

## **Powerful Promises**

*God's Promises: Our rock-solid assurance of His love and faithfulness.*

“By which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4).

“Through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Hebrews 6:12).

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you” (Colossians 3:16, NASB).

“Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him” (Proverbs 30:5, NASB).

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17, NASB).

“For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us” (2 Corinthians 1:20, NASB).

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1, NASB).

“The work of progress is not left wholly dependent on our weak human efforts; but as we endeavor to walk in the footsteps of the Redeemer, divine strength will be imparted, that the righteousness of the law may be fulfilled in us. Help has been laid upon One who is mighty to save, and as we strive to add these virtues, He will multiply grace, according to our need, from His own divine sufficiency” (*Peter's Counsel to Parents*, p. 16).

“It is the glory of God to give His virtue to His children. He desires to see men and women reaching the highest standard; and when by faith they lay hold of the power of Christ, when they plead His unfailing promises, and claim them as their own, when with an importunity that will not be denied they seek for the power of the Holy Spirit, they will be made complete in Him” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 530).

### **Intercession Focus: God's Word & Spirit of Prophecy (SOP)**

Pray for God's Word and the SOP to become foundational to all Adventist life through:

- Many more people reading through the Bible with the Revived By His Word initiative ([www.RevivedByHisWord.org](http://www.RevivedByHisWord.org)).
- Increased distribution and reading of SOP materials around the world. Also, pray for the Great Controversy Project and all literature evangelism efforts to bring many to Jesus.
- Greater study and understanding of God's Word and key Bible teachings, including Daniel and Revelation, the Sabbath, the Sanctuary, Creation, and the State of the Dead.

## Powerful Promises / God's Word & Spirit of Prophecy (SOP)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Your strength and by Your power, I choose to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## **Powerful Promises / God's Word & Spirit of Prophecy (SOP)**

### **Suggested Plan**

#### **Introduction—5 Minutes:**

- Remind people of general guidelines for united prayer as explained in United Prayer Guidelines (available on [www.tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org)).
- Introduce the day's prayer topics: God's life-changing promises and our need for a greater love for God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy.
- Have each person select five intercession cards at random from the intercession box to pray over during the supplication time. Make sure they return these to the box at the end.
- You could have a beautiful gift bag or box labeled "God's Gifts to Us" with promise cards inside. Allow each person to take one at some point during the program.

### **United Prayer Time**

#### **Praise—10 Minutes:**

- Praise God for being the Promise-Giver. Thank Him for giving us His Word as a revelation of His love. Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
- Encourage people to share their answers to prayer as praises to God.

#### **Confession—5 Minutes:**

- Have people spend three minutes individually asking God to reveal which areas in their lives demonstrate a lack of love for God and a lack of reliance on His promises.
- Spend two minutes in corporate confession, asking forgiveness for not truly loving God or the Bible.

#### **Supplication—25 Minutes:**

- Pray for greater faith in God's promises. Pray based on the scriptures on the theme sheet.
- Invite people to open their Bibles to their favorite promises and pray those aloud for the group. Or perhaps pray a specific promise for a specific person in the group.
- Pray for God to reveal His love to us, especially through the Bible, so that we will love Him and the Bible more. Pray for God's people to fall in love with Him again.
- Claim the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised in God's Word.
- Divide people into groups of two or three to pray for the individuals/situations listed on the five cards chosen from the box.

#### **Journal Page Time—5 Minutes:**

- Give some time for quiet reflection on God's goodness and our love response to Him.

#### **Praise—10 Minutes:**

- Thank God for giving us His "exceedingly great and precious promises" and renewing our love for Him, the Bible, and the Spirit of Prophecy.

**Suggested Songs to Use:** "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"; "Standing On the Promises" (SDA Hymnal #518); "Give Me the Bible" (SDA Hymnal #272); "Wonderful Words of Life" (SDA Hymnal #286); "Jesus Loves Me"; "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (SDA Hymnal #248); "I Will Sing of Jesus' Love" (SDA Hymnal #183); "Ancient Words"; "Word of God Speak."