

The High Priest

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, night might be the only time when people are not busy or 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 all the things you feel God wants you to pray for.

We suggest that several people lead out during the night. Be sure to have some breaks. As a leader, you can sense the atmosphere and know when a break is needed and when you need to move on to the next section of prayer. We suggest that you take a ten-minute break at least every ninety minutes. You can also incorporate the reading of Bible passages into your prayer time. You may want to do all of the suggested items or only some of them, depending on what it is best for your group. Feel free to change the order.

Here is our 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 the public sins. In Daniel 9:1-19 we read about Daniel, who 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 or in need of prayer, or know someone else who is in desperate need of prayer. Make a circle, put a chair in the middle, and invite those who have a special prayer request to come one by one and share their requests. Then gather around the person and have two or three people pray for the person's specific need and claim God's promises. You will be surprised at how many people are hurting and 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 there are personal needs that cannot and should not be shared with everyone. It is easier to share with those of the same gender.
- After you come back together, **pray for the list of needs found below.** These are suggested prayer requests from the world church. Don't feel that you must rush through the entire list. You may want to divide into small groups and have each group pray for a portion of the list.
- **Pray for the seven people** you have prayed for during these ten days.
- **Choose a Bible passage and pray through it.**
- **Close the prayer time with another session of praise and thanksgiving.**

Prayer Needs

- Lord, may our church lift up Christ and Him crucified and coming again. Give us a burden for lost souls.
- Please bless worldwide evangelistic outreach during the coming year. We pray especially for Total Member Involvement evangelism efforts in Japan, Zambia, and the Philippines.
- We pray for a spiritual revival among Seventh-day Adventist young people who attend public colleges and universities worldwide. May they become vibrant ambassadors for Christ.
- Lord, please bless the work of Adventist Mission. Give our workers wisdom as they coordinate church planting around the world and seek funds to send Global Mission pioneers into unreached areas.
- Bless the faithful church members who support Your work, whether their donations are large or small. Please inspire each of us to give from our hearts and receive the blessings of faithful stewardship.
- Please bless the efforts of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries as they equip chaplains and volunteers to minister in prisons, hospitals, the military, and other settings. May they bring hope and spiritual healing to Your forgotten children.
- Bless the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency as they meet the needs of the poor and forgotten.
- Lord, please strengthen our faith and lead us to spend more time in Bible study and prayer. Let us walk with You daily as Enoch did.
- Please turn our hearts toward eternal values rather than the distractions of this world. Protect us from worldly influences that threaten our daily spiritual experience.
- Father, let Your will be done in our lives and in our church, rather than our own will. Make us humble, teachable, and willing to embrace Your plans.
- Please lead each of us to crucify self and live by the power of Jesus. We ask especially that You will lead our young people to dedicate their entire lives to Your service.
- Lord, please raise up godly, humble church leaders who portray Christlike character in their words and actions. And show us how to support our leaders with prayer, encouragement, and willing service.
- May Your church faithfully and fully proclaim the three angels' messages of Revelation 14. Give us wisdom to place the righteousness of Christ at the core of these messages.
- Please bless our efforts as we set up "centers of influence" in large cities of the world. Give us eyes to see the real needs of each city. Give us creativity to meet those needs. Show us how to lovingly lead others to Your Word.
- Lord, we ask You for revival and reformation in our own lives, our families, our church, and our community. Begin by changing our hearts so Your grace can flow through us to others.
- Lord, please inspire Seventh-day Adventists around the world to pray as never before. Let us plead together for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit. We ask You for the promised fulfillment of Joel 2, Hosea 6, and Acts 2.

