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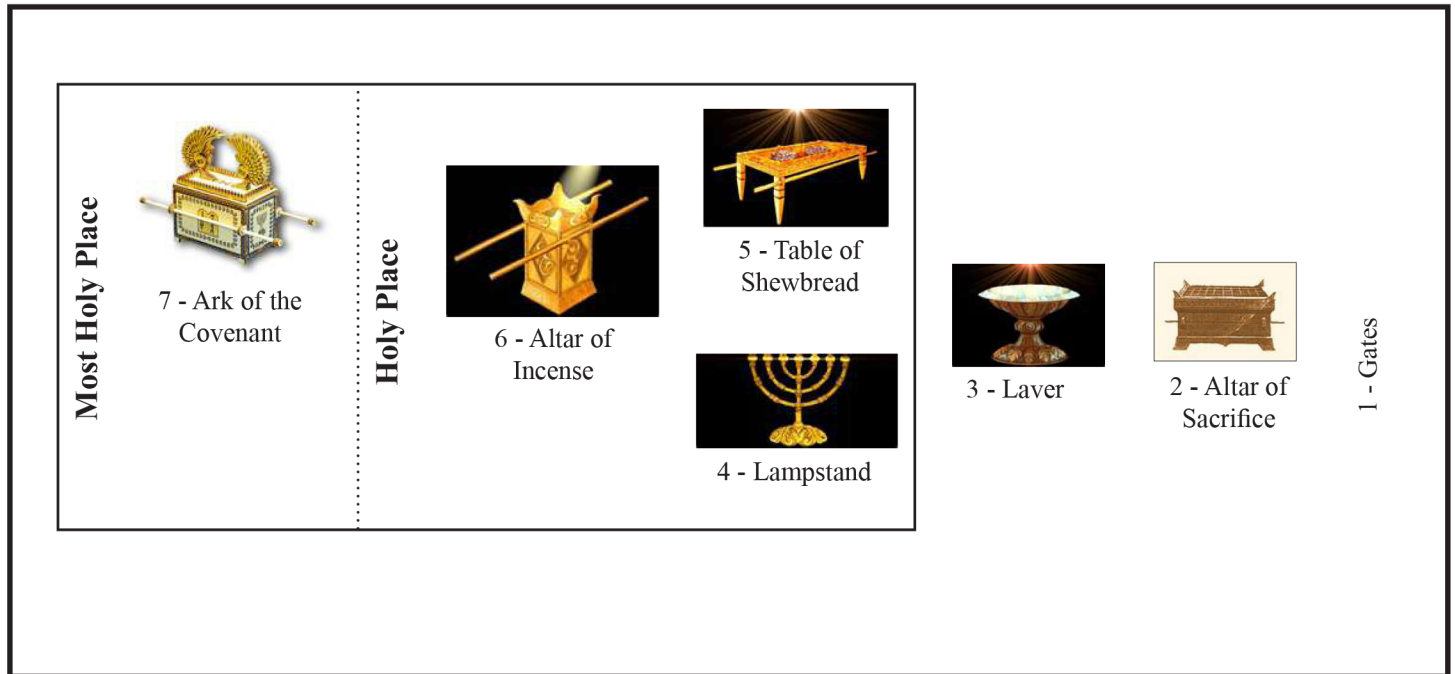
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The Sanctuary A Model for Prayer



KEY

1. Enter with praise - Psalm 100; Luke 10:21.
2. Confession - 1 John 1:8-9; Romans 10:9; 2 Timothy 2:19.
3. Washing through the Word/Listen to God - Ephesians 5:25-26; John 17:17.
4. Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Luke 11:13; Galatians 5:22-25.
5. Strength for the day - John 6:32-33; Romans 13:12-14; Put on the whole armor of God - Ephesians 6:10-18 (see p. 28).
6. Intercession - Philippians 1:3-4; Romans 1:9-10.
7. Experience intimate communion - Psalm 16:8, 11. Enter into the heavenly sanctuary with Christ - Hebrews 10:19, 20 (in the context of Matt 27:51a, Hebrews 9:8-14, Hebrews 10:11-22).

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Leader's Guide

Welcome!

Welcome to Ten Days of Prayer 2017! God has worked many miracles through the Ten Days of Prayer program since it began as Operation Global Rain in 2006. The Holy Spirit has wrought revival, conversions, renewed passion for evangelism, and healed relationships. Truly, prayer is the birthplace of revival!

These guidelines are meant to help you as a leader. The first section covers topics related to Ten Days of Prayer 2017, and the second part includes pointers that will help you and your prayer group. Remember that these are just resources and ideas. Feel free to change things as the Spirit leads you.

During the Ten Days of Prayer, January 11-21, 2017, your group should meet daily in person or by phone for an hour of united prayer. If your church cannot hold the Ten Days of Prayer between January 11 and 21, then we encourage you to choose another time more suitable. The eleventh day, January 21, falls on Sabbath. This day is a celebration of all God has done in answer to united prayer. We hope these ideas and suggestions will help to make Ten Days of Prayer 2017 a powerful experience for your small group or church family.

As you embark on this journey, take time to read the testimonies of those who participated in Ten Days of Prayer 2016:

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General Ten Days of Prayer Items

Why a Prayer Journey Through the Sanctuary?

The subject of the sanctuary should be carefully studied, as it is one of the foundation stones of our faith and hope. It shows us the work that Christ is doing for us. It reveals to us His character. It also tells us what Christ expects from us and how we should live on earth. It reminds us that we should live with a view of eternity and that we cannot do anything in our own power. It is only because of Christ and His sacrifice that our sins can be forgiven and His righteousness given to us.

Daily Theme Sheets

A theme sheet has been prepared for each of the ten days. The first page gives a suggested plan for the prayer time and includes ideas for specific prayer items and songs to sing together. The second page contains passages from the Bible and Ellen White that add insight to the night's theme. We recommend that you copy the theme sheets so each participant can have one to follow during the prayer time. These could be copied front to back.

Churches around the world will unite in praying about each day's theme. Join them in praying through the Scriptures, quotes, and prayer suggestions on each theme sheet. The more focused you stay on the theme, the more meaningful the prayer time will be. However, you are not constrained to stick solely to the theme sheet; simply let it guide you. You don't have to pray through each point in order—they are just suggested items to include.

Sanctuary Background

Make sure your group is familiar with the wilderness sanctuary built by Moses according to God's instructions. Read Exodus 40 together or encourage group members to review it at home. If possible, bring a picture or diagram of the sanctuary to each meeting so the group can visualize the layout.

You may have group members who have not previously studied the relationship between the earthly sanctuary, the heavenly sanctuary, and the plan of salvation. If so, you may want to meet together before the Ten Days of Prayer to introduce the topic with a simple Bible study.

Ellen White Passages on the Different Parts of the Sanctuary

We have included several Bible verses and passages from Ellen White for each night. These passages talk about different parts of the sanctuary and why they are relevant to us. We suggest that you read these together with the group. This could be done at the beginning of the prayer time, to set the stage for the day's theme, or somewhere halfway through the prayer time.

Suggested Times for Each Prayer Section

How much time you spend on each section of prayer will probably vary somewhat each time you pray together. The following timeframes are suggestions for what typically works well:

- **Welcome/Introduction:** 2-5 minutes
- **Reading of Scripture and Ellen White Passages:** 3 minutes
- **Praising God in the Prayer Time:** 10 minutes
- **Confession and Claiming Victory over Sin in the Prayer Time:** 3-5 minutes
- **Supplication and Intercession in the Prayer Time:** 35 minutes
- **Thanksgiving in the Prayer Time:** 10 minutes

Intercede for Seven

Encourage each person to ask God to show them seven people to pray for during the ten days. These may be family members, friends, coworkers, church members, etc. Encourage them to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead these seven people to be converted to Jesus. Group members should also ask God to show them how they can pray for specific needs and reach out to their seven people during the ten days.

Sabbath Services During Ten Days of Prayer 2017

Have a special prayer focus and share testimonies of answered prayer during the church services on both Sabbaths. Be creative—there are many ways to share with the church family what is happening during the daily prayer meetings.

Final Sabbath Celebration

The final Sabbath, especially, should be designed as a time of great rejoicing in all that God has done throughout the ten days. Include ample time for testimonies of answered prayer, biblical teaching/preaching on prayer, and singing. Lead the congregation in a time of prayer so that those who have not attended the daily meetings can experience the joy of praying with others. See the Day 11 materials for more ideas.

Follow-up to Ten Days of Prayer 2017—Total Member Involvement

Pray much about how God wants your church/group to continue what He has begun during Ten Days of Prayer 2017. Perhaps you will continue with a weekly prayer meeting. Or perhaps God wants you to begin a new ministry in your church or an outreach to the community. Be open and follow where God leads. You're sure to be amazed as you walk with Him.

We especially encourage you to do something practical for others. We should not only pray for people but also reach out in tangible ways. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has launched a wonderful initiative called Total Member Involvement, and we invite every member and church to join in this outreach. People are hungry for something better, for something we have that they do not have. Let's not keep God's gifts for ourselves but share them. Let's use our talents to tell others about our loving Savior!

We have included a document with suggested activities. Prayerfully choose one or several activities that are suitable for your group, then choose a day, and be the hands and feet of Jesus. If we only pray and do not share Jesus with others, sooner or later we will stop praying. So ask God to show you how to be a witness to those who need Him.

Testimonies

Please share stories of how God has worked through Ten Days of Prayer 2017! Your stories will be an encouragement to many others. Testimonies may be sent to stories@ministerialassociation.org or submitted online at www.tendaysofprayer.org.

United Prayer Pointers

Agree Together

When someone prays a request to God, be sure some others pray for that same request and agree together—this is powerful! Don't think that because one person has prayed about the request, no one else needs to. "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). How encouraging it is to be lifted up in prayer!

Claiming God's Promises

We have prepared a document with different promises that can be claimed in prayer. Encourage the group to claim God's promises as they pray. It is so easy to focus on our problems. But when we claim God's promises, we increase our faith and remind ourselves that nothing is impossible with God. The promises help us take our eyes off of our weaknesses and difficulties and set them on Jesus. For every weakness and every struggle we can find Bible promises to claim. Encourage people to search for more promises and write them down so they can claim them in the future.

"With heartfelt simplicity we should state our needs to the Lord, and claim His promises with such faith and confidence that the congregation will know that we have learned to prevail with God in prayer. They will be encouraged to believe that the Lord's presence is in the meeting, and they will open their hearts to receive His rich blessing. Their faith in your sincerity will be increased, and they will be ready to listen with willing ears to the instruction given by the speaker" (*Evangelism*, p. 146).

Fasting

Invite those joining you in Ten Days of Prayer to consider some type of fasting, such as fasting from TV, secular music, movies, the Internet, sweets, or other types of food that are hard to digest. Use the extra time to pray and study the Bible, asking God to help you and your congregation to abide more fully in Christ. By adopting a simple diet, group members will allow their minds to be more receptive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit

Be sure to ask the Holy Spirit to show you how or what you should pray for in a person's life or in a particular situation. The Bible tells us that we do not know what to pray for and that the Holy Spirit is the one making intercession for us.

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Physical Togetherness

As you begin a united prayer session, invite everyone to come close together. When people move close together to form a tight circle, it helps to promote a spirit of unity, which is very important for united prayer. If people are spread out in a room, it is also difficult to hear one another’s prayers.

