

## 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, often this is the only time when busy people are not 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 everything you need to pray for. We suggest that several people should lead out during the night. Be sure to have some breaks. As a leader, you can feel the atmosphere and sense when a break is needed and when you need to go to the next section of the prayer time. We suggest that you take a ten-minute break at least every ninety minutes. You may also incorporate the reading of certain Bible passages into your prayer time. You may want to do all of the items suggested below 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 a 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 only the public sins. In Daniel 9:1-19 we read how Daniel 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 and in need of prayer or know someone else who is in desperate need of prayer. Make a circle, place a chair in the middle, and invite those who have a special prayer request to come one by one and share the request. Then gather around the person and have two or three people pray for their specific needs and claim God's promises for them. You will be surprised at how many people are 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 personal needs cannot and should not be shared with everyone. It is easier to share with those of the same gender.
- **Pray for the list of needs found below,** after coming back together.
- **Pray for the seven people** you have prayed for during the past ten days.
- **Choose a Bible passage and pray over it.**
- **Close the prayer time with another session of praise and thanksgiving.**

#### **Prayer Needs**

- **Pray for the 60th General Conference Session in San Antonio, for the delegates, and for the decisions that will be made there. Pray that the delegates will abide in Christ, that they will be totally surrendered to Him, and that Holy Spirit will lead in every decision.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

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

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:16, 17

- **Pray for expanded emphasis on the Revival and Reformation theme for members, conferences, unions, institutions, divisions, and the General Conference. Remember the 777 prayer initiative for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit's latter rain.**

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.  
Joel 2:28, 29

- **Pray for a wonderful harvest of souls resulting from seeds planted during the *Great Controversy* Distribution Project in all its various formats.**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Cor. 9:6

- **Pray for every member to feel a burden for soul winning and to realize that heaven asks all of us to follow Christ's steps in sharing our personal faith with God's guidance.**

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38

- **Pray for loving relationships within Adventist families. Pray in a special way for families that struggle or are on the verge of divorce. Do you know such a family? Lift them up in prayer.**

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."  
1 Pet. 4:8

Let all that you do be done with love. 1 Cor. 16:14

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Rom. 5:5

- **Pray for loving relationships within God's church.**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. 1 Pet. 1:22, 23

- **Pray for heartfelt gratefulness for and full acceptance of the Spirit of Prophecy writings as being applicable today. Pray that church leaders and members read the materials on a regular basis.**

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Josh. 1:8

- **Pray for increased emphasis on the wonderful doctrine of biblical creation—that our earth was created in six literal, consecutive days by the word of the Lord.**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Heb. 11:1-3

- **Pray for the protection of our young people from ever-increasing worldly influences. Pray that they will focus on the Word of God and service to others. Pray by name for the young people you know who need God's protection.**

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

- **Pray for the plans and activities of all thirteen divisions and attached union (Middle East and North Africa Union) regarding Mission to the Cities.**  
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5
- **Pray for worldwide unity in every congregation and church entity, based on respect for God's Word, humble prayer, the Holy Spirit's power, respect for accepted church policy/process, and full engagement in the mission of the church. Pray for humility in our lives so we will be united in our submission to God's leading and in the process of making unified church decisions.**  
Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. 1:10
- **Pray for strong cooperation and unity between the church organization and supporting ministries in the evangelistic outreach of our church.**  
And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb. 10:24, 25
- **Pray for the use of every appropriate social media format to share the three angels' messages in a creative and fresh manner with the busy people of today.**  
I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5
- **Pray that God will give a full understanding of Christ's method (comprehensive health ministry), allowing all church members to meet people's needs and follow Christ's pattern of service to others.**  
For so the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47  
  
So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21, 22
- **Pray for a tremendous increase in spiritual support for Seventh-day Adventist young people who attend public campuses. Pray that they become vibrant missionaries serving others at public universities and colleges worldwide.**  
Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. 2 Tim. 1:8  
  
I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Tim. 4:1, 2
- **Pray for all members to spend more time in Bible study and prayer, allowing God to fully direct His people according to His will and not ours.**  
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17
- **Pray for increased interest in studying the books of Daniel and Revelation. Pray that people will understand and proclaim the sanctuary service as a beautiful explanation of the salvation process. Pray for clear focus on Christ and His work for us during His life on earth, His death on**

**the cross, His resurrection, His current ministry for us in the Most Holy Place in heaven, and His soon second coming.**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying! We have such a High Priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord erected, and not man. Heb. 8:1, 2

➤ **Pray for increased participation and commitment in evangelistic outreach by all church members and institutions as they support the ongoing mission of the church.**

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

➤ **Pray for the establishment of thousands of “centers of influence,” especially in large cities around the world, and pray that these centers make a huge difference in people’s lives as they experience God’s truth through Christian service.**

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:13-16

➤ **Pray that every church leader around the world holds deeply to a faithful spiritual and evangelistic perspective. Plead with the Lord to guard pastors and church members against losing the prophetic identify of who we are as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, God’s remnant church at the end of time.**

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Pet. 2:9, 10

➤ **Pray for the increased use of Christian literature by all church members and for increased emphasis on literature evangelism, both through hard copy and electronic formats.**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Cor. 9:6

