

10 Days of Prayer 2017

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Day 10—The Linen Wall

“And this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” Jer. 23:6

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for His righteousness that is imparted to us.
- Praise God that His righteousness is a free gift.
- Praise God that through the sacrifice of Jesus and His intercession for us, we can come to the throne of God and claim His robe of righteousness.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you which sins to confess openly and which to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Pray for forgiveness for times when you trusted in your own power.
- Ask God for forgiveness for the times when you had a self-righteous spirit.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Do you know someone who needs Christ’s robe of righteousness. Pray for them.
- Ask the Lord to give you a desire to overcome sin and develop a character like Jesus’ character.
- Pray that God will put in your heart the desire to have the righteousness of Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach you how to accept Christ’s righteousness.
- Ask God that each of us individually will represent Christ and the garments of His righteousness in our daily life, in our lifestyle, and in our dress.
- Pray for a heightened sense of urgency in church leaders and members. Pray for an awareness that we are living at the end of time and that Jesus is coming soon.
- Pray for a powerful witness by Seventh-day Adventist media as these ministries plan for massive, integrated evangelistic initiatives around the world.
- Pray for continued distribution of marvelous books such as *The Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, and others. Pray that a harvest of souls results from seeds planted by these books.
- Pray for increased commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education at all levels since it is so important for the future workforce and mission direction of the church.
- Pray for God to raise up intercessory prayer warriors to intercede for the 893 people groups within the 25 countries of Trans-European Division.
- Ask God to raise up nurses and doctors to plant new churches among the 1,978 people groups of the 22 countries in West-Central Africa Division.
- Pray for members of Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) as they help their local conference or mission leaders devise long-term urban mission plans, including comprehensive health ministry and Total Member Involvement as part of Mission to the Cities.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need of Christ’s righteousness.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He is working in the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Thank God that He has people who long to become more like Him.
- Thank God that He is working in the hearts of all the people you have been praying for.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (*SDA Hymnal* #316); “I Shall See the King” (*SDA Hymnal* #426); “The Glory Song” (*SDA Hymnal* #435); “There Is a Fountain” (*SDA Hymnal* #336); “Redeemed” (*SDA Hymnal* #337); “Jesus Saves” (*SDA Hymnal* #340); “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (*SDA Hymnal* #343).

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He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5)

All that have put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness will stand before Him as chosen and faithful and true. Satan has no power to pluck them out of the hand of Christ. Not one soul that in penitence and faith has claimed His protection will Christ permit to pass under the enemy’s power. His word is pledged: “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.” Isaiah 27:5. The promise given to Joshua is made to all: “If thou wilt keep My charge, . . . I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.” Zechariah 3:7. Angels of God will walk on either side of them, even in this world, and they will stand at last among the angels that surround the throne of God. (*Testimony Treasures*, vol. 2, p. 174)

Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God’s presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul. . . . This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us. “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin. But the Son of God “was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” (*Lift Him Up*, p. 163)

When we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we shall have no relish for sin; for Christ will be working with us. We may make mistakes, but we will hate the sin that caused the sufferings of the Son of God. (*Messages to Young People*, p. 338)

The Lord is coming, and we now need the oil of grace in our vessels with our lamps. . . . We are strangers and pilgrims in this world. We are to wait, watch, pray, and work. The whole mind, the whole soul, the whole heart, and the whole strength are purchased by the blood of the Son of God. We are not to feel it our duty to wear a pilgrim’s dress of just such a color, just such a shape, but neat, modest apparel, that the word of inspiration teaches us we should wear. If our hearts are united with Christ’s heart, we shall have a most intense desire to be clothed with His righteousness. Nothing will be put upon the person to attract attention or to create controversy. (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 130, 131)

As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, “Take away the filthy garments” from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb’s book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon’s roar. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter’s devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. (*Counsels for the Church*, p. 353)

The child of God will not rest satisfied until he is clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and sustained by his life-giving power. When he sees a weakness in his character, it is not enough to confess it again and again; he must go to work with determination and energy to overcome his defects by building up opposite traits of character. He will not shun this work because it is difficult. Untiring energy is required of the Christian; but he is not obliged to work in his own strength; divine power awaits his demand. Every one who is sincerely striving for the victory over self, will appropriate the promise, “My grace is sufficient for thee.” 2 Corinthians 12:9. (*Gospel Workers*, p. 420)

Each one will have a close struggle to overcome sin in his own heart. This is at times a very painful and discouraging work; because, as we see the deformities in our character, we keep looking at them, when we should look to Jesus and put on the robe of His righteousness. Everyone who enters the pearly gates of the city of God will enter there as a conqueror, and his greatest conquest will have been the conquest of self. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 182)

No sin can be tolerated in those who shall walk with Christ in white. The filthy garments are to be removed, and Christ’s robe of righteousness is to be placed upon us. By repentance and faith we are enabled to render obedience to all the commandments of God, and are found without blame before Him. Those who shall meet the approval of God are now afflicting their souls, confessing their sins, and earnestly pleading for pardon through Jesus their Advocate. Their attention is fixed upon Him, their hopes, their faith, are centered on Him, and when the command is given, “Take away the filthy garments, and clothe him with change of raiment, and set a fair miter upon his head,” they are prepared to give Him all the glory of their salvation. (*Testimony Treasures*, vol. 2, p. 175)