Journaling

Keeping a prayer journal during the Ten Days of Prayer can be a good way for participants to internalize the daily prayer theme, make concrete commitments to God, and recognize His blessings to them. Writing out our prayers and keeping a record of God’s answers is a proven path to encouragement.

Journaling could be included in the Ten Days of Prayer in several ways. You could provide time during the prayer meeting for people to journal their responses to God in their private prayer journals. Or you could keep a group journal of prayer requests and answers—either in a notebook, on a large poster, or online. A simple way to do this is to draw a line down the middle of the paper. Write requests in the left column and answers in the right. It is exciting and faith-building to look back and see how God has answered prayers!

Reverence

Encourage and model a reverent attitude. We are approaching the throne room of the King of the universe. Let’s not treat this prayer time carelessly in our posture or mannerisms. However, it is not necessary that everyone kneel continuously. You want people to be comfortable for an hour, so encourage people to kneel or sit or stand as God leads and as they are comfortable.

Sentence Prayers

Prayers should be short and to the point. This gives others an opportunity to pray as well. Try to limit your prayers to a few sentences. Each person can pray multiple times. Short sentence prayers keep the prayer time interesting and allow the Holy Spirit to impress the group how to pray. You don’t need to open and close each short sentence prayer with phrases such as “Dear God” and “Amen.” It is an ongoing conversation with God.

Silence

As a leader, don’t dominate the prayer time. The goal is to get others praying. Times of silence are wonderful, as they give God time to speak to our hearts. Allow the Holy Spirit to work, and give everyone time to pray.

Singing

Spontaneous group songs, mingled between prayers, add beauty to the prayer meeting. Appropriate songs are listed at the end of each theme sheet. Do not feel that you need to use all the songs—these are simply suggestions. Singing is also a good way to transition from one prayer section to another.

Taking Prayer Requests

Don’t ask for prayer requests from the group. Instead, tell people to pray their requests and encourage others to join in agreement and prayer for those requests. Here’s why: time! Talking about the requests will take up most of your prayer time. Satan is thrilled if he can keep us talking about the problem instead of praying about the problem. Group members will often begin counseling and suggesting solutions. The power is from God! The more we pray, the more His power is unleashed.

Your Daily Time

This is so important! Make sure that you as a leader are spending time daily at the feet of Jesus, talking with Him and reading His Word. If you make knowing God a first priority in your life, it will open such a beautiful experience to you. “From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the Great Reformation. There, with holy calmness, the servants of the Lord set their feet upon the rock of His promises” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 210).

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Introduction

Welcome to Ten Days of Prayer 2017! In the ten years since the church started to pray for ten days at the beginning of each year, we have seen God working many miracles. The Holy Spirit has wrought revival, conversions, renewed passion for evangelism, and healed relationships. Truly, prayer is the birthplace of revival!

We believe your life and the lives of those you pray for will be changed as you join fellow church members in praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, whom the Father has promised to give to those who ask Him. Here are a few responses from those who participated in the last Ten Days of Prayer:

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Our Prayer Theme: A Living Sanctuary

During the Ten Days of Prayer 2017, we will take a trip into the sanctuary and try to see what lessons we can learn from it. The subject of the sanctuary should be carefully studied, as it is one of the foundation stones of our faith and hope. It shows us the work that Christ is doing for us. It reveals to us His character. It also tells us what Christ expects from us and how we should live on earth. It reminds us that we should live with a view of eternity and that we cannot do anything in our own power. It is only because of Christ and His sacrifice that our sins can be forgiven and His righteousness given to us.

“The subject of the sanctuary . . . should be clearly understood by the people of God” (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 203). “We all need to keep the subject of the sanctuary in mind. God forbid that the clatter of words coming from human lips should lessen the belief of our people in the truth that there is a sanctuary in heaven, and that a pattern of this sanctuary was once built on this earth. *God desires His people to become familiar with this pattern, keeping ever before their minds the heavenly sanctuary, where God is all and in all.* We must keep our minds braced by prayer and a study of God’s Word, that we may grasp these truths” (*E. G. White Letter 233, 1904*, emphasis supplied).

Suggested Guidelines for the Prayer Times

- Keep your prayers short—just a sentence or two on one topic. Then give others a turn. You can pray as many times as you'd like, just as you talk in a conversation.
- Do not be afraid of silence, as it gives everyone time to listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Singing songs together as the Spirit leads is also a huge blessing. You do not need a piano for this; singing acapella is fine.
- Rather than using up valuable prayer time talking about your prayer requests, simply pray them. Then others can also pray for your requests and claim promises for your need.

Claiming the Promises

When we pray it is so easy to focus on our needs, our difficulties, our challenges—and to wail and whine about our situation. But this is not the purpose of prayer. Prayer is meant to strengthen our faith. That is why we encourage you to claim God's promises in your prayer time. They will help you take your eyes off yourself and your weaknesses and set them on Jesus.

“Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged word of Jehovah and by faith claim His promises” (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71). How can you claim His promises? For instance, when praying for peace, you can claim John 14:27 and say, “Lord, You have told us in Your Word, ‘Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.’ Give me the peace that You promised to leave with us.” Thank the Lord that He is giving you peace, even though you may not feel it right then and there.

We have created a document, “Promises to Claim in Prayer,” with different promises that you can claim. Have the promises nearby when you pray. Claim God's promises in your private and public prayers.

Fasting

We encourage you to do a Daniel Fast during these ten days. Starting the year with prayer and fasting is a great way to consecrate our lives to God for the upcoming year. Ellen White tells us, “Now and onward till the close of time the people of God should be more earnest, more wide-awake, not trusting in their own wisdom, but in the wisdom of their Leader. They should set aside days for fasting and prayer. Entire abstinence from food may not be required, but they should eat sparingly of the most simple food” (*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, pp. 188, 189).

We know about Daniel, who ate fruits and vegetables for ten days. We likewise encourage you to adopt a very simple diet during these ten days. A simple diet that leaves out sugar, processed and refined foods, and sodas can benefit us on different levels. First, eating simply means less time needed to prepare food and more time available to spend with the Lord. Second, the more simple our diet, the easier it is for the stomach to digest it, and the clearer our minds will be. But fasting is not only about abstaining from food. We also encourage you to fast from TV, movies, computer games, and even Facebook and YouTube. Sometimes things that are not bad in themselves, like Facebook and YouTube, can take so much of our time. Put aside everything possible so you can have more time to spend with the Lord.

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Faith

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that “prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 509). “Take time to pray, and as you pray, believe that God hears you. Have faith mixed with your prayers. You may not at all times feel the immediate answer; but then it is that faith is tried. You are proved to see whether you will trust in God, whether you have living, abiding faith. ‘Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.’ Walk the narrow plank of faith. Trust all on the promises of the Lord. Trust God in darkness. That is the time to have faith” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 167).

We are also told that “for any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received” (*Education*, p. 258). So make a habit of thanking God in advance through faith for what He is going to do and how He is going to answer your prayers.

Pray for Seven

We encourage you to pray during these ten days in a special way for seven people whom you would like to see coming closer to God. They can be relatives, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or simply acquaintances. Take some time and ask God whom He would like you to pray for. Ask Him also to give you a real burden for these people. Ask Him what you can do for each person, after the Ten Days of Prayer, to help reveal God’s character of love.

Do Something for Others—Total Member Involvement

Whenever we spend quality time praying, it will lead to meeting people’s needs in practical ways. We encourage you to join the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church in getting involved and sharing the love of Jesus. What would happen if each person who knows the Savior did something to share Christ with others? What would happen if we put aside our selfishness and moved out of our comfort zone to help others experience the love of our wonderful Father? The General Conference has launched an initiative called Total Member Involvement, and we encourage you to be part of it. We have prepared a list of suggested activities that you and your prayer group could do together after the Ten Days of Prayer. As you work to organize everything, just remember to avoid letting these arrangements distract you from praying.

Let’s tell the world the wonderful news of salvation. Let’s do our part so that Christ can come soon and take us all Home!

Unless otherwise noted, Bible texts are quoted from the King James Version (KJV).

10 Days of Prayer 2017 Challenge

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Total Member Involvement

(everybody do something for others)

“For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” Matt. 25:35, 36

In *The Ministry of Healing* we are counseled that “we must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work” (p. 512). It is our privilege to show others the love of Jesus. We have received so much love from our Savior; let’s not keep it for ourselves. Let’s share His love with others.

We encourage you and your church to ask God in prayer how you can reach out to others after the Ten Days of Prayer. Choose one or several activities, choose a day, and be the hands and feet of Jesus. As you work to organize everything, avoid letting these arrangements distract you from praying. Remember that “personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. Before communicating with men, commune with Christ. At the throne of heavenly grace obtain a preparation for ministering to the people” (*Prayer*, p. 313).

We have prepared a list of ways you can help others. Choose whatever fits the needs of the people you are going to serve. Feel free to do something that it is not listed.

1. Cook a meal for someone who has been sick.
2. Invite a neighbor/co-worker to a social gathering.
3. Give food to a homeless person.
4. Donate clothing that you would want donated to you.
5. “Adopt” an elderly person. Visit the person on a regular basis and help with chores, shopping, cooking, or garden work.
6. Bake some bread and share a loaf with a neighbor.
7. Help with neighborhood projects.
8. Offer to stay with a sick or disabled person so their caretakers can run an errand.
9. Participate in neighborhood projects.
10. Introduce yourself to a new neighbor by taking them a meal. Make them feel welcome in the neighborhood.
11. Buy groceries and donate them to a needy family.
12. Donate your old eyeglasses.
13. Offer to give a Bible study.
14. Visit people in nursing homes.
15. Give some “food” money to a student.
16. Collect clothing for the needy. You might start a clothes closet at your church for sharing with those in need.
17. Donate your old laptop or other electronics.
18. Donate a used car.
19. Organize a “Health Expo.”
20. Send a card to a shut-in.
21. Organize an evangelistic series.
22. Call your neighbors and ask how they’re doing.
23. Give someone a book you think they’d like.
24. Pass out GLOW tracts (available for ordering online).
25. Invite someone to accept Jesus.
26. Hold a cooking school.
27. Do the “28 Literature Project.” In Week One, give away one book. Week Two, give away two books. Week Three, give away three books. Continue until you have given away 28 books.
28. Take some food to someone who has lost a loved one.
29. Visit someone in the hospital to encourage them or help them in some way.

30. Read to an elderly person.
31. Visit a children's home and offer your help to the staff.
32. Start a sewing/knitting/crocheting group to make clothes for those in need.
33. Read the Bible aloud for someone who can't see or read.
34. Host a youth night at your home.
35. Volunteer at a shelter for abused persons.
36. Donate some books to a children's home or shelter.
37. Take children from your church to visit a home for elderly people. Present a program for them.
38. Plan and host a fun day for special needs kids and their families.
39. Have a community clean-up day.
40. Start a health club in your church. Invite friends and neighbors.
41. Ask someone if they would like to join you in watching a DVD with a spiritual message. As you watch together, pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the person's heart.
42. Your own project.

For more resources on witnessing, go to www.revivalandreformation.org. Scroll down and on the right side click on the picture that is right above the word "Witnessing".

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A Night of Prayer

Optional All-Night Prayer Meeting for Day 10

Why a Night of Prayer?

