Calling on Jesus in Our Urgent Need!

**Join us for**

**100 Days of Prayer**

Dear Praying Church Members Worldwide:

What an exciting time in history to be alive! While all around the world men’s hearts are failing them for fear, we can move forward in faith with our eyes fixed firmly upon Jesus. He is in control! Nothing catches Him by surprise—not tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, fires, or even a worldwide pandemic. He is still on the throne.

For many months now, plans have been in process for a very special prayer initiative called 100 Days of Prayer. We believe God orchestrated the timing for the 100 Days of Prayer far in advance. This prayer initiative, scheduled to run March 27 – July 4, 2020, was originally intended to focus on praying for the Holy Spirit outpouring on the 2020 General Conference Session in Indianapolis. However, with the Coronavirus pandemic sweeping our world, and with many unsettling events now taking place, what better time to be pressing together as a church in prayer as we seek strength in time of crisis, as well as Holy Spirit power for the mission before us.

I want to encourage you to take part in this very special prayer initiative. While the General Conference Session will no longer be occurring in June of 2020 as originally planned (it will now take place May 20-25, 2021, at the Indianapolis Convention Center—please watch ANN or the Adventist Review website for updates on the General Conference Session), we will continue to pray for the Holy Spirit outpouring on our lives, our church, and on our leaders. In addition, we will also be praying for all the people infected with COVID-19 or who have loved ones suffering. We will be praying for those struggling in isolation, for wisdom for our government leaders, and for the advancement of the mission of our church in these challenging times. Each day specific prayer requests will be shared.

As we prepare our hearts for this 100 Days of Prayer, beginning March 27th, 2020, let’s remember the promise of Jer. 29:13: “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” The Lord also tells us: “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me” Ps. 50:15. What a promise for today!

We are in the midst of a worldwide crisis. How can we respond? In the book *Prophets and Kings,* we see how Elijah responded to the crisis in His day.

It was because Elijah was a man of large faith that God could use him in this grave crisis in the history of Israel. As he prayed, his faith reached out and grasped the promises of Heaven, and he persevered in prayer until his petitions were answered. He did not wait for the full evidence that God had heard him, but was willing to venture all on the slightest token of divine favor. And yet what he was enabled to do under God, all may do in their sphere of activity in God’s service… Faith such as this is needed in the world today—faith that will lay hold on the promises of God’s word and refuse to let go until Heaven hears” (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 157).

God is looking for the Elijah’s of today—men and women who will pray in faith and take Him at His Word! Let’s be that person who will not stop praying until heaven hears.

**What to expect during the 100 Days of Prayer:**

* Each Friday (starting on March 27th for 15 weeks total) there will be an inspirational reading or testimony giving hope and courage as we seek God’s wisdom in our time of great need.
* Each day specific prayer requests reflecting ongoing needs will be e-mailed out for all those who register online. Prayer requests on behalf of your church/conference/union/division can be submitted and will be considered for inclusion in these daily mailings. See note below.
* Additional books and resources to help you go deeper in your walk with God, as well as outreach ideas for these challenging times, will be recommended and shared each week.

It’s time to pray! While we may not be able to pray in person with our church family, there are still many ways that we can join together *electronically* via phone, video conferencing, or other social media outlets. Even when we are not always together, we are still united in Spirit, and prayer can go places we cannot go. So let’s press together on our knees as we seek God’s mercy in our time of urgent need.

In the Blessed Hope!

Ted N.C. Wilson

And the General Conference Prayer Ministry Leadership

**If you haven’t signed up for the 100 Days of Prayer, you can do so by visiting:** [**www.revivalandreformation.org/100days**](http://www.revivalandreformation.org/100days)

\*Note: If someone would like to submit a prayer request regarding the needs of their community or local church/conference, they can submit these by filling out the form on [www.RevivalAndReformation.org/100days](http://www.RevivalAndReformation.org/100days) and our General Conference Prayer leadership will consider the possibility of including those requests in upcoming prayer mailings. Due to the rapidly changing needs around the world, devotionals and prayer requests will only be released 1-2 weeks in advance for translators. Watch the [www.RevivalandReformation.org](http://www.RevivalandReformation.org) website for availability of these materials.