

10 Days of Prayer 2017

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Day 3—The Laver

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Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that He wants to wash away all your sins.
- Praise God that He is calling you to live a pure and holy life.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you if there are any sins you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God to forgive you for times when your words and acts did not demonstrate purity of character.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the laver was anointed with the holy oil (Ex. 40:11), the Holy Spirit will cleanse and purify your heart.
- Is there any area in your life in which you do not reflect the cleanliness and purity that Christ desires for you? Surrender it to God.
- Is your home a clean and pure place? Ask God to help you make your home a place where the angels love to dwell.
- Do you sometimes have a hard time keeping your thoughts positive and pure? Surrender your thoughts to God and ask Him to sanctify them.
- Pray that the children and young people in your church will understand the importance of cleanliness and purity in the home and also in their conversations and thoughts.
- Do you know anyone who struggles in the area of inward and outward cleanliness and purity? Lift them up in prayer.
- Pray that we will 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 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 God to raise up urban missionaries to plant churches for the 806 people groups within the 20 countries of Inter-European Division.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will allow God to put a desire for purity in their hearts.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that the “the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16).
- Thank God that He is willing to come and live in your heart.
- Thank God that He has sent angels out to answer the prayers you have prayed this week.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (SDA Hymnal #316); “Yes, Lord, I Give My Life to You”; “I Need Thee Every Hour” (SDA Hymnal #483); “Draw Me Nearer” (SDA Hymnal #306); “I Surrender All” (SDA Hymnal #309); “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (SDA Hymnal #462); “Fill My Cup, Lord” (SDA Hymnal #493).

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Between the altar and the door of the tabernacle was the laver, which was also of brass, made from the mirrors that had been the freewill offering of the women of Israel. At the laver the priests were to wash their hands and their feet whenever they went into the sacred apartments, or approached the altar to offer a burnt offering unto the Lord. (*Christ in His Sanctuary*, p. 26)

What impression was this to make upon the people? It was to show them that every particle of dust must be put away before they could go into the presence of God; for he was so high and holy that unless they did comply with these conditions, death would follow. . . . (*Gospel Workers*, 1892, pp. 162, 163)

The Lord requires his ministers to be pure and holy, rightly to represent the principles of truth in their own lives, and by their example to bring others up upon a high level.

God requires all who profess to be his chosen people, though they are not teachers of the truth, to be careful to preserve personal cleanliness and purity, also cleanliness and order in their houses and upon their premises. We are examples to the world, living epistles known and read of all men. God requires all who profess godliness, and especially those who teach the truth to others, to abstain from all appearance of evil. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, pp. 614, 615)

Truth never places her delicate feet in a path of uncleanness or impurity. . . . He who was so particular that the children of Israel should cherish habits of cleanliness will not sanction any impurity in the homes of His people today. God looks with disfavor on uncleanness of any kind.

Unclean, neglected corners in the house will tend to make impure, neglected corners in the soul. (*My Life Today*, p. 129)

Christians will be judged by the fruit they bear in reformatory work. Every true Christian will show what the truth of the gospel has done for him. He who has been made a son of God must practice habits of neatness and cleanliness. Every action, however small, has an influence. The Lord desires to make every human being an agency through whom Christ can manifest His Holy Spirit. Christians are in no case to be careless or indifferent in regard to their outward appearance. They are to be neat and trim, though without adornment. They are to be pure inside and out. (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 92)

All the philosophies of human nature have led to confusion and shame when God has not been recognized as all in all. But the precious faith inspired of God imparts strength and nobility of character. As His goodness, His mercy, and His love are dwelt upon, clearer and still clearer will be the perception of truth; higher, holier, the desire for purity of heart and clearness of thought. The soul dwelling in the pure atmosphere of holy thought is transformed by intercourse with God through the study of His Word. Truth is so large, so far-reaching, so deep, so broad, that self is lost sight of. The heart is softened and subdued into humility, kindness, and love. (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 223)

God loves purity, cleanliness, order, and holiness. God requires all His people who lack these qualifications to seek them and never rest until they obtain them. They must commence the work of reform and elevate their lives, so that in conversation and deportment their acts, their lives, will be a continual recommendation of their faith and will have such a winning, compelling power upon unbelievers that they will be compelled to acknowledge that they are the children of God.

The truth as it is in Jesus will not degrade but elevate the receiver, purify his life, refine his taste, sanctify his judgment. (*Our High Calling*, p. 230)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

As God works upon the heart by His Holy Spirit, man must cooperate with Him. The thoughts must be bound about, restricted, withdrawn from branching out and contemplating things that will only weaken and defile the soul. The thoughts must be pure, the meditations of the heart must be clean, if the words of the mouth are to be words acceptable to heaven, and helpful to your associates. (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 52)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phil. 4:8)

Heaven is pure and holy, and those who pass through the gates of the city of God must here be clothed with inward and outward purity. (*Heaven*, p. 97)