There is nothing holy in staying awake and praying a whole night or part of a night. However, night might be the only time when people are not busy or in a rush. We believe that your purpose should not be to stay up the whole night but to pray as long as necessary and until you have prayed for all the things you feel God wants you to pray for.

We suggest that several people lead out during the night. Be sure to have some breaks. As a leader, you can sense the atmosphere and know when a break is needed and when you need to move on to the next section of prayer. We suggest that you take a ten-minute break at least every ninety minutes. You can also incorporate the reading of Bible passages into your prayer time. You may want to do all of the suggested items or only some of them, depending on what is best for your group. Feel free to change the order of the suggested format.

Here is our suggested format for the night of prayer:

- **Start with a session of praise.** Praise God in your prayers and also through songs.
- **Take some time for confession,** making sure that nothing is hindering God from hearing you. Give people time for private confession and have a time of corporate confession. Encourage the people to confess private sins privately and to confess publicly the public sins. In Daniel 9:1-19 we read about Daniel, who interceded and publicly confessed the sins of God's people. Encourage people to confess publicly the sins of the church.
- **Pray for the needs of those present at the prayer meeting.** So many people are hurting or in need of prayer, or know someone else who is in desperate need of prayer. Make a circle, put a chair in the middle, and invite those who have a special prayer request to come one by one and share their requests. Then gather around the person and have two or three people pray for the person's specific need and claim God's promises. You will be surprised at how many people are hurting and in need of prayer.
- **Divide the group in two.** Have the females pray in one room and the males in another. Have a female leader for the female group and a male leader for the male group. Many times there are personal needs that cannot and should not be shared with everyone. It is easier to share with those of the same gender.
- After you come back together, **pray for the list of needs found below.**
- **Pray for the seven people** you have prayed for during these ten days.
- **Choose a Bible passage and pray through it.**
- **Close the prayer time with another session of praise and thanksgiving.**

Prayer Needs

- Pray that we will lift up Christ and Him crucified and coming again—for He is our Savior and Lord, who has given us His last warning message of love and redemption to proclaim to the world.
- Pray for all church members to feel a burden for souls as we follow in Christ's steps and interact with those who need a personal relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for a spiritual revival for Seventh-day Adventist young people attending public colleges and universities worldwide. Pray that they become vibrant ambassadors and missionaries for Christ.
- Pray for Adventist Mission as it coordinates church planting projects around the world and seeks the funds needed to send Global Mission pioneers into unentered areas.
- Pray for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries as they mobilize chaplains and interested members to minister to those in prison.
- Pray that we spend more time on eternal values through Bible study and prayer. Pray for God's will to be done rather than our own, and ask that the Holy Spirit will keep us from worldly influences and trends that threaten our daily spiritual experience.
- Pray that the young people of our church will not be afraid to crucify self.
- Ask God for godly, teachable, and humble church leaders who will portray Christ-centered leadership in the church's mission to proclaim the three angels' messages. And pray that Christ's righteousness will be at the core of these messages.
- Pray that we will organize many "centers of influence" in large cities around the world. Pray that these centers make a real difference in lives as people discover God's truth through Christian service.
- Pray that we point people to Christ and His righteousness as the only way to eternal life.
- Pray for increased emphasis on "Revival and Reformation" throughout the world. Pray for this revival for yourself, your family, your church, and your community. Pray also for engagement in worldwide prayer activities, as we plead together for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit and the fulfilment of Joel 2, Hosea 6, and Acts 2.
- Ask God to protect our young people and each of us from worldly influences as we focus on the Bible and selfless service to others.
- Pray that God will teach you how to share the Bread of Life with others.
- Pray for a renewed focus on studying the books of Daniel and Revelation, with a particular emphasis on the blessings of the sanctuary service.
- Pray for stronger participation in personal daily reading and following the Bible through "Believe His Prophets," which emphasizes the study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.
- Pray for an increased appreciation of the Spirit of Prophecy writings as being applicable today. Pray that church leaders and members read the instructions, counsel, and encouragement on a regular basis.
- Pray for the involvement of every church member around the world in proclamation of the loud cry. Pray also that, as we submit to the Holy Spirit, He will make us one in Him.
- Pray for increased spiritual and evangelistic understanding by every church administrator around the world as they lift up Christ and the unique mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ask God to help His remnant people, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, never to lose the prophetic identity of who we are.
- Pray for a strong focus on small-group outreach, giving all members the opportunity to participate in personal witnessing about Jesus and His beautiful character. Pray that each of our fundamental beliefs and doctrines is proclaimed with Jesus at the core.
- Pray earnestly that Seventh-day Adventist families may reveal God's love in the home and community by showing how Christ can bring harmony into homes and remove abuse and stress through the sanctifying power of His righteousness. Pray that we may point others to the blessed opportunity of joining God's eternal family in heaven.
- Pray for the thousands of Global Mission pioneers who are planting churches, many of them in dangerous situations. Pray for their safety, for wisdom, and for success.
- Intercede for church members who live in challenging areas of the world and face daily harassment for the faithful practice of their beliefs. Let the Lord fill them with power to live their lives as a total witness to God's redeeming and eternal power.
- Pray for every Seventh-day Adventist worldwide to be used by the Holy Spirit in outreach and evangelism, whether it be in small groups, personal witnessing, or public evangelism.

- Pray for the Global Mission Urban Centers of Influence in cities around the world as they bring education, healthcare, healthy lifestyles, and other connecting ministries to their communities. Pray that they can meet people's real needs and then connect them to Jesus.
- Pray for unity in every church and entity worldwide based on humble respect for God's Word, respect for one another, respect for accepted church policy and process, and on earnest prayer and the Holy Spirit's power. Pray also for full engagement in the mission of the church in proclaiming the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 and the fourth angel of Revelation 18.
- Pray for God's love to be perfected in His church.
- Pray for comprehensive evangelistic outreach activities to be organized throughout the world focused on "Mission to the Cities" as well as rural areas.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare church members to follow up and disciple Adventist World Radio listeners in the cities.
- Pray for the Youth Department's One Year in Mission (OYIM) initiative as it seeks to train the next generation of urban mission leaders.
- Pray for greater collaboration between the church organization and supporting ministries in the great work of evangelistic outreach to our communities and the world.
- Pray for heightened awareness and distribution of Seventh-day Adventist literature (printed and electronic) by church members, and for increased emphasis on literature evangelism.
- Pray that church leaders (your local pastor, conference, union, division, and General Conference leaders) and their families will feed on the Heavenly Manna, God's Word, every day.
- Pray for faithfulness to God, His Word, His Advent message, and His mission for us. Pray for our willingness to follow Him in everything, and ask that He will demonstrate His power in our lives.
- Pray for increased attendance at Sabbath School, where members and invitees can focus on fellowship, mission, Bible study, and local outreach.
- Pray for a mighty revival of primitive godliness to sweep God's church in the final days. Pray that we may stand for truth though the heavens fall.
- Pray that our church will use every appropriate social media format to share the three angels' messages in practical, creative, and fresh ways with twenty-first century people.
- Pray for continued focus on the belief of biblical creation, which shows that our world was created in six literal, consecutive days by the word of the Lord.
- Pray for increased participation in evangelistic outreach by all church institutions as they support the ongoing mission of the church.
- Pray for a wide acceptance of comprehensive health ministry ("medical missionary work"), which allows church members to follow Christ's selfless example of meeting the daily needs of others.
- Pray for refugees around the world who are suffering. Pray especially for those from closed countries to become believers in Jesus while they have the opportunity to interact with Christians.
- Pray for each local church Sabbath School / Personal Ministries department as they seek God's plan to minister to their communities through Bible study and personal witnessing.
- Pray for a heightened sense of urgency in church leaders and members. Pray for an awareness that we are living at the end of time and that Jesus is coming soon.
- Pray for a powerful witness by Seventh-day Adventist media as these ministries plan for massive, integrated evangelistic initiatives around the world.
- Pray for continued distribution of marvelous books such as *The Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, and others. Pray that a harvest of souls results from the seeds planted by these books.
- Pray for increased commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education at all levels since it is so important for the future workforce and mission direction of the church.
- Pray for members of Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) as they help their local conference or mission leaders devise long-term urban mission plans, including comprehensive health ministry and Total Member Involvement as part of Mission to the Cities.
- Pray for people who live in the world's large cities and are surrounded by so many things that distract them from Jesus. Pray that they would be able to hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit amid their surroundings.
- Pray for the increasing number of secular people in the world who have no interest in religion of any kind. Pray that the Holy Spirit will cut through the walls they have built up in their hearts.

- Pray for the Muslim nations and groups of the world who remain resistant to Jesus Christ. Pray that they hear and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for the Asian people groups that include the Buddhists and Hindus, many of whom have never even heard of Jesus or what He has done. Pray that God will give us special wisdom for knowing how to reach their hearts.
- Pray for the people in the 10/40 Window, where there is so little Christian influence. Pray that God will open the hearts of the people to receive the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for God to raise up medical missionaries to plant churches among the 830 people groups within the 11 countries of East-Central Africa Division.
- Pray for God to raise up young people to plant churches for the 750 people groups within the 13 countries of Euro-Asia Division.
- Pray for God to raise up urban missionaries to plant churches for the 806 people groups within the 20 countries of Inter-European Division.
- Pray for God to raise up an army of workers to plant churches for the 948 people groups within the 38 countries of Inter-American Division.
- Pray for God to raise up martyrs willing to work among the 746 people groups within the 20 countries of Middle East North Africa Union.
- Pray for Adventist business leaders to witness to Christ's love among the 691 people groups within the 8 countries of Northern-Asia Pacific Division.
- Pray for God to prepare young professionals to plant churches for the 789 people groups within the 9 countries of North American Division.
- Ask God to open opportunities for training church planting missionaries for the 676 people groups within the 9 countries of South American Division.
- Pray for the 541 people groups within the 18 countries of Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.
- Pray for God to prepare volunteers to serve the 70 people groups within the Israel Field.
- Pray for God to call retired teachers and educators to minister to the 2,566 people groups within the 14 countries of Southern Asia-Pacific Division.
- Pray for God to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 2,568 people groups within the 4 countries of Southern Asia Division.
- Pray for God to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 893 people groups within the 25 countries of Trans-European Division.
- Ask God to raise up nurses and doctors to plant new churches among the 1,978 people groups of the 22 countries in West-Central Africa Division.
- Pray for God to raise up youth to make disciples among the 1,459 people groups within the 20 countries of South Pacific Division.

