

“But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.”
(Nehemiah 4:9)



Nehemiah who initiated the vision of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, he and the people with him were faced by threat. The word of God tells us the following about that, ⁷ **“But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. ⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.”** (Nehemiah 4:7-8) Always when you do something for God devil will do its best to oppose you and stop you from doing that. Nehemiah and the people with Him face those threats with the following weapons:-

1- Prayer: Nehemiah and the people with him trusted the Lord that He would help them to face that opposition. Prayer is the powerful weapon that the Lord had put in our hands to face and combat the threats and the forces that would come ahead of us as church while we are moving forward to accomplish the task that the Lord had put in our hands to achieve.

2- Posted a guard day and night: The guard is for early discovery of the threat to be aborted on the spot. We as a church need to have discernment to discover early the enemy movements in order to abort all the threats of devil.

The word of God admonish you the following: **“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”** (Colossians 4:2) We need to be attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to what is showing and to what is leading us to pray for.

3-Meet the threat: As Nehemiah and the people with him prayed the Lord met the threat and He led them to do certain arrangement to make them more effective in their work and well shielded from the enemy. ¹³ **“Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows.”** (Nehemiah 4:13) God directed Nehemiah to strengthen the weakest areas, the lowest points, in the wall that could be used by the enemy to penetrate. As we pray as a church God will direct us to do certain measures that will close the gaps and give strength to the weakest points in our lives.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that gave me a sound teaching. I commit my life to obey and to put in practice what I receive from you. Give me Lord strength and perseverance to do that, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



“For nothing is impossible with God.”

(Luke 1:37)

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¹⁸ **“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.”**

(Ephesians 6:18-19)

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