- Please protect our young people from worldly temptations. Turn their eyes toward Jesus and help them dedicate daily time to prayer and Bible study.
- Father, please teach us how to share the Bread of Life with others. When we are weak, give us Your strength. When we are fearful, give us Your courage.
- We pray for a renewed focus on studying Daniel, Revelation, and other prophecies. Please give our church members solid hope for the future and a clear understanding of the controversy between Christ and Satan.
- Lord, teach us to study Your Word for ourselves every day. Inspire more members to participate in “Believe His Prophets” by reading the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy together as a world church.
- Help each of us to value and seek out the inspired wisdom given to our church in the Spirit of Prophecy writings. May these counsels lead us more deeply into Your Word, the Bible.
- Lord, show us how to submit our lives completely to You. Make us one in Christ. Unify us in proclaiming the last loud cry to the world.
- Lord, You have blessed our church with tremendous understanding of biblical truth. May we share it humbly and joyfully with the world around us.
- Father, please bless the efforts of small groups and house churches around the world. We ask You to raise up even more faithful members to witness about Jesus and His beautiful character in their own neighborhoods.
- Lord, teach us how to proclaim our fundamental church beliefs with clarity, creativity, and biblical authenticity. May the love of Jesus be at the core of everything we believe.
- Please let our families reveal Your love in our homes and communities. We ask You to bring harmony into homes, heal broken relationships, protect the vulnerable from abuse, and reveal Your sanctifying power in seemingly hopeless situations.
- Lord, we pray for the thousands of Global Mission pioneers who are planting churches among unreached people. Many of them work alone or in difficult situations, so we pray for their safety, wisdom, and success.
- Bless the efforts of the Adventist Professionals’ Network. Give them divine opportunities to disciple the educated and elite in the world’s urban areas.
- We ask for special protection for church members who face daily harassment or threats to their freedom because of their religious beliefs. We pray for their wisdom and courage. May we also be inspired to live as witnesses in a world that does not know You.
- May every Seventh-day Adventist worldwide catch the vision of Total Member Involvement. Let each one of us become active in personal witnessing, small-group outreach, or public evangelism.
- Please send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of Adventist World Radio listeners, especially in the large urban areas of the world. May church members be faithful to follow up and disciple those who are seeking You.
- Bless the collaboration of our church organization and supporting ministries in the great work of evangelistic outreach. May Your servants work together with love for each other and for You.
- Lord, please show us how to send more truth-filled literature (both printed and electronic) into our communities. Raise up literature evangelists, student volunteers, authors, media specialists, and financial supporters to spread words of hope and life.
- We pray for wide distribution of Bible study guides, pamphlets, and books such as *Steps to Christ*. May these materials plant the seed of truth in people’s hearts and lead them to study God’s Word.
- May our church members, pastors, and leaders around the world feed on God’s Word every day. May we also seek You daily in personal prayer. Remind us that without You, we can do nothing.
- Lord, make us willing to follow You in every part of our lives. When we need to take the next step of obedience, show us what that is. Fill our lives with Your power.
- Please revive our Sabbath School attendance around the world. Lead members and visitors to experience life-changing fellowship, mission, Bible study, and local outreach.
- Please strengthen the outreach ministries of each local church, such as Women’s Ministries, Men’s Ministries, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Adventist Community Services. Show us how to be Your hands and feet to others.
- Lord, may a mighty revival of primitive godliness sweep Your church in the final days. May we stand for truth though the heavens fall.
- Please bless the witness of Seventh-day Adventist media ministries, including social media. Help us to strive for excellence as we reach twenty-first century people with the everlasting gospel.
- Lord, give us a sense of wonder and gratitude as we contemplate the world You created. May we faithfully honor the biblical truth of creation and teach our young people to sense Your power and love in nature.
- Lord, teach us to follow Christ’s selfless example by meeting the daily needs of people close to us. Equip us to serve as medical missionaries, community volunteers, and friends to the needy.
- Show us how to meet the practical and spiritual needs of refugees. May our church be known for our love of all people, no matter who they are or where they come from.
- We especially pray for refugees from countries that are closed to the gospel. As we meet their needs and lead them to know You, please open doors so they can return to their countries and share God’s love with others.
- Father, please give us a heightened sense of urgency in our work for You. Let us live with daily hope that Jesus is coming soon to make all things well.
- Lord, bless the work of Seventh-day Adventist educators at all levels around the world. Strengthen our schoolteachers, parents, youth leaders, and Sabbath School teachers as they prepare a generation of youth for Your service.
- We ask You to bless the work of Special Needs Ministries. Give us compassion as we meet the needs of those who are deaf or blind and those who have physical or mental challenges.
- We ask You to raise up medical missionaries to plant churches among the 830 people groups within the 11 countries of East-Central Africa Division.
- We ask You to raise up young people to plant churches for the 750 people groups within the 13 countries of Euro-Asia Division.
- We ask You to raise up urban missionaries to plant churches for the 806 people groups within the 20 countries of Inter-European Division.
- We ask You to raise up an army of workers to plant churches for the 948 people groups within the 38 countries of Inter-American Division.
- We ask You to raise up martyrs willing to work among the 746 people groups within the 20 countries of Middle East North Africa Union.
- We pray for Adventist business leaders to witness for Christ’s love among the 691 people groups within the 8 countries of Northern-Asia Pacific Division.
- We ask You to prepare young professionals to plant churches for the 789 people groups within the 9 countries of North American Division.
- We ask You to open opportunities for training church planting missionaries for the 676 people groups within the 9 countries of South American Division.
- We pray for the 541 people groups within the 18 countries of Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.
- We pray for God to prepare volunteers to serve the 70 people groups within the Israel Field.

- We pray for God to call retired teachers and educators to minister to the 2,566 people groups within the 14 countries of Southern Asia-Pacific Division.
- We ask You to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 2,568 people groups within the 4 countries of Southern Asia Division.
- We ask You to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 893 people groups within the 25 countries of Trans-European Division.
- We ask You 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.
- We ask You to raise up youth to make disciples among the 1,459 people groups within the 20 countries of South Pacific Division.
- We ask for wisdom in reaching secular cultures that have no interest in religion of any kind. Let Your Holy Spirit break down the walls that surround their hearts.
- Lord, show us how to share the gospel with Muslim people groups. We pray that they hear and respond to Your offer of grace.
- We pray for people groups in Asia, including Buddhists and Hindus. Many have never heard the name of Jesus. Give us special wisdom for understanding their needs and reaching their hearts.
- Bless us as we reach out to people enslaved by spirit worship, idolatry, and animistic beliefs. Help us to understand their worldview and introduce them to a personal Savior.
- Lord, give us success in reaching the 10/40 Window, a part of the world with so little Christian influence. Open hearts to receive the good news of Jesus. May the people see Your love in our lives.