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Day 1—Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” Ps. 100:4

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is, for His love, His wisdom, His holiness, etc.
- Praise God that “in His presence is fullness of joy” (Ps. 16:11).
- Praise God for the sanctuary and the lessons we can learn from it.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you what sins you need to confess in your heart. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for not always having a thankful heart.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that God will give you a thankful spirit.
- Pray that you will learn to rejoice in trials through the Holy Spirit that abides in your heart daily.
- Pray that your words will be words of praise and thankfulness that will point people to Jesus.
- Ask God to help you reflect Him in your speech.
- Pray that God will help you understand the message of the sanctuary and its significance for your life.
- Pray that we will lift up Christ and Him crucified and coming again—for He is our Saviour and Lord, who has given us His last warning message of love and redemption to proclaim to the world.
- Pray for all church members to feel a burden for souls as we follow in Christ’s steps and interact with those who need a personal relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for a spiritual revival for Seventh-day Adventist young people attending public colleges and universities worldwide. Pray that they become vibrant ambassadors and missionaries for Christ.
- Pray for Adventist Mission as it coordinates church planting projects around the world and seeks the funds needed to send Global Mission pioneers into unentered areas.
- Pray for people who live in the world’s large cities and are surrounded by so many things that distract them from Jesus. Pray that they would be able to hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit amid their surroundings.
- Pray for God to raise up medical missionaries to plant churches among the 830 people groups within the 11 countries of East-Central Africa Division.
- Pray for God to raise up young people to plant churches for the 750 people groups within the 13 countries of Euro-Asia Division.
- Pray for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries as they mobilize chaplains and interested members to minister to those in prison.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to express your thankfulness to Him in front of these seven people. Ask Him also to show you how to do this.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God for the joy you can experience in His presence.
- Thank God for the privilege of being a witness through your words of praise and thankfulness.
- Thank God for the amazing things He is going to do these ten days.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“O Worship the Lord” (SDA Hymnal #6); “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (SDA Hymnal #12); “My Maker and My King” (SDA Hymnal #15); “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!” (SDA Hymnal #27); “Wake the Song” (SDA Hymnal #34).

Enter Into His Gates with Thanksgiving

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” Ps. 100:4

Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret or scold. Let your daily prayer be, “Lord, teach me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness.” . . . Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. . . . Let us do our best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, with our hearts filled with His joy. (*Child Guidance*, p. 148)

As you pour out your thank offering, God is glorified, and He gives you more. As you pour out thanksgiving He gives you more joy. We learn to praise God from whom all blessings flow. Shall we not begin right here to turn over the page and forget our murmurings and complainings and faultfinding, and educate the tongue to courteous words, and loving words, and sympathetic words, and tender kindness for one another of His children? (*Reflecting Christ*, p. 285)

As followers of Christ we should make our words such as to be a help and an encouragement to one another in the Christian life. Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. We should speak of the mercy and loving-kindness of God, of the matchless depths of the Savior’s love. Our words should be words of praise and thanksgiving. If the mind and heart are full of the love of God, this will be revealed in the conversation. It will not be a difficult matter to impart that which enters into our spiritual life. Great thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth, unselfish purposes, yearnings for piety and holiness, will bear fruit in words that reveal the character of the heart treasure. When Christ is thus revealed in our speech, it will have power in winning souls to Him. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 95)

If we truly love Christ, we shall glorify Him by our words. Unbelievers are often convicted as they listen to pure words of praise and gratitude to God. (*The Review and Herald*, Jan. 25, 1898)

To praise God in fullness and sincerity of heart is as much a duty as is prayer. We are to show to the world and to all the heavenly intelligences that we appreciate the wonderful love of God for fallen humanity and that we are expecting larger and yet larger blessings from His infinite fullness. Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. After a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our joy in the Lord and our efficiency in His service would be greatly increased by recounting His goodness and His wonderful works in behalf of His children. (*Christ Object Lessons*, pp. 299, 300)

The Lord Jesus is our strength and happiness, the great storehouse from which, on every occasion, men may draw strength. As we study Him, talk of Him, become more and more able to behold Him—as we avail ourselves of His grace and receive the blessings He proffers us, we have something with which to help others. Filled with gratitude, we communicate to others the blessings that have been freely given us. Thus receiving and imparting, we grow in grace; and a rich current of praise and gratitude constantly flows from our lips; the sweet spirit of Jesus kindles thanksgiving in our hearts, and our souls are uplifted with a sense of security. The un failing, inexhaustible righteousness of Christ becomes our righteousness by faith.

Let the fresh blessings of each new day awaken praise in our hearts for these tokens of His loving care.

When you open your eyes in the morning, thank God that He has kept you through the night. Thank Him for His peace in your heart. Morning, noon, and night let gratitude as a sweet perfume ascend to heaven. . . . (*My Life Today*, p. 171)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. (Ps. 150:1, 2)

You can be just what Christ said His disciples should be—“the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). You should diffuse that light, hope, and faith to others. You are not to go groaning your way onward in His service, as though He were a hard taskmaster, laying upon you burdens that you cannot carry. This is not the case. He wants you to be filled with joy, to be filled with the blessing of God, to know the length and breadth and height and depth of the love of God, which passeth knowledge. When His name is mentioned He wants it to strike the keynote, and there will be a response in your hearts. Then you can offer up thanksgiving and glory and honor and praise to Him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb. (*Faith and Works*, p. 78)

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Day 2—The Altar of Burnt Offering

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Rom. 12:1

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer by praising God for who He is.
- Praise God for the gift of salvation.
- Thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus.
- Praise God for the life of Jesus that showed us how to sacrifice self and surrender our will to God.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins you need to confess openly and which you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you were afraid to sacrifice that which causes you to stumble.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the altar of burnt offering was anointed with the holy oil (Ex. 40:10), your life will be anointed with the Holy Ghost, so that whatever you offer and sacrifice to the Lord will be acceptable to God.
- Ask God to take away anything that hinders you from surrendering your time, money, strength, abilities, fears, hopes, and will. Tell Him you want to belong wholly to Christ.
- Does anything in your heart hinder you from giving yourself wholly to Him? Tell Him about it. Ask Him to make you willing to surrender anything.
- Pray for your family members and friends who are afraid to place their whole lives on the altar of sacrifice. Ask God to make them willing to give Him everything.
- Pray that your local pastor and church leaders at different levels will make an unreserved surrender to God and His service.
- Pray that we spend more time on eternal values through Bible study and prayer. Pray for God’s will to be done rather than our own, and ask that the Holy Spirit will keep us from worldly influences and trends that threaten our daily spiritual experience.
- Pray that the young people of our church will not be afraid to crucify self.
- Pray for all peoples of non-Christian backgrounds. Pray that God’s people will learn how to build whatever bridges are necessary to reach them.
- Ask God for godly, teachable, and humble church leaders who will portray Christ-centered leadership in the church’s mission to proclaim the three angels’ messages. And pray that Christ’s righteousness will be at the core of these messages.
- Pray that we will organize many “centers of influence” in large cities around the world. Pray that these centers make a real difference in lives as people discover God’s truth through Christian service.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He will answer according to His will and in His time.
- Thank God that He is willing to take your sinful heart and make it pure and holy.
- Thank God that Jesus was willing to live and die, not for Himself but for the One who sent Him.
- Thank God for revealing Himself in a special way in your life during these ten days of prayer.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (*SDA Hymnal* #316); “Yes, Lord, I Give My Life to You”; “I Need Thee Every Hour” (*SDA Hymnal* #483); “Seek Ye First”; “Draw Me Nearer” (*SDA Hymnal* #306); “I Surrender All” (*SDA Hymnal* #309); “Near, Still Nearer” (*SDA Hymnal* #301); “Wholly Thine” (*SDA Hymnal*, #308).

The Altar of Burnt Offering

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Rom. 12:1

Every morning and evening a lamb of a year old was burned upon the altar, symbolizing the daily consecration of the nation and their constant dependence upon the atoning blood of Christ. Only an offering “without blemish” could be a symbol of His perfect purity who was to offer Himself as “a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:19. The apostle Paul says, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1. Those who love Him with all the heart will desire to give Him the best service of the life, constantly seeking to bring every power of their being into harmony with His will. (*From Eternity Past*, pp. 244, 245)

In order for us to reach this high ideal, that which causes the soul to stumble must be sacrificed. It is through the will that sin retains its hold upon us. . . . Often it seems to us that to surrender the will to God is to consent to go through life maimed or crippled. But it is better, says Christ, for self to be maimed, wounded, crippled, if thus you may enter into life. That which you look upon as disaster is the door to highest benefit. (*Reflecting Christ*, p. 377)

God will accept nothing less than unreserved surrender. Half-hearted, sinful Christians can never enter heaven. There they would find no happiness; for they know nothing of the high, holy principles that govern the members of the royal family. (*This Day with God*, p. 145)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)

It will require a sacrifice to give yourself to God; but it is a sacrifice of the lower for the higher, the earthly for the spiritual, the perishable for the eternal. God does not design that our will should be destroyed, for it is only through its exercise that we can accomplish what He would have us do. Our will is to be yielded to Him, that we may receive it again, purified and refined, and so linked in sympathy with the Divine that He can pour through us the tides of His love and power. However bitter and painful this surrender may appear to the willful, wayward heart, yet “it is profitable for thee.” (*Reflecting Christ*, p. 377)

The Lord has a great work for us to do, and He invites us to look to Him, to trust in Him, to walk with Him, to talk with Him. He invites us to make an unreserved surrender of all that we have and are to Him, that when He shall call upon us to sacrifice for Him, we may be ready and willing to obey. We shall enjoy the fullness of divine grace only as we give all to Christ. We shall know the meaning of true happiness only as we keep the fire burning on the altar of sacrifice. God will bequeath the most in the future to those who have done the most in the present. . . . Each day, under different circumstances, He tries us; and in each truehearted endeavor He chooses His workers, not because they are perfect, but because they are willing to work unselfishly for Him, and He sees that through connection with Him they may gain perfection. (*Our High Calling*, p. 191)

Christ’s call to sacrifice and unreserved surrender means crucifixion of self. In order to obey this call, we must have unquestioning faith in Him as the perfect Example, and we must have a clear realization that we are to represent Him to the world. Those who work for Christ are to work in His lines. They are to live His life. His call to unreserved surrender is to be to them supreme. They are to allow no earthly tie or interest to prevent them from giving Him the homage of their hearts and the service of their lives. Earnestly and untiringly they are to labor with God to save perishing souls from the power of the tempter. (*The Upward Look*, p. 235)

The call to place all on the altar of service comes to each one. We are not all asked to serve as Elisha served, nor are we all bidden to sell everything we have; but God asks us to give His service the first place in our lives, to allow no day to pass without doing something to advance His work in the earth. He does not expect from all the same kind of service. One may be called to ministry in a foreign land; another may be asked to give of his means for the support of gospel work. God accepts the offering of each. It is the consecration of the life and all its interests, that is necessary. Those who make this consecration will hear and obey the call of Heaven. (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 221)

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Day 3—The Laver

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Heb. 10:22

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that He wants to wash away all your sins.
- Praise God that He is calling you to live a pure and holy life.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you if there are any sins you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God to forgive you for times when your words and acts did not demonstrate purity of character.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the laver was anointed with the holy oil (Ex. 40:11), the Holy Spirit will cleanse and purify your heart.
- Is there any area in your life in which you do not reflect the cleanliness and purity that Christ desires for you? Surrender it to God.
- Is your home a clean and pure place? Ask God to help you make your home a place where the angels love to dwell.
- Do you sometimes have a hard time keeping your thoughts positive and pure? Surrender your thoughts to God and ask Him to sanctify them.
- Pray that the children and young people in your church will understand the importance of cleanliness and purity in the home and also in their conversations and thoughts.
- Do you know anyone who struggles in the area of inward and outward cleanliness and purity? Lift them up in prayer.
- Pray that we will point people to Christ and His righteousness as the only way to eternal life.
- Pray for increased emphasis on “Revival and Reformation” throughout the world. Pray for this revival for yourself, your family, your church, and your community. Pray also for engagement in worldwide prayer activities, as we plead together for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit and the fulfillment of Joel 2, Hosea 6, and Acts 2.
- Ask God to protect our young people and each of us from worldly influences as we focus on the Bible and selfless service to others
- Pray for the increasing number of secular people in the world who have no interest in religion of any kind. Pray that the Holy Spirit will cut through the walls they have built up in their hearts.
- Pray for the Muslim nations and groups of the world who remain resistant to Jesus Christ. Pray that they hear and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for God to raise up urban missionaries to plant churches for the 806 people groups within the 20 countries of Inter-European Division.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will allow God to put a desire for purity in their hearts.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that the “the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16).
- Thank God that He is willing to come and live in your heart.
- Thank God that He has sent angels out to answer the prayers you have prayed this week.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (SDA Hymnal #316); “Yes, Lord, I Give My Life to You”; “I Need Thee Every Hour” (SDA Hymnal #483); “Draw Me Nearer” (SDA Hymnal #306); “I Surrender All” (SDA Hymnal #309); “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (SDA Hymnal #462); “Fill My Cup, Lord” (SDA Hymnal #493).

