

# Wall of Prayer



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Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

Ole Hallesby, referring to a spiritual awakening and conversion of souls in our country, writes, “The work of the Spirit can be compared to mining. The Spirit’s work is to blast to pieces the sinner’s hardness of heart and his frivolous opposition to God. The period of the awakening can be likened to the time when the blasts are fired. The time between the awakenings corresponds, on the other hand, to the time when the deep holes are being bored with great effort into the hard rock. To bore these holes is hard and difficult, and a task which tries one’s patience...the Spirit calls us to do the quiet, difficult, trying work of boring holy explosive material into the souls of the unconverted by daily and unceasing prayer.”<sup>1</sup>

I recently visited with a friend who told of an enormous “explosion” taking place in the life of her daughter, “Kelsie.” \*\* Seven years ago this family began a journey for which parents are never prepared. Their extremely bright and creative, independent first-born was showing signs of rebellion. Her dark clothing and countenance and her negative attitude were the first signs of the downward spiral of behaviors that were to come. The internet and social media fueled the lesbian lifestyle and self-destructive behavior she soon embraced. Counselors, youth pastors, believing teens and teachers joined these godly parents in the work of boring holes in the rock hard heart. Day and night these believers pleaded with the Holy Spirit to send someone to light the fuse that would ignite the explosion which would shatter the stone. Along the way, the spiritual battle was great. The enemy seeks to destroy and take captive our teens that were sent for God’s delight. Like Job of old, for His purposes, God had allowed Satan to sift this family.

At one point the family moved from the school district that embraced homosexuality and empowered their daughter; the transition was almost more than all could bear. Yet, God was there with every step whispering, “*Fear not for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...*” *Isaiah 41:10* and “*Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you.*” *Isaiah 43*

The new school brought a more conservative faculty; one teacher in particular challenged Kelsie in her world views. The youth minister’s son was ever faithful in his friendship and encouragement. The first job Kelsie had ever held uncoiled the fuse for the fireworks to begin. She found herself surrounded by a staff of believing teens that loved her and slowly began to strike the match that all had been longing for. Last month, these co-workers counseled, encouraged and supported Kelsie in ending her long-time lesbian relationship and embracing the God of her parents. Overnight, she was transformed. She smiled, she laughed; she revealed a glow that shouted, “GOD.” It was the “workmanship of God” for all to see (Eph. 2:10). As Kelsie grows in her faith, God is revealing another masterpiece.

These are desperate times in the kingdom. Satan is after our young. We must pray for revival; one student at a time. We can’t mend the entire country, but we can pray diligently for those God has entrusted to us. Who knows how many teens sweet Kelsie will bring to God’s light as SHE begins to “bore holes” into other hearts through her prayers and living testimony? Never give up!

In Him.

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\*\*See August-October Wall of Prayer, Prayer Guide

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<sup>1</sup> O.Hallesby, Prayer, Intervarsity Press, London 1948, (multiple reprints) reprint 1968, p. 64

“Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee.” 2 Chr. 14:11