

# PASS THE BUCKETS

Dwight L. Moody (1837 – 1899), a worker in his uncle's shoe store in Boston, was converted to Christianity in 1855 and became an American evangelist and publisher who founded the Moody Church, the Moody Bible Institute and Moody Publishers.

An insight into his view of prayer was offered in an incident that occurred on a trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

Moody had an opportunity to help the crew and other volunteers put out a fire in the hold of the ship. A friend said to Moody as they stood in the bucket line, "Let's go up to the other end of the ship and pray."

Moody was a devout proponent of prayer, but he was also a common-sense evangelist. His reply: "No, sir. We will stand right here, pass buckets, and pray hard all the time we are doing so!"



To be a praying Christian does not mean we pray occasionally, but that we pray continually – wherever we are and in whatever we are doing. Just as ...

- No one can live by taking a breath only once in a while, or survive by taking only a sip of water once a week.
- No person can steer his course with only an occasional puff of wind.
- No person can read by a light that flickers on and off.

So, too, it is with prayer and the Christian life. A Christian cannot maintain a healthy spiritual life by praying occasionally. We must pray always, in all things, in spite of all circumstances.

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).*

– Beecher Hunter