10 Days of Prayer 2017

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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.