The Laver

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Heb. 10:22

Between the altar and the door of the tabernacle was the laver, which was also of brass, made from the mirrors that had been the freewill offering of the women of Israel. At the laver the priests were to wash their hands and their feet whenever they went into the sacred apartments, or approached the altar to offer a burnt offering unto the Lord. (*Christ in His Sanctuary*, p. 26)

What impression was this to make upon the people? It was to show them that every particle of dust must be put away before they could go into the presence of God; for he was so high and holy that unless they did comply with these conditions, death would follow. . . . (*Gospel Workers*, 1892, pp. 162, 163)

The Lord requires his ministers to be pure and holy, rightly to represent the principles of truth in their own lives, and by their example to bring others up upon a high level.

God requires all who profess to be his chosen people, though they are not teachers of the truth, to be careful to preserve personal cleanliness and purity, also cleanliness and order in their houses and upon their premises. We are examples to the world, living epistles known and read of all men. God requires all who profess godliness, and especially those who teach the truth to others, to abstain from all appearance of evil. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, pp. 614, 615)

Truth never places her delicate feet in a path of uncleanness or impurity. . . . He who was so particular that the children of Israel should cherish habits of cleanliness will not sanction any impurity in the homes of His people today. God looks with disfavor on uncleanness of any kind.

Unclean, neglected corners in the house will tend to make impure, neglected corners in the soul. (*My Life Today*, p. 129)

Christians will be judged by the fruit they bear in reformatory work. Every true Christian will show what the truth of the gospel has done for him. He who has been made a son of God must practice habits of neatness and cleanliness. Every action, however small, has an influence. The Lord desires to make every human being an agency through whom Christ can manifest His Holy Spirit. Christians are in no case to be careless or indifferent in regard to their outward appearance. They are to be neat and trim, though without adornment. They are to be pure inside and out. (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 92)

All the philosophies of human nature have led to confusion and shame when God has not been recognized as all in all. But the precious faith inspired of God imparts strength and nobility of character. As His goodness, His mercy, and His love are dwelt upon, clearer and still clearer will be the perception of truth; higher, holier, the desire for purity of heart and clearness of thought. The soul dwelling in the pure atmosphere of holy thought is transformed by intercourse with God through the study of His Word. Truth is so large, so far-reaching, so deep, so broad, that self is lost sight of. The heart is softened and subdued into humility, kindness, and love. (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 223)

God loves purity, cleanliness, order, and holiness. God requires all His people who lack these qualifications to seek them and never rest until they obtain them. They must commence the work of reform and elevate their lives, so that in conversation and deportment their acts, their lives, will be a continual recommendation of their faith and will have such a winning, compelling power upon unbelievers that they will be compelled to acknowledge that they are the children of God.

The truth as it is in Jesus will not degrade but elevate the receiver, purify his life, refine his taste, sanctify his judgment. (*Our High Calling*, p. 230)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

As God works upon the heart by His Holy Spirit, man must cooperate with Him. The thoughts must be bound about, restricted, withdrawn from branching out and contemplating things that will only weaken and defile the soul. The thoughts must be pure, the meditations of the heart must be clean, if the words of the mouth are to be words acceptable to heaven, and helpful to your associates. (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 52)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phil. 4:8)

Heaven is pure and holy, and those who pass through the gates of the city of God must here be clothed with inward and outward purity. (*Heaven*, p. 97)

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Day 4—The Table of Showbread

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is.
- Praise God that Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- Praise God that He is inviting you to eat from this bread of life.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you if you’re holding back from surrendering anything to Him. Confess this privately to Him. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God to forgive you for times when you did not choose to eat of the Bread of Life.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Ask the Lord that just as the table of showbread was anointed with oil (Ex. 40:9), the Holy Spirit will direct and teach you in your Bible study.
- Pray that God will help you to eat of the Bread of Life daily and spend daily time in the Word.
- Pray that church leaders (your local pastor, conference, union, division, and General Conference leaders) will spend time in God’s Word daily.
- Pray that God will teach you how to share the Bread of Life with others.
- Pray for a renewed focus on studying the books of Daniel and Revelation, with a particular emphasis on the blessings of the sanctuary service.
- Pray for stronger participation in personal daily reading and following the Bible through “Believe His Prophets,” which emphasizes the study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.
- Do you have friends or acquaintances who are not feeding upon the Bread of Life but upon the temporary things that this world offers? Pray for them. Ask God how you can help them understand the importance of taking time to eat the heavenly bread.
- Pray for the Asian people groups that include the Buddhists and Hindus, many of whom have never even heard of Jesus or what He has done. Pray that God will give us special wisdom for knowing how to reach their hearts.
- Pray for God to raise up an army of workers to plant churches for the 948 people groups within the 38 countries of Inter-American Division.
- Pray for God to raise up martyrs willing to work among the 746 people groups within the 20 countries of Middle East North Africa Union.
- Pray for the people in the 10/40 Window, where there is so little Christian influence. Pray that God will open the hearts of the people to receive the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for an increased appreciation of the Spirit of Prophecy writings as being applicable today. Pray that church leaders and members read the instructions, counsel, and encouragement on a regular basis.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will understand the need to read God’s Word and feed on the Bread of Life.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God for the ways Jesus set us an example of how to spend time daily in communion with the Father.
- Thank God in advance for how He is going to work and answer your prayers.
- Thank God that, when we eat the Bread of Life, we can be transformed into His character.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“I Will Early Seek the Savior” (SDA Hymnal #539); “Fill My Cup, Lord” (SDA Hymnal #493); “Like Jesus” (SDA Hymnal #492); “Moment by Moment” (SDA Hymnal #507); “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (SDA Hymnal #290); “Take the World, but Give Me Jesus” (SDA Hymnal #329); “Not I, but Christ” (SDA Hymnal #570).

The Table of Showbread

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

The showbread was kept ever before the Lord as a perpetual offering. Thus it was a part of the daily sacrifice. It was called showbread, or “bread of the presence,” because it was ever before the face of the Lord. It was an acknowledgment of man’s dependence upon God for both temporal and spiritual food, and that it is received only through the mediation of Christ. God had fed Israel in the wilderness with bread from heaven, and they were still dependent upon His bounty, both for temporal food and spiritual blessings. Both the manna and the showbread pointed to Christ, the living Bread, who is ever in the presence of God for us. He Himself said, “I am the living Bread which came down from heaven.” John 6:51. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 354)

The Word of God is to be our spiritual food. “I am the bread of life,” Christ said; “he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” The world is perishing for pure, unadulterated truth. Christ is the truth. His words are truth, and they have a greater value and a deeper significance than appears on the surface. . . . Minds that are quickened by the Holy Spirit will discern the value of these sayings. . . . (*Lift Him Up*, p. 106)

There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in the mind.

The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in His Word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His word He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as He had spoken to all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. It is our source of power.

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God’s Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another mind.

Yes, the Word of God is the bread of life. Those who eat and digest this Word, making it a part of every action and of every attribute of character, grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience and bringing joys that will abide forever. (*Lift Him Up*, p. 261)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. (John 6:47-50)

Many are starved and strengthless because, instead of eating of the Bread which came down from heaven, they fill their minds with things of minor importance. But if the sinner will partake of the Bread of Life, he will, regenerated and restored, become a living soul. The Bread sent down from heaven will infuse new life into his weakened energies. The Holy Spirit will take of the things of God and show them to him, and if he will receive them his character will be cleansed from all selfishness, and refined and purified for heaven. (*That I May Know Him*, p. 106)

It is not enough for us to know and respect the words of the Scriptures. We must enter into the understanding of them, studying them earnestly. . . . Christians will reveal the degree to which they do this by the healthiness of their spiritual character. We must know the practical application of the Word to our own individual character-building. We are to be holy temples, in which God can live and walk and work. Never must we strive to lift ourselves above the servants whom God has chosen to do His work and to honor His holy name. “All ye are brethren.” Let us apply this Word to our individual selves, comparing scripture with scripture.

In our daily lives, before our brethren and before the world, we are to be living interpreters of the Scriptures, doing honor to Christ by revealing His meekness and His lowliness of heart. As we eat and digest the bread of life, we shall reveal a symmetrical character. By our unity, by esteeming others better than ourselves, we are to bear to the world a living testimony of the power of the truth. . . . (*Lift Him Up*, p. 105)

The Holy Spirit will come to all who are begging for the bread of life to give to their neighbors. (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 334)

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Day 5—The Lampstand

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.” Isa. 43:12

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that He is calling us to be His witnesses.
- Praise God that He is a light unto our path.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you the sins you need to confess openly and the ones you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Have there been times when you were not a good witness for God? Ask Him for forgiveness.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the lampstand (Ex. 40:9) was anointed with oil, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit and become a light and witness for the Lord.
- Pray that God will help you reveal His character to those around you.
- Ask God for a humble heart so you can see the areas of life in which you do not exert a good influence on others.
- Do you have any areas in your life in which you need to grow in order to reflect Christ? Give God permission to work in those areas.
- Ask God to fill you with His love so that His love can flow from you to others.
- Pray for the involvement of every church member around the world in proclamation of the loud cry. Pray also that, as we submit to the Holy Spirit, He will make us one in Him.
- Pray for increased spiritual and evangelistic understanding by every church administrator around the world as they lift up Christ and the unique mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ask God to help His remnant people, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, never to lose the prophetic identity of who we are.
- Pray for a strong focus on small-group outreach, giving all members the opportunity to participate in personal witnessing about Jesus and His beautiful character. Pray that each of our fundamental beliefs and doctrines is proclaimed with Jesus at the core.
- Pray earnestly that Seventh-day Adventist families may reveal God’s love in the home and community by showing how Christ can bring harmony into homes and remove abuse and stress through the sanctifying power of His righteousness. Pray that we may point others to the blessed opportunity of joining God’s eternal family in heaven.
- Pray for the thousands of Global Mission pioneers who are planting churches, many of them in dangerous situations. Pray for their safety, for wisdom, and for success.
- Pray for God to prepare volunteers to serve the 70 people groups within the Israel Field.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see Christ in you and will want to have Him in their hearts too.
- Pray for any personal needs you have (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He is willing to work on you and change you.
- Thank God that He can make you a light that shines into darkness.
- Thank God that He is answering the prayers you prayed according to His will.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Not I, but Christ” (SDA Hymnal #570); “He Lives” (SDA Hymnal #251); “Wonderful Words of Life” (SDA Hymnal #286); “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” (SDA Hymnal #573); “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling” (SDA Hymnal #359); “This Little Light of Mine” (SDA Hymnal #580); “Give of Your Best to the Master” (SDA Hymnal #572).

