



Day 5

Loving Unity / Love for the Lost

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:1, 2).

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1).

“This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:12, 13).

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (John 17:20-23).

“In spite of all the good qualities a man may have, he cannot be a good soldier if he acts independently of those connected with him. Occasional and uncertain movements, however earnest and energetic, will in the end bring defeat. Take a strong team of horses. If, instead of both pulling together, one should suddenly jerk forward and the other pull back, they would not move the load, notwithstanding their great strength. So the soldiers of Christ must work in concert, else there will be a mere concourse of independent atoms. Strength, instead of being carefully treasured to meet one great end, will be wasted in disconcerted, meaningless efforts. In union is strength. A few men and women who unite together, having the glory of God in view, will be growing in strength and wisdom, and gaining new victories” (*Signs of the Times*, Sept. 7, 1891, par. 7).

Intercession Focus: *Renewed Love, Especially for the Lost*

Pray for God’s people to experience renewed love in the following areas:

- For God and His Word
- For fellow church members – our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Among family members
- For the lost, specifically:
 - All those around the world who have never heard of Jesus
 - Those who have heard of Jesus, but have never met him personally
 - Individuals who once loved Jesus, but have fallen away
 - Our family and close friends who are backslidden



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Suggested Plan for *Loving Unity / Love for the Lost*

- **Introduction - 5 Minutes:**
 - Remind people of general guidelines for united prayer as explained in United Prayer Guidelines (available on www.revivalandreformation.org).
 - Introduce the day's prayer topic of loving unity among Christians and love for the lost.
 - Distribute five intercession cards to each person to be prayed over during supplication time. Make sure to pick them at the end.

United Prayer Time

- **Praise - 10 Minutes:**
 - Praise God for being the one who brings unity to us. Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
 - Encourage people to share their answers to prayer as praises to the God who gave them!
- **Confession – 5 Minutes:**
 - Silent prayer and confession time: Invite people to individually repent of their sins and ask God to show them areas of sin in their lives that may cause disunity.
 - Allow about two minutes for corporate confession asking forgiveness for sins of a corporate nature that create disunity in our church.
- **Supplication - 25 Minutes:**
 - Pray for a spirit of loving unity to be manifested in our church. Especially pray/claim the promises on the theme sheet.
 - Jesus' prayer in John 17 is a wonderful prayer to pray through together.
 - Spend time praying together for greater love for the lost and for loving unity with each other as outlined at the bottom of the theme sheet.
 - Claim the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised in God's word.
 - Divide people into groups of twos or threes to pray for the individuals/situations listed on the five cards they chose from the box. To help promote unity, encourage people to find prayer partners that they have not prayed with before.
- **Praise - 10 Minutes:**
 - Thank God for granting us loving unity with each other and greater love for the lost!

Suggested Songs to Use: Come Holy Spirit, I need You; Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (*SDA Hymnal* #574); Sanctuary; God is so Good; Jesus Loves Me (*SDA Hymnal* #190); Oh How I Love Jesus (*SDA Hymnal* #248); I Love to Tell the Story (*SDA Hymnal* #457); Rescue the Perishing (*SDA Hymnal* #367).