

Introduction

Welcome to Ten Days of Prayer 2013! God has worked thousands of 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!

We believe your life and the lives of those you pray for will be changed as you join your fellow church members in praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

“During the 10 days of prayer, I prayed for God to work in my sister’s heart. The other day, I got an e-mail saying my sister had been attending church every Sabbath. I praise God for what He has done!”

“The Operation Global Rain experience has been totally transforming. On day one, I was passive. By day two, I was on my knees!!”

“I have renewed my relationship with God and learned to depend upon His promises. I know He is God, and I have decided to invite the Holy Spirit into my daily walk.”

Our Prayer Theme: 2 Peter 1:1-11

During Ten Days of Prayer 2013, we will be praying through 2 Peter 1:1-11. This passage describes the foundation of our faith, the rungs in the ladder of character development, and the sure result as God works in us. “In the second letter addressed by Peter to those who had obtained ‘like precious faith’ with himself, the apostle sets forth the divine plan for the development of Christian character. . . . These words are full of instruction, and strike the keynote of victory” (*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 529, 530).

“We may attain unto glory and virtue, though weak, sinful mortals, by learning daily lessons in the school of Christ, by becoming conformed to the divine image, by manifesting His excellency of character, by adding grace to grace, by climbing round by round the ladder heavenward, by becoming complete in the Beloved. *As we shall work upon the plan of addition, by faith adding grace to grace, God will work upon the plan of multiplication, and multiply His grace and peace unto us*” (*Peter’s Counsel to Parents*, p. 474).

Daily Intercession Focus

In addition to the daily theme from 2 Peter 1, there is a daily intercession focus chosen to reflect our personal and corporate church needs. This section also highlights the initiatives and mission emphases of our world church in 2013.

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Journal Page Explanation

Why Journal Our Prayers?

When we write our prayers we are following the example of David, Jeremiah, Daniel, and many others. They knew the value of remembering what God did in their lives, the importance of being specific in their prayer requests, and the joy of watching God answer. Writing out your own prayers and keeping a record of God's answers will be incredibly encouraging to you.

"I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds" (Psalm 77:11, 12).

"They did not keep the covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law, and forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them" (Psalm 78:10, 11).

"There is more encouragement to us in the least blessing which we receive ourselves than in reading biographical works relating to the faith and experience of noted men of God. The things we ourselves have experienced of the blessings of God through His gracious promises we may hang in memory's halls, and whether rich or poor, learned or illiterate, we may look and may consider these tokens of God's love. Every token of God's care and goodness and mercy should be hung as imperishable mementos in memory's halls" (*Our High Calling*, p. 135).

How to Use the Daily Journal Pages:

The daily journal page is a simple tool that will help you focus on adding grace to grace in your personal life and help you recognize God's multiplied grace in return. "Here is a course by which we may be assured that we shall never fall. *Those who are thus working upon the plan of addition in obtaining the Christian graces have the assurance that God will work upon the plan of multiplication in granting them the gifts of His Spirit*" (*Counsels for the Church*, p. 51).

During the prayer time each day, ask God to show you what grace you need to add to your life (look to the daily scriptures and prayer theme for inspiration). Then you can write a personal prayer/goal/affirmation to be attained that day by God's grace.

Example for Day 1: "Thank you, Father, for giving me everything I need to live a godly life today. I will seek to know You fully so that I can understand what You are doing in every circumstance that comes my way today."

Then, throughout the following 24 hours, you are encouraged to carry your theme sheet and journal page with you so you can write down every grace God blesses you with. You will see many as God opens your eyes to recognize His work in your life. You may also want to make notes on how God helps you in your efforts to add that day's grace to your life.

When your group gathers the next day, share your multiplied blessings during the praise part of the prayer. Remember to pray short, simple prayers of praise.

"It will revive faith and encourage hope in the hearts of God's people to recount his past dealings with them" (*Review and Herald*, March 19, 1895, par. 1).