➤ **Pray for greater support and interest by all church members and leaders in maintaining Seventh-day Adventist education as truly Seventh-day Adventist in content and emphasis. This is so vital to the church’s future workforce and mission perspective.**

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6

➤ **Pray for an increased emphasis on small-group outreach so that all members are participating in personal witnessing and proclaiming God’s great truth in these last days.**

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 Pet. 3:15

➤ **Pray for the united evangelistic and witnessing activities of every Seventh-day Adventist man, woman, and child around the world. Pray that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit as we submit to His leading in our lives.**

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. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. Jer. 1:7, 8

- **Pray that God will bring to the forefront godly, teachable, and humble leaders for the future who will provide Christ-centered leadership as His church fulfills its heaven-born mandate to the world.**

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 2:5

- **Pray that Christ will bring peace and love into Seventh-day Adventist families and homes. Pray that His presence will drive away abuse and stress through the sanctifying power of His righteousness.**

But above all these things, put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Col. 3:14, 15

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the East-Central Africa Division and the cities they have chosen to work in: Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Kampala, Uganda; Kananga, West Congo; Lodwar, Kenya; Kigali, Rwanda; Lubumbashi, East Congo; Goma, North East Congo; Magara, Burundi; and Juba, South Sudan. Pray for the strongholds of Satan to be broken and relationships with Christ to be established.**

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" Rom. 10:14, 15

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the Euro-Asia Division and the cities they are working in: Moscow, Russia; Kiev, Ukraine; Kishinev, Moldova; Donetsk, Ukraine; Kharkov, Ukraine; Minsk, Belarus; St. Petersburg, Russia; Novosibirsk, Russia; Krasnoyarsk, East Russia; Khabarovsk, Russia; Rostov-on-Don, Caucasus; Tbilisi, Georgia; Yerevan, Armenia; and Almaty, Kazakhstan. Pray for the thousands of outreach activities and reaping events currently taking place.**

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. Col. 3:23

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the Inter-European Division and the cities they have chosen to work in: Geneva, Switzerland; Prague, Czech Republic; and Vienna, Austria. Lift up also the Middle East and North Africa Union and the 43 cities they are planning to enter in the next four to five years. Pray for the church members and leaders working in these cities.**

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 Pet. 3:15

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for Inter-American Division and the cities they are trying to win for Christ: Mexico City, Mexico; Caracas, Venezuela; Bogotá, Colombia; Nassau, Bahamas; Belize City, Belize; Georgetown, Guyana; Cali, Colombia; Cayenne, French Guiana; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Mérida, Mexico; Puerto Rico (entire island); Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic; and Maracaibo, Venezuela. Pray that members can develop strategies for reaching these large cities.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the North American Division as they try to reach out to the following cities: New York City, New York; Calgary, Canada; Indianapolis, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; Oakland, California; Tampa, Florida; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pray also for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and the cities they are trying reach: Tokyo, Japan; Daegu, Korea; Daejeon, Korea; Wuxi, China; and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Pray for God's Spirit to work powerfully in these cities.**

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

- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the South American Division and the 43 cities on which they have chosen to concentrate their outreach. Pray also for the South Pacific Division and the cities they have chosen to reach for Christ: Sydney, Australia; Christchurch, New Zealand; Lae, Papua New Guinea; and Apia, Samoa. Pray that God will send workers and that He will bless their efforts.**  
As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. John 17:18
- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division and the cities they are trying to win for Christ: Luanda, Angola; Antananarivo, Madagascar; Lilongwe, Malawi; Maputo, Mozambique; Saurimo, Angola; Bloemfontein, South Africa; Lubango, Angola; Kitwe, Zambia; and Harare, Zimbabwe. Pray also for the Southern Asia Division and the cities in India they are trying to win for Christ: Mumbai, Kochi, Bidar, New Delhi, Coimbatore, Surat, Imphal, and Vijayawada. Pray that God’s Word will bear fruit.**  
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isa. 55:11
- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the Southern-Asia Pacific Division and the cities on which they are concentrating their efforts: Metro Manila, Philippines; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Cebu, Philippines; Makassar, Indonesia; Yangon, Myanmar; Urdaneta, Philippines; Karachi, Pakistan; Kota Kinabalo, Malaysia; Davao, Philippines; and Medan, Indonesia. Pray for the workers to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**  
But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8
- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the Trans-European Division and the cities they are trying to win for Christ: London, England; Zagreb, Croatia; Tallinn, Estonia; Dublin, Ireland; Copenhagen, Denmark; Helsinki, Finland; Budapest, Hungary; Bergen, Norway; Randstad, Netherlands; Warsaw, Poland; Belgrade, Serbia; and Gothenburg, Sweden. Pray for people to have a deep hunger for the Word of God.**  
“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.” Amos 8:11
- **Mission to the Cities—Pray for the West-Central Africa Division and the cities they are working to reach for Christ: Lagos, Nigeria; Douala, Cameroon; Calabar, Nigeria; Accra, Ghana; Abuja, Nigeria; and Lome, Togo. Pray that people will see their need of Christ and call upon Him.**  
For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Rom. 10:13