The Lampstand

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.” Isa. 43:12

The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl from which the lamps of the sanctuary are fed. The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil God’s ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to church. “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6.) (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 188)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

But no one can impart that which he or she has not received. In the work of God, humanity can originate nothing. . . . It was the golden oil emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted from the golden bowl into the lamps of the sanctuary, that produced a continuous bright and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to men and women that enables them to impart light. Into the hearts of all who are united to God by faith the golden oil of love flows freely, to shine out again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 261)

Every one of us exerts an influence on those with whom we come in contact. This influence we have from God, and we are responsible for the way it is used. God designs that it shall tell on the side of right; but it rests with each one of us to decide whether our influence shall be pure and elevating, or whether it shall act as a poisonous malaria. Those who are partakers of the divine nature exert an influence that is Christlike. Holy angels attend them on their way, and all with whom they come in contact are helped and blessed. But those who do not receive Christ as their personal Savior cannot influence others for good. . . . Such lose all hope of eternal life themselves, and by their example lead others astray. Guard well your influence; it is “your reasonable service” to place it on the Lord’s side. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 94)

The unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favor of Christianity. (*My Life Today*, p. 122)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)

No one can be independent of their fellow beings; for the well-being of each affects others. It is God’s purpose that each person shall feel necessary to others’ welfare, and seek to promote their happiness.

Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own—an atmosphere, it may be, charged with the life-giving power of faith, courage, and hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chill with the gloom of discontent and selfishness, or poisonous with the deadly taint of cherished sin. By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.

This is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves. Our words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence. Upon the impression thus made there hang results for good or evil which no one can measure. Every impulse thus imparted is seed sown which will produce its harvest. It is a link in the long chain of human events, extending we know not whither.

If by our example we aid others in the development of good principles, we give them power to do good. In their turn they exert the same influence upon others, and they upon still others. Thus by our unconscious influence thousands may be blessed.

Throw a pebble into the lake, and a wave is formed, and another and another; and as they increase, the circle widens, until it reaches the very shore. So with our influence. Beyond our knowledge or control it tells upon others in blessing or in cursing. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 96)

If those who profess to be followers of Christ neglect to shine as lights in the world, the vital power will leave them, and they will become cold and Christless. The spell of indifference will be upon them, a deathlike sluggishness of soul, which will make them bodies of death instead of living representatives of Jesus. All must lift the cross and in modesty, meekness, and lowliness of mind take up their God-given duties, engaging in personal effort for those around them who need help and light.

All who accept these duties will have a rich and varied experience, their own hearts will glow with fervor, and they will be strengthened and stimulated to renewed, persevering efforts to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, because it is God that worketh in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 260)

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Day 6—The Altar of Incense

*“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.”
1 Tim. 2:1*

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Thank God for Jesus, who showed us that we need to intercede for others.
- Thank God that He gave us the great privilege of interceding.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Pray for forgiveness for the times when you did not pray for others.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the altar of incense was anointed with oil (Ex. 40:9), your prayers will be inspired and guided by the Holy Ghost.
- Is there anyone for whom God has laid a burden on your heart? Lift them up in prayer.
- Are there people in your life whom you have a hard time accepting? Pray for them and ask God to give you love for them.
- Intercede for those who have given themselves to preaching the Word.
- Lift up in prayer the leadership of your church, conference, union, and General Conference.
- Do you know anyone who has chosen to go away from God? Lift them up in prayer.
- Lift up in prayer those you know who are discouraged and burdened.
- Intercede for church members who live in challenging areas of the world and face daily harassment for the faithful practice of their beliefs. Let the Lord fill them with power to live their lives as a total witness to God’s redeeming and eternal power.
- Pray for every Seventh-day Adventist worldwide to be used by the Holy Spirit in outreach and evangelism, whether it be in small groups, personal witnessing, or public evangelism.
- Pray for the Global Mission Urban Centers of Influence in cities around the world as they bring education, healthcare, healthy lifestyles, and other connecting ministries to their communities. Pray that they can meet people’s real needs and then connect them to Jesus.
- Pray for Adventist business leaders to witness to Christ’s love with the 691 people groups within the 8 countries of Northern Asia-Pacific Division.
- Pray for unity in every church and entity worldwide based on humble respect for God’s Word, respect for one another, respect for accepted church policy and process, and on earnest prayer and the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray also for full engagement in the mission of the church in proclaiming the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 and the fourth angel of Revelation 18.
- Pray for God’s love to be perfected in His church.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He loves the people you prayed for more than you love them.
- Thank God that the Holy Spirit “makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Rom. 8:26).
- Thank God that Christ intercedes for us in the heavenly sanctuary.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“For You I Am Praying” (*SDA Hymnal* #590); “Standing on the Promises” (*SDA Hymnal* #518); “I Need the Prayers” (*SDA Hymnal* #505); “Take Time to Be Holy” (*SDA Hymnal* #500); “’Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer” (*SDA Hymnal* #501).

The Altar of Incense

*“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.”
1 Tim. 2:1*

As the priests morning and evening entered the holy place at the time of incense, the daily sacrifice was ready to be offered upon the altar in the court without. This was a time of intense interest to the worshipers who assembled at the tabernacle. Before entering into the presence of God through the ministration of the priest, they were to engage in earnest searching of heart and confession of sin. They united in silent prayer, with their faces toward the holy place. Thus their petitions ascended with the cloud of incense, while faith laid hold upon the merits of the promised Saviour prefigured by the atoning sacrifice. The hours appointed for the morning and the evening sacrifice were regarded as sacred, and they came to be observed as the set time for worship throughout the Jewish nation. . . . In this custom Christians have an example for morning and evening prayer. While God condemns a mere round of ceremonies, without the spirit of worship, He looks with great pleasure upon those who love Him, bowing morning and evening to seek pardon for sins committed and to present their requests for needed blessings. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 353, 354)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16)

Brethren, pray at home, in your family, night and morning; pray earnestly in your closet; and while engaged in your daily labor, lift up the soul to God in prayer. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. The silent, fervent prayer of the soul will rise like holy incense to the throne of grace and will be as acceptable to God as if offered in the sanctuary. To all who thus seek Him, Christ becomes a present help in time of need. They will be strong in the day of trial. (*Adventist Home*, pp. 212, 213)

We should pray to God much more than we do. There is great strength and blessing in praying together in our families, with and for our children. (*Child Guidance*, p. 525)

Our prayers are not to be a selfish asking, merely for our own benefit. We are to ask that we may give. The principle of Christ's life must be the principle of our lives. “For their sakes,” He said, speaking of His disciples, “I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified.” John 17:19. The same devotion, the same self-sacrifice, the same subjection to the claims of the word of God, that were manifest in Christ, must be seen in His servants. Our mission to the world is not to serve or please ourselves; we are to glorify God by co-operating with Him to save sinners. We are to ask blessings from God that we may communicate to others. The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 142, 143)

There are souls who have lost their courage; speak to them, pray for them. There are those who need the bread of life. Read to them from the Word of God. There is a soul sickness no balm can reach, no medicine heal. Pray for these, and bring them to Jesus Christ. And in all your work Christ will be present to make impressions upon human hearts. (*Welfare Ministry*, p. 71)

As we seek to win others to Christ, bearing the burden of souls in our prayers, our own hearts will throb with the quickening influence of God's grace; our own affections will glow with more divine fervor; our whole Christian life will be more of a reality, more earnest, more prayerful. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 354)

When self dies, there will be awakened an intense desire for the salvation of others,—a desire which will lead to persevering efforts to do good. There will be a sowing beside all waters; and earnest supplication, importunate prayers, will enter heaven in behalf of perishing souls. (*Gospel Workers*, p. 470)

Oh, that the earnest prayer of faith may arise everywhere, Give me souls buried now in the rubbish of error, or I die! Bring them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. (*This Day With God*, p. 171)

Souls are to be sought for, prayed for, labored for. Earnest appeals are to be made. Fervent prayers are to be offered. Our tame, spiritless petitions are to be changed into petitions of intense earnestness. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 12)

Begin to pray for souls; come near to Christ, close to His bleeding side. Let a meek and quiet spirit adorn your lives, and let your earnest, broken, humble petitions ascend to Him for wisdom that you may have success in saving not only your own soul, but the souls of others. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 513)

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Day 7—The Ark: Aaron's Rod

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." John 15:16

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that He has called us to bear fruit.
- Praise God that we can bear fruit and that our fruit will remain when we abide in Christ.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins to confess openly and which to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you did not bear fruit.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you tried to bring fruit in your own power.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as Aaron's rod budded and bore fruit (Num. 17:8), others may be blessed by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23) in your life.
- Pray that God will teach you how to live a life hidden in Christ.
- Ask God to help you live a life centered on Christ so that you can bear fruit.
- Ask God to help you grow in grace.
- What are you connected to throughout the day? Ask God to help you stay connected to Him that you may reflect Him to those around you.
- Where do you receive your strength from? Ask God to help you find your strength in Him.
- Pray for comprehensive evangelistic outreach activities to be organized throughout the world focused on "Mission to the Cities" as well as rural areas.
- Pray for God to prepare young professionals to plant churches for the 789 people groups within the 9 countries of North American Division.
- Ask God to open opportunities to train church planting missionaries for the 676 people groups within the 9 countries of South American Division.
- Pray for the 541 people groups within the 18 countries of Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare church members to follow up and disciple Adventist World Radio listeners in the cities.
- Pray for the Youth Department's One Year in Mission (OYIM) initiative as it seeks to train the next generation of urban mission leaders.
- Pray for greater collaboration between the church organization and supporting ministries in the great work of evangelistic outreach to our communities and the world.
- Pray for heightened awareness and distribution of Seventh-day Adventist literature (printed and electronic) by church members, and for increased emphasis on literature evangelism.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need to abide in Christ and bear fruit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that in order to bear fruit all you need to do is to abide in Him.
- Thank God that Christ is your strength.
- Thank God that He wants you to be a blessing for others.

Suggested Songs to Sing

"God is so Good"; "Give of Your Best to the Master" (SDA Hymnal #572); "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" (SDA Hymnal #573); "So Send I You" (SDA Hymnal #578); "Let Your Heart Be Broken" (SDA Hymnal #575); "Not I, but Christ" (SDA Hymnal #570); "Make Me a Captive, Lord" (SDA Hymnal #568).

The Ark: Aaron's Rod

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." John 15:16

Every Christian will have a missionary spirit. To bear fruit is to work as Christ worked, to love souls as He has loved us. The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others also to the Savior: and just as soon as a person is converted to the truth, he or she feels an earnest desire that those in darkness should see the precious light shining from God's Word. . . . (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 281)

Christ is seeking to reproduce Himself in the hearts of men; and He does this through those who believe in Him. The object of the Christian life is fruit bearing—the reproduction of Christ's character in the believer, that it may be reproduced in others.

The plant does not germinate, grow, or bring forth fruit for itself, but to "give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater." So no man is to live unto himself. The Christian is in the world as a representative of Christ, for salvation of other souls.

