



Shofar Christian Church

Building Lives Through Prayer

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Famous Quotes

Everybody wants to change the world....but
nobody wants to wash the dishes.

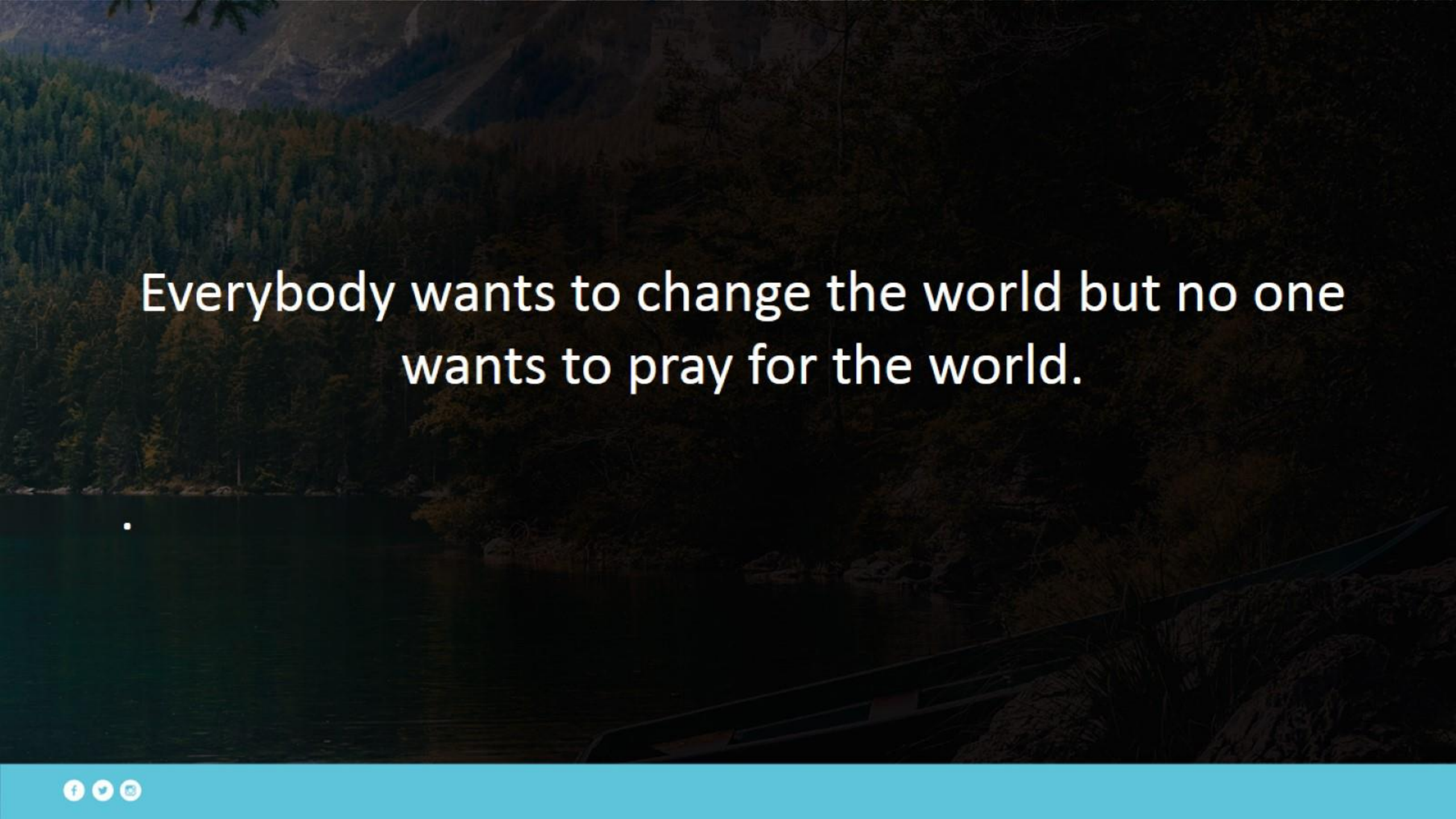
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Everybody wants to change the world but no one
thinks of changing himself.

- Leo Tolstoy



Everybody wants to change the world but no one
wants to pray for the world.

Matthew 26:36-44

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch^[d] with me.”

Matthew 26:36-44

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:36-44

⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

The Anatomy of Prayer: Intimacy

Jesus was open, honest and vulnerable before God, and in front of the disciples.

Genesis 2:25

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Prayer is the place where we are fully accepted; we come to connect with our God and Creator – the Lover of our souls. (Matthew 6:5)

Luke 22:39-44

⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

The Effect of Prayer: God's Intervention

God sends an angel to comfort and strengthen Jesus.

Matthew 6:8

⁸ for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

When we pray we allow God to intervene, both for ourselves and for others.

The Effect of Prayer: Change in us

Jesus repeats the same prayer, progressively receiving strength.

God sends an angel to comfort and strengthen Jesus, to enable him to continue praying and to do God's will.

John 17:6-9 – The High Priestly Prayer

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them.

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John 17:20-23 – The High Priestly Prayer

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:26 – The High Priestly Prayer

²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”