Multiplied Grace

“Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence” (2 Peter 1:1-3, NASB).

“The apostle sets forth the divine plan for the development of Christian character. . . . These words are full of instruction, and strike the keynote of victory. . . . God has called His people to glory and virtue, and these will be manifest in the lives of all who are truly connected with Him. Having become partakers of the heavenly gift, they are to go on unto perfection, being ‘kept by the power of God through faith.’ 1 Peter 1:5. It is the glory of God to give His virtue to His children” (*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 529-530).

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3, NASB).

“What a grand theme this is for contemplation—the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Contemplating Christ and His righteousness leaves no room for self-righteousness, for the glorifying of self. In this chapter [2 Peter 1] there is no standstill. There is continual advancement in every stage of the knowledge of Christ. Through the knowledge of Christ is life eternal” (*Peter’s Counsel to Parents*, p. 45).

“Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. . . . And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:23, 28).

“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).

Intercession Focus: Revival and Reformation

God’s abundant grace leads us to seek for Adventists and all other last day Christians to experience revival and reformation. This includes:

- A deep longing, and intense prayer, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- A personal relationship with Jesus through daily Bible study and prayer
- A transformed and sanctified life through the power of Jesus

Pray that many more people will join the 777 prayer initiative: praying for revival and reformation at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day. Pray especially for the following groups of people to experience revival and reformation:

- church leaders at all levels
- parents
- children/youth
- singles
- teachers
- pastors
- missionaries

Multiplied Grace / Revival and Reformation

While I work on the plan of **addition** . . . God is working on the plan of **multiplication!**

Dear Lord, during the next 24 hours, I feel You calling me to add this grace to my life: _____

In Your strength and by Your power, I choose to: _____

These are the ways I saw God multiply His grace to me today:

Multiplied Grace / Revival and Reformation

Suggested Plan

Introduction—10 Minutes:

- Explain general principles for united prayer based on suggestions found in United Prayer Guidelines (available at www.tendaysofprayer.org).
- Introduce the day's prayer topics: God's abundant grace and revival and reformation.
- Distribute Journal Page Explanation and briefly explain the daily journal page.

United Prayer Time

Praise—10 Minutes:

- Praise God for being a God of such abundant grace. He has given us everything we need for life and godliness! Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
- Praise Jesus for the privilege of knowing Him.
- Praise the Holy Spirit for making our prayers acceptable to God and changing us into the image of Jesus.

Confession—5 Minutes:

- Have people spend three minutes in silent confession. Have them ask God what they need to confess and which areas of their lives need a revelation of Jesus' power.
- Spend two minutes in corporate confession, asking forgiveness for our corporate sins such as lack of prayer, grieving the Holy Spirit, and pride.

Supplication—25 Minutes:

- Ask God to teach us how to pray for the Holy Spirit.
- Plead for God to reveal Himself to your church through this Ten Days of Prayer.
- Claim the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised in God's Word, especially for those people and concerns listed in the Intercession Focus.
- Pray that God will help us understand His grace and truly come to know Him as church members so that we can grow to represent Him fully to the world.

Journal Page Time—5 Minutes:

- During this silent time, participants ask God how to apply the day's prayer theme in their lives during the next 24 hours. They also write down their prayer goal and blessings.

Praise—5 Minutes:

- Thank God for giving us all we need in our spiritual life, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for teaching us to pray.

Intercession Cards: Give each participant five 3x5 cards. Ask them to take the cards home and pray about which five people God wants them to specifically intercede for during the Ten Days of Prayer. Have them write one name on each card, along with a short description of the prayer need, and bring the cards to tomorrow's prayer time. They may also write their own name on a card if they like.

Suggested Songs to Use: "Come, Holy Spirit"; "Spirit of the Living God" (SDA Hymnal #672); "Father, I Adore You"; "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (SDA Hymnal #265); "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (SDA Hymnal #262); "Spirit Song"; "Revive Us Again."