There can be no growth or fruitfulness in the life that is centered in self. If you have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, you are to forget yourself, and try to help others. Talk of the love of Christ, tell of His goodness. Do every duty that presents itself. Carry the burden of souls upon your heart, and by every means in your power seek to save the lost. As you receive the Spirit of Christ—the Spirit of unselfish love and labor for others—you will grow and bring forth fruit. The graces of the Spirit will ripen in your character. Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect. More and more you will reflect the likeness of Christ in all that is pure, noble, and lovely. (*Lift Him Up*, p. 274)

Resolve that you will be fruit-bearing members of the living Vine. The scion can flourish only as it receives life and strength from the parent stock. Improve, then, every opportunity to connect yourselves more closely with Christ. It is by believing Him, loving Him, copying Him, and depending wholly upon Him, that you are to become one with Him; and through you His life and character will be revealed to the world. (*Our High Calling*, p. 145)

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (John 15:8)

You may have a fervent spirit, your heart all aglow with the love of Jesus. Abide in Christ as the branch abides in the vine; drawing sustenance from the vine, you will be a flourishing branch, and will bear much fruit to the glory of God. Oh, you much need to gaze fixedly upon Jesus! Keep beholding His charms. As you behold they will keep brightening and enlarging until you are filled with all the fullness of God and bear much fruit to His glory. The branch is too firmly connected with the parent stock to be swayed by every breeze. Strength and vigorous growth tell to the world that your root is in Jesus, that your foundation is sure. (*Our High Calling*, p. 216)

Every branch that bears fruit is a living representative of the vine, for it bears the same fruit as the vine. . . . Every branch will show whether or not it has life; for where there is life, there is growth. There is a continual communication of the life-giving properties of the vine, and this is demonstrated by the fruit which the branches bear. (*From the Heart*, p. 119)

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

The grace of Christ must be woven into every phase of the character. . . . Daily growth into the life of Christ creates in the soul a heaven of peace; in such a life there is continual fruit bearing. . . . In the lives of those who are ransomed by the blood of Christ, self-sacrifice will constantly appear. Goodness and righteousness will be seen. The quiet, inward experience will make the life full of godliness, faith, meekness, patience. This is to be our daily experience. We are to form characters free from sin—characters made righteous in and by the grace of Christ. (*God's Amazing Grace*, p. 320)

It is the Lord's desire that His followers shall grow in grace, that their love shall abound more and more, that they shall be filled with the fruits of righteousness. . . . Where there is life, there will be growth and fruit bearing; but unless we grow in grace, our spirituality will be dwarfed, sickly, fruitless. It is only by growing, by bearing fruit, that we can fulfill God's purpose for us. "Herein is my Father glorified," Christ said, "that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8). In order to bear much fruit, we must make the most of our privileges. We must use every opportunity granted us for obtaining strength. (*That I May Know Him*, p. 164)

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Day 8—The Manna

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” John 6:51

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that Jesus is the Manna that came down from heaven.
- Praise God for His Word that we can feed upon.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you chose not to feed on the Heavenly Manna.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you chose to satisfy your hunger with temporary things.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the Israelites gathered manna early in the morning, we will individually seek to have a daily, fresh experience with the Lord, eating His flesh and drinking His blood by surrendering fully to Him in obedience.
- Pray that we individually realize that we are nearing the close of probation. May we each allow the Holy Spirit to do whatever He needs to do in our lives to develop our characters.
- Ask God to teach you how to feed on the Heavenly Manna.
- Ask God to give you His Holy Spirit so that you may understand His Word and understand the truth.
- Ask that God will give you a new life as you read His Word and meditate upon Christ and His life.
- Ask God to help you meditate only on those things that build you up spiritually.
- Pray that church leaders (your local pastor, conference, union, division, and General Conference leaders) and their families will feed on the Heavenly Manna every day.
- Pray for the thousands of Global Mission pioneers who are planting churches, many of them in dangerous situations. Pray for their safety, for wisdom, and for success.
- Pray for faithfulness to God, His Word, His Advent message, and His mission for us. Pray for our willingness to follow Him in everything, and ask that He will demonstrate His power in our lives.
- Pray for increased attendance at Sabbath School, where members and invitees can focus on fellowship, mission, Bible study, and local outreach.
- Pray for a mighty revival of primitive godliness to sweep God’s church in the final days. Pray that we may stand for truth though the heavens fall.
- Pray for God to raise up youth to make disciples among the 1,459 people groups within the 20 countries of South Pacific Division.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need to eat from the Heavenly Manna.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that when you eat His food, you never hunger again.
- Thank God that Jesus showed us how to feed on Heavenly Manna.
- Thank God for the power of His Word.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” (SDA Hymnal #271); “Give Me the Bible” (SDA Hymnal #272); “I’d Rather Have Jesus” (SDA Hymnal #327); “Open My Eyes That I May See” (SDA Hymnal #326); “Take the World, but Give Me Jesus” (SDA Hymnal #329).

The Manna

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” John 6:51

They [Israel] were directed to gather daily an omer for every person; and they were not to leave of it until the morning. Some attempted to keep a supply until the next day, but it was then found to be unfit for food. The provision for the day must be gathered in the morning; for all that remained upon the ground was melted by the sun. . . . On the sixth day the people gathered two omers for every person. The rulers hastened to acquaint Moses with what had been done. His answer was, “This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 295, 296)

The manna, falling from heaven for the sustenance of Israel, was a type of Him who came from God to give life to the world. Said Jesus, “I am that Bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven. . . . If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” John 6:48-51. And among the promises of blessing to God’s people in the future life it is written, “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna.” Revelation 2:17. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 297)

Our Saviour is the bread of life, and it is by beholding His love, by receiving it into the soul, that we feed upon the bread which came down from heaven. We receive Christ through His word, and the Holy Spirit is given to open the word of God to our understanding, and bring home its truths to our hearts. We are to pray day by day that as we read His word, God will send His Spirit to reveal to us the truth that will strengthen our souls for the day’s need. (*Prayer*, p. 297)

By looking constantly to Jesus with the eye of faith, we shall be strengthened. God will make the most precious revelations to His hungering, thirsting people. They will find that Christ is a personal Saviour. As they feed upon His word, they find that it is spirit and life. The word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” This is eating the Bread that comes down from heaven. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 391)

Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven. Jesus declares, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” (John 6:53.) And he explains himself by saying, “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63.) Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy, it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature. (*Christian Education*, p. 57)

“You have the word of the living God, and for the asking you may have the gift of the Holy Spirit to make that word a power to those who believe and obey. The Holy Spirit’s work is to guide into all truth. When you depend on the word of the living God with heart and mind and soul, the channel of communication will be unobstructed. Deep, earnest study of the word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will give you fresh manna, and the same Spirit will make its use effectual. The exertion made by the youth to discipline the mind for high and holy aspirations will be rewarded. Those who make persevering efforts in this direction, putting the mind to the task of comprehending God’s word, are prepared to be laborers together with God. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 163, 164)

Those with whom the Christian comes in contact have a right to know what has been revealed to the follower of Christ, and he is to make it known both by precept and example. The Christian is to publish the good news of salvation, and he is never to weary of the recital of God’s goodness. He is continually to draw with Christ, and continually to draw from Christ, eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of man, which Jesus declares are His words, that are spirit and life. Thus he will always have a fresh supply of heavenly manna. Every Christian, high or low, rich or poor, learned or ignorant, is to talk of the kingdom of God, to speak of Christ and Him crucified, to those who are in ignorance and sin. You are to speak to sinners; for you know not but God is moving upon their hearts. Never forget that great responsibility attaches to every word you utter in their presence. . . . (*The Publishing Ministry*, p. 285)

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Day 9—The Commandments

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” Ps. 119:18

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God that because He loved us, He gave us His law.
- Praise God that His law is a law of love.
- Praise God that He wants to write His law in your heart.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you the sins that you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you willingly chose to go against God’s law.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Ask that the Holy Spirit will write His law in your mind and heart, according to the promise in Hebrews 10:15-17.
- Ask God to help you live a life full of Christ’s joy.
- Pray that God will give you love in your heart for Him and for those around you.
- Ask God to help you live a life that shows others that His law is a law of love to both God and man.
- Ask God to help you deny self for the truth’s sake so that you can make a holy impression on the world.
- Pray that our church will use every appropriate social media format to share the three angels’ messages in practical, creative, and fresh ways with twenty-first century people.
- Pray for continued focus on the belief of biblical creation, which shows that our world was created in six literal, consecutive days by the word of the Lord.
- Pray for increased participation in evangelistic outreach by all church institutions as they support the ongoing mission of the church.
- Pray for a wide acceptance of comprehensive health ministry (“medical missionary work”), which allows church members to follow Christ’s selfless example of meeting the daily needs of others.
- Pray for refugees around the world who are suffering. Pray especially for those from closed countries to become believers in Jesus while they have the opportunity to interact with Christians.
- Pray for God to call retired teachers and educators to minister to the 2,566 people groups within the 14 countries of Southern Asia-Pacific Division.
- Pray for God to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 2,568 people groups within the 4 countries of Southern Asia Division.
- Pray for each local church Sabbath School / Personal Ministries Department as they seek God’s plan to minister to their communities through Bible study and personal witnessing.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will understand that God’s law is a law of love, and that if they love Him they should keep His commandments.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God for giving us the law to guide us.
- Thank God that He calls us to show others His love.
- Thank God that His law in our hearts can bring our own interests into subordination to high and eternal considerations.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Trust and Obey” (SDA Hymnal #590); “We’ll Build on the Rock” (SDA Hymnal #531); “A Mighty Fortress” (SDA Hymnal #506); “Draw Me Nearer” (SDA Hymnal #306); “Wholly Thine” (SDA Hymnal #308).

The Commandments

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” Ps. 119:18

God’s law is the law of love. He has surrounded you with beauty to teach you that you are not placed on earth merely to delve for self, to dig and build, to toil and spin, but to make life bright and joyous and beautiful with the love of Christ—like the flowers, to gladden other lives by the ministry of love. (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 97)

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. (Ps. 19:7, 8)

The work Christianity is designed to achieve in the world is not to depreciate the law of God, not to detract from its sacred dignity in the slightest degree, but it is to write that law in the mind and heart. When the law of God is thus implanted in the soul of the believer, he is approaching eternal life through the merits of Jesus. . . .

