Spirit empowered prayer can respond to the Lord’s call for the Christian to “continue instant in prayer.” (Romans 12:12).

When we fail to pray for others we fail Jesus in His present day ministry of intercession. His invitation to us to join Him in His high priestly ministry is available to all, but unfortunately is accepted only by a few! But those who do accept His invitation impact the world for the Kingdom and for eternity!

“Without ceasing I make mention of you in my prayer.” (Roman 1:9) To join Jesus as He “ever lives to make intercession for them”, will carry us into that place of continual and abiding prayer! Victorious prayer is prayer that gains its objective – it is prayer that touches heaven and subsequently changes earth!

No more excuses – “Prayer without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17