Letters: Open every church; Do more than pray

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Open churches

Shame on Joel Osteen for not opening the doors of his megachurch sooner. No church should be considered inaccessible. When I was a kid I assumed that all churches were open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When I got older I found out that wasn't true. Some churches only had their doors open on Sundays. Many had "No Trespassing" signs which really bothered me because I knew that "The Lord's Prayer" said, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us".

I would like to encourage all ministers, priests, and pastors to open their church doors and pull up their No Trespassing signs. I think that churches should be open to everyone, all the time.

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Only praying?

I am one of those "leftist activists" pastor <u>Johnnie Moore</u> talks about in his column. He defends his activities on the president's "evangelical advisory council" and seems to blame others for the problems facing this White House.

Since he is on this high-profile "advisory council" I am wondering just what kind of advice he and his fellow "evangelicals" are giving the president and what effect is he seeing? Seems to me the president is getting worse every day rather than better. Could he share with us what he is telling the

president about contempt for the poor, cutting access to medical care for more than 20 million Americans, toadying to the merchants of death in the NRA, bigotry, humility, arrogance, wasting money, lying without ceasing, etc.?

He seems to think "praying" is all that is necessary. Did Nathan tell King David he was "praying" for him and leave it at that? Did Jesus tell the money changers in the Temple He was "praying" for them and ignore their activities?

I worked for the Nixon White House during his last year. He was a scoundrel but, compared to Trump, he was a candidate for sainthood.

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