The object of the gospel is met when this great end is achieved. Its work from age to age is to unite the hearts of His followers in a spirit of universal brotherhood, through belief of the truth, and thus establish heaven’s system of order and harmony in the family of God on earth, that they may be accounted worthy to become members of the royal family above. God, in His wisdom and mercy, tests men and women here, to see if they will obey His voice and respect His law, or rebel as Satan did. . . . (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 50)

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:3, 4)

The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all intelligent beings depends upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—service that springs from an appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced obedience; and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 34)

God has given His holy law to man as His measure of character. By this law you may see and overcome every defect in your character. You may sever yourself from every idol, and link yourself to the throne of God by the golden chain of grace and truth. (*Bible Echo*, Jan. 14, 1901, par. 3)

The law of love calls for the devotion of body, mind, and soul to the service of God and our fellow men. And this service, while making us a blessing to others, brings the greatest blessing to ourselves. Unselfishness underlies all true development. Through unselfish service we receive the highest culture of every faculty. (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 32)

The yoke that binds to service is the law of God. The great law of love revealed in Eden, proclaimed upon Sinai, and in the new covenant written in the heart, is that which binds the human worker to the will of God. If we were left to follow our own inclinations, to go just where our will would lead us, we should fall into Satan’s ranks and become possessors of his attributes. Therefore God confines us to His will, which is high, and noble, and elevating. He desires that we shall patiently and wisely take up the duties of service. The yoke of service Christ Himself has borne in humanity. He said, “I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart.” Psalm 40:8. “I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.” John 6:38. Love for God, zeal for His glory, and love for fallen humanity, brought Jesus to earth to suffer and to die. This was the controlling power of His life. This principle He bids us adopt. (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 329, 330)

To love God and man is the Christian’s whole duty. The law of love is written upon the tablets of the soul, the Spirit of God dwells in him, and his character appears in good works. Jesus became poor that through His poverty we might be made rich. What sacrifices are we willing to make for His sake? Have we His love enshrined in our hearts? Do we love our neighbor as Christ loved us? If we have this love for souls, it will lead us to consider carefully whether by our words, our acts, our influence in any way, we are placing temptation before those who have little moral power. We shall not censure the weak and suffering, as the Pharisees were continually doing, but we shall endeavor to remove every stone of stumbling from our brother’s path lest the lame be turned out of the way. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 359, 360)

Those who follow Christ’s example of self-denial for the truth’s sake make a great impression on the world. Their example is convincing and contagious. Men see that there is among God’s professed people that faith which works by love and purifies the soul from selfishness. In the lives of those who obey God’s commandments, worldlings see convincing evidence that the law of God is a law of love to God and man. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 146)

The law of God in our hearts will bring our own interests in subordination to high and eternal considerations. (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 50)

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Day 10—The Linen Wall

“And this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” Jer. 23:6

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for His righteousness that is imparted to us.
- Praise God that His righteousness is a free gift.
- Praise God that through the sacrifice of Jesus and His intercession for us, we can come to the throne of God and claim His robe of righteousness.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins to confess openly and which to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Pray for forgiveness for times when you trusted in your own power.
- Ask God for forgiveness for the times when you had a self-righteous spirit.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Do you know someone who needs Christ’s robe of righteousness. Pray for them.
- Ask the Lord to give you a desire to overcome sin and develop a character like Jesus’ character.
- Pray that God will put in your heart the desire to have the righteousness of Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach you how to accept Christ’s righteousness.
- Ask God that each of us individually will represent Christ and the garments of His righteousness in our daily life, in our lifestyle, and in our dress.
- Pray for a heightened sense of urgency in church leaders and members. Pray for an awareness that we are living at the end of time and that Jesus is coming soon.
- Pray for a powerful witness by Seventh-day Adventist media as these ministries plan for massive, integrated evangelistic initiatives around the world.
- Pray for continued distribution of marvelous books such as *The Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, and others. Pray that a harvest of souls results from seeds planted by these books.
- Pray for increased commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education at all levels since it is so important for the future workforce and mission direction of the church.
- Pray for God to raise up intercessory prayer warriors to intercede for the 893 people groups within the 25 countries of Trans-European Division.
- Ask God to raise up nurses and doctors to plant new churches among the 1,978 people groups of the 22 countries in West-Central Africa Division.
- Pray for members of Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) as they help their local conference or mission leaders devise long-term urban mission plans, including comprehensive health ministry and Total Member Involvement as part of Mission to the Cities.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need of Christ’s righteousness.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He is working in the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Thank God that He has people who long to become more like Him.
- Thank God that He is working in the hearts of all the people you have been praying for.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (*SDA Hymnal* #316); “I Shall See the King” (*SDA Hymnal* #426); “The Glory Song” (*SDA Hymnal* #435); “There Is a Fountain” (*SDA Hymnal* #336); “Redeemed” (*SDA Hymnal* #337); “Jesus Saves” (*SDA Hymnal* #340); “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (*SDA Hymnal* #343).

The Linen Wall

“And this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” Jer. 23:6

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5)

All that have put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness will stand before Him as chosen and faithful and true. Satan has no power to pluck them out of the hand of Christ. Not one soul that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power. His word is pledged: “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.” Isaiah 27:5. The promise given to Joshua is made to all: “If thou wilt keep My charge, . . . I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.” Zechariah 3:7. Angels of God will walk on either side of them, even in this world, and they will stand at last among the angels that surround the throne of God. (*Testimony Treasures*, vol. 2, p. 174)

Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God’s presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul. . . . This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us. “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin. But the Son of God “was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” (*Lift Him Up*, p. 163)

When we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we shall have no relish for sin; for Christ will be working with us. We may make mistakes, but we will hate the sin that caused the sufferings of the Son of God. (*Messages to Young People*, p. 338)

The Lord is coming, and we now need the oil of grace in our vessels with our lamps. . . . We are strangers and pilgrims in this world. We are to wait, watch, pray, and work. The whole mind, the whole soul, the whole heart, and the whole strength are purchased by the blood of the Son of God. We are not to feel it our duty to wear a pilgrim’s dress of just such a color, just such a shape, but neat, modest apparel, that the word of inspiration teaches us we should wear. If our hearts are united with Christ’s heart, we shall have a most intense desire to be clothed with His righteousness. Nothing will be put upon the person to attract attention or to create controversy. (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 130, 131)

As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, “Take away the filthy garments” from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb’s book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon’s roar. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter’s devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. (*Counsels for the Church*, p. 353)

The child of God will not rest satisfied until he is clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and sustained by his life-giving power. When he sees a weakness in his character, it is not enough to confess it again and again; he must go to work with determination and energy to overcome his defects by building up opposite traits of character. He will not shun this work because it is difficult. Untiring energy is required of the Christian; but he is not obliged to work in his own strength; divine power awaits his demand. Every one who is sincerely striving for the victory over self, will appropriate the promise, “My grace is sufficient for thee.” 2 Corinthians 12:9. (*Gospel Workers*, p. 420)

Each one will have a close struggle to overcome sin in his own heart. This is at times a very painful and discouraging work; because, as we see the deformities in our character, we keep looking at them, when we should look to Jesus and put on the robe of His righteousness. Everyone who enters the pearly gates of the city of God will enter there as a conqueror, and his greatest conquest will have been the conquest of self. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 182)

No sin can be tolerated in those who shall walk with Christ in white. The filthy garments are to be removed, and Christ’s robe of righteousness is to be placed upon us. By repentance and faith we are enabled to render obedience to all the commandments of God, and are found without blame before Him. Those who shall meet the approval of God are now afflicting their souls, confessing their sins, and earnestly pleading for pardon through Jesus their Advocate. Their attention is fixed upon Him, their hopes, their faith, are centered on Him, and when the command is given, “Take away the filthy garments, and clothe him with change of raiment, and set a fair miter upon his head,” they are prepared to give Him all the glory of their salvation. (*Testimony Treasures*, vol. 2, p. 175)

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Day 11—Witness and Servant Suggested Format for the Final Sabbath

This final Sabbath should be a time of great rejoicing in all that God has done for you and your church during the Ten Days of Prayer. Design your day to celebrate God's goodness and mighty power. Consider how you have experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the past ten days. This Sabbath is an opportunity to rejoice in what He has done, is doing, and will do.

Theme Text: Isaiah 43:10

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.”

The needs of each congregation are unique, so please work with local leaders to develop a specific plan for your church. Here are some suggested items to include in your final Sabbath church service:

- **Biblical Teaching on Isaiah 43:10:** This could be a sermon or homily, or the passage could be used as a basis for weaving together stories of how God has worked during the Ten Days of Prayer.
- **Testimonies:** Include ample time for testimonies of answered prayer. Those who have participated in the Ten Days of Prayer should have many stories they can share with the congregation, but encourage them to be brief so that everyone can participate. Others may also have stories. It might be good to have some testimonies pre-planned, in addition to having an open sharing time.
- **Prayer Time:** Invite the whole congregation to join in a time of united prayer. You could lead the congregation through an interactive prayer similar to what you have used throughout the week. You can pray over a specific passage together. This could be done with people in small groups or with everyone praying together. Another option would be to have several different kinds of prayer throughout the service—praying the Scriptures, small-group, individual, congregational, silent, and so on.
- **Singing:** This is a day to rejoice in all God has done, and music is a great way to celebrate. If there is a song that has become a theme song for your group, make sure to sing that song with the whole congregation.
- **Future Plans:** If God has led you toward a special outreach or ministry through the Ten Days of Prayer, let your church family know about your plans and invite them to join in.
- **Children/Youth:** A children's story about prayer would certainly be appropriate. Also, if you have had any children or youth involved with the regular prayer meetings, have them share their testimonies and/or lead out in a prayer time.
- **Flexibility:** Make sure to be flexible in your plans so that you can follow the Holy Spirit's leading throughout the service.

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Promises to Claim in Prayer

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Promises for the Holy Spirit

“Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone.” Zech. 10:1

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Luke 11:13

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. . . . And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” John 14:26, 16:8

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14:12-14

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” Zech. 4:6

Promises that God Answers Prayers

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” John 15:7

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Heb. 4:16

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” Mark 11:24

“Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” Ps. 50:15

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” Matt. 18:19

“And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” Matt. 21:22

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14:13, 14

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:23, 24

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14, 15

Promises About God's Power

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Gen. 18:14

"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." Ex. 14:14

"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:24

"I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You." Job 42:2

"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:31, 32

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Num. 23:19

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:28-31

Promises for God's Guidance

"Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Josh. 1:9

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." Gen. 28:15

"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared." Ex. 23:20

"But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 4:29

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jer. 33:3

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isa. 40:4, 5

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye." Ps. 32:8

"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deut. 31:8

"Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses." Ps. 25:12

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Prov. 3:5, 6

“If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.” Isa. 58:10, 11

“It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.” Isa. 65:24

Promises for a Changed Heart

“Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.” Jer. 24:7

“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” Deut. 30:6

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezek. 36:26

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Phil. 1:6

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Cor. 5:17

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Gal 2:20

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.” 1 Thess. 5:23, 24

Promises for Forgiveness

“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chr. 7:14

“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundance in mercy to all those who call upon You.” Ps. 86:5

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.” Mark 11:25

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Eph. 4:32

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isa. 1:18

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.” Isa. 43:25

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.” Jer. 31:34

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” Eph. 1:7

Promises for Victory Over Sin

“For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. and this is the victory that overcome the world—our faith.” 1 John 5:4

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Rom. 8:37

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15:57

“Fear not, for I am with you: be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isa. 41:10

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Eph. 6:16

“I have been crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Gal. 2:20

“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” Phil. 2:13

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” Gal. 5:16

“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.” Rom. 16:20

“And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Rom. 12:2

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15

Promises for Healing

“And said, If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord thy God and do what is right in his sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.” Ex. 15:26

“As your days, so shall thy strength be.” Deut. 33:25

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Ps. 103:2-5

“Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.” Prov. 3:7, 8

“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with his stripes we are healed.” Isa. 53:3-5

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.” Jer. 17:14

“For I will restore health to you and health you of your wounds, says the Lord.” Jer. 30:17

“Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.” Jer. 33:6

“But to you who fear My name the Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.” Mal. 4:2

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven him.” James 5:14, 15

Promises for Strength to Do God’s Will

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.” Ps. 27:14

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Cor. 4:16-18

“And let us not be weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Gal. 6:9

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Phil. 4:13

“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” Phil. 2:13

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” 2 Cor. 12:9

Promises About Being God’s Witnesses

“Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Isa. 44:8

“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.” Isa. 60:1

“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Cor. 5:18

“But the Lord said to me: Do not say, I am a youth, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.” Jer. 1:7

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” 1 Peter 3:15