

The High Priest

DAY 3—BARE FEET

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(EXODUS 3:5)

SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR THE PRAYER TIME

Praise

- Lord, we begin by praising You for who You are—for Your matchless character and divine love.
- We praise You for the example of Jesus, who was clothed with humility.
- We praise You because You dwell “in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin

- Father, please show us any sins we need to confess privately. We claim Your victory over those sins.
- Forgive us for times when we did not have humble hearts.
- Forgive us for times when pride did not allow us to fully admit our guilt and need of You.

Supplication and Intercession

- Lord, please teach us what it means to “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:6).
- Please show us how to take Your yoke upon ourselves and learn from You, for You are meek and lowly in heart (Matthew 11:29).
- We ask You to show us the areas in life where we need to learn humility.
- 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 our 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 You.
- 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 that 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 fulfilment of Joel 2, Hosea 6, and Acts 2.
- Lord, we pray for the seven (or more) people on our individual prayer lists. May they humble themselves and allow the Holy Spirit to teach them.
- We also pray for the personal needs of those gathered here.

Thanksgiving

- Lord, thank You for this promise: “He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way” (Psalm 25:9, NIV).
 - We thank You for Jesus, who “humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).
 - Thank You that humility goes before honor (Proverbs 15:33).
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SUGGESTED SONGS TO SING

“Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (SDA Hymnal #316); “I Need Thee Every Hour” (SDA Hymnal #483); “Moment by Moment” (SDA Hymnal #507); “I Surrender All” (SDA Hymnal #309); “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (SDA Hymnal #462); “Lord I Want to Be a Christian” (SDA Hymnal #319).

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God warned Moses not to approach irreverently. The removal of shoes symbolized the respectful attitude necessary for true worship.

Humility and reverence should characterize the deportment of all who come into the presence of God. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 252)

In the name of Jesus we may come before Him with confidence, but we must not approach Him with the boldness of presumption, as though He were on a level with ourselves. There are those who address the great and all-powerful and holy God, who dwelleth in light unapproachable, as they would address an equal, or even an inferior. There are those who conduct themselves in His house as they would not presume to do in the audience chamber of an earthly ruler. . . . God is greatly to be revered; all who truly realize His presence will bow in humility before Him. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 252)

To be clothed with humility does not mean that we are to be dwarfs in intellect, deficient in aspiration, and cowardly in our lives, shunning burdens lest we fail to carry them successfully. Real humility fulfills God's purposes by depending upon His strength. (*God's Amazing Grace*, p. 270)

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

God works by whom He will. He sometimes selects the humblest instrument to do the greatest work, for His power is revealed through the weakness of men. We have our standard, and by it we pronounce one thing great and another small; but God does not estimate according to our rule. We are not to suppose that what is great to us must be great to God, or that what is small to us must be small to Him.

All boasting of merit in ourselves is out of place. . . . The reward is not of works, lest any man should boast; but it is all of grace. . . .

There is no religion in the enthronement of self. He who makes self-glorification his aim will find himself destitute of that grace which alone can make him efficient in Christ's service. Whenever pride and self-complacency are indulged the work is marred. . . .

The Christian who is such in his private life, in the daily surrender of self, in sincerity of purpose and purity of thought, in meekness under provocation, in faith and piety, in fidelity in that which is least, the one who in the home life represents the character of Christ—such a one may in the sight of God be more precious than even the world-renowned missionary or martyr. . . . (*God's Amazing Grace*, p. 270)

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." All heaven enters into co-partnership with those who come to Christ for eternal life, submitting themselves to him as those who have made a surrender of all to God. God requires his servants to stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, striving in his power to keep the principles of truth pure and uncorrupted. They must never step aside from the path of self-denial and humility which every true Christian must travel. As they thus co-operate with God, Christ is formed within, "the hope of glory." Clad in his meekness and lowliness, they find their highest joy in doing his service. Earthly ambition gives way to a desire to serve the Master. (*Review and Herald*, May 11, 1897, par. 14)

We need to draw nigh to God, and see if there are not jealousies and evil surmisings that are keeping the Saviour away. Selfishness and self-sufficiency close the door of the heart against Jesus, saying, "I want not thy way but my way." Humble yourselves under the hand of God, and He will lift you up. Your simple, heartfelt confessions of hard-heartedness, worldliness, and love of display and pleasure will be heard by God, and these sins will be seen as they appear in the sight of a holy God. (*Testimonies to Southern Africa*, p. 78)

The Lord has men of his appointment whom he will use in his work so long as they allow themselves to be used in accordance with his good pleasure. He can never use any one who is seeking to humble some one else. Humble yourselves, brethren. When you do this, it is possible for holy angels to communicate with you, and place you on vantage ground. Then your experience, instead of being faulty, will be filled with happiness. Seek to relate yourselves in harmony with God's leadings, and then you will be susceptible to the moving of his Holy Spirit. (*North Pacific Union Gleaner*, March 23, 1910, par. 5)