

Seeking God's Spirit

A NIGHT OF PRAYER: OPTIONAL ALL-NIGHT PRAYER MEETING FOR DAY 10

Consider holding an all-night prayer service as part of the Ten Days of Prayer. For example, you could begin at 6:00 p.m. and finish at 6:00 a.m.

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. 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.

Sample Schedule for First Hour of Prayer

5:45—Songs of praise.

6:00—Welcome and introduction. Keep the comments brief but friendly.

6:05—Prayers of praise for who God is (praising His character).

6:10—Claiming Bible promises (see "Promises to Claim in Prayer" in online resources).

6:15—Prayers of confession (silent prayer time).

6:20—Prayer requests for blessings needed (supplication).

6:25—Silent prayers.

6:30—Intercessory prayer for salvation of souls in your community and church region.

6:35—Prayers reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

6:40—Thanksgiving for what God has done.

6:45—Prayer songs and/or responsive readings from church hymnal.

6:50—Prayers asking for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

6:55—More prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

You may want to repeat the same format for each hour of the night because people will come and go. During the time of supplication you may wish to pray for "World Church Prayer Needs" (included at the end of this document). Be sure to make time also for local needs and prayer requests.

Another nice touch is to have gifted members present prayer-oriented songs or poems/prayers. You could also include 3-5 minute testimonies.

In the morning you may wish to have a closing ceremony. Begin with group singing and a short message from the pastor or a prayer leader, and perhaps conclude with a special breakfast.

World Church Prayer Needs

- We pray for Adventist members who face persecution or imprisonment because of their beliefs.
- 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.
- We pray for the 69 percent of earth's population who have not received an unclouded presentation of Jesus.
- We pray for the 62 million people in the 28 least-reached cities of the former Soviet Union (Euro-Asia Division).
- We pray for God to raise up brave missionaries willing to work among the 746 people groups in the 20 countries of the Middle East.
- We pray for the 1,000 Missionary Movement in Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Southern-Asia Pacific Division. As these young people serve in countries such as Taiwan, China, Russia, and Burma, may they be baptized with the Holy Spirit and empowered to do God's work.
- We pray for a mighty surge of Adventists who will serve God by loving others and by sharing with people from other cultures and religions.
- Please raise up modern-day Waldensian students who are willing to serve You in difficult places.
- We pray for the 202 million people in the 41 least-reached cities of Southern Asia-Pacific Division to know Jesus.
- We pray for the Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department of each local church as they seek God's plan and reach out to their communities with loving service, Bible study, and personal witnessing.
- We pray for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) as they meet practical needs around the world.
- We pray for the 16 million people in the 6 least-reached cities of South Pacific Division. We pray for the daily baptism of the Holy Spirit on members as they reach out in love to the unreached.
- We pray for the Holy Spirit to help us know how to reach the 406 million people in the 105 least-reached cities of Northern Asia-Pacific Division.
- Please bless as Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries mobilizes chaplains and interested members to minister to those in prison.
- Lord, we remember our Sabbath School teachers. Please let them know how important their work is for our children.
- Lord, we seek your guidance for the many Centers of Influence, health and family programs, and Pathfinder clubs around the world.
- We pray that You will help us love and nurture new members.
- Lord, please show us how to send more truth-filled literature (printed and electronic) into our communities. We pray that people will read it and that the Holy Spirit will convict them of Bible truth.
- Lord, we ask for Your protection over missionaries working in dangerous places.
- Please raise up literature evangelists, student volunteers, authors, media specialists, and financial supporters to spread words of hope and life.
- We pray for the 8,208 Adventist schools with almost 2 million students. May these schools always teach Bible truth and lead young people into mission and service.
- Lord, give us wisdom to reach secular cultures that have no interest in religion. Let Your Holy Spirit break down the walls that surround secular hearts.
- We pray for people groups in Asia that do not have a Christian background. Give us special wisdom for meeting their needs.
- 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, 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 for the promised fulfillment of Joel 2, Hosea 6, and Acts 2.
- We pray for the 541 people groups in the 18 countries of Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. Please lead them to biblical truth.
- 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.

- May we faithfully and fully proclaim the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14. May we center all our teachings on the love and righteousness of Christ.
- We ask You to raise up urban missionaries to plant churches for the 806 people groups in the 20 countries of Inter-European Division.
- Please raise up an army of workers to plant churches for the 948 people groups in the 38 countries of Inter-American Division.
- Please 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.
- We ask You to prepare young people to plant churches for the 789 people groups in the 9 countries of North American Division.
- We ask You to prepare volunteers to serve the 70 people groups in the Israel Field.
- We ask You to raise up medical missionaries to plant churches among the 830 people groups in the 11 countries of East-Central Africa Division.
- We ask You to raise up prayer warriors to intercede for the 2,568 people groups in the 4 countries of Southern Asia Division. We especially remember Hope TV India and Asian Aid School for the Blind.
- We pray for the work of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division's publishing houses.
- We pray You will do as You promise in Psalm 32:8, by leading and guiding us as we do the Ten Days Outreach Challenge.
- 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.
- 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.
- We ask You to raise up nurses and doctors to plant new churches among the 1,978 people groups in the 22 countries in West-Central Africa Division.
- We pray for the 49 million people in the 19 least-reached cities of Trans-European Division.
- We pray for our children. Please empower them to stand boldly for You when they encounter obstacles and pressure. Help them to make wise choices and stand for truth.
- 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.
- 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 hundreds of thousands of outreach activities around the world during 2020. We pray especially for Total Member Involvement evangelism efforts in Papua New Guinea in May 2020.
- We pray for youth leaders around the world who are faithfully passing our heritage to the next generation: *identity* in Christ, *mission* as Seventh-day Adventists, and *leadership* in the local church.
- We pray for the youth who are living dangerously for the Lord through One Year in Mission (OYIM) and Mission Caleb.
- We pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon our youth and young leaders as promised in Acts 1:8. And we pray especially for God's blessings on youth involved with Give Him 20 and other prayer initiatives.
- Lord, please show us a God-given strategy for reaching the Jerichos of the world with the Three Angels' Messages and leading the Rahabs in every city to salvation in Christ.
- We ask you to raise up new youth leaders and bless our SYL training initiative (Senior Youth Leadership).
- Lord, please let our youth not only *preach* the sermon but also *be* the sermon. We ask God to bless Global Youth Day efforts and the 100,000 Total Youth Involvement initiative.
- Lord, please guide church decisions at the 2020 General Conference Session (June 25 – July 4). May the delegates, leaders, and visitors be filled with a spirit of revival and love.
- Please bless the 100 Days of Prayer (March 27 – July 4) leading up to the 2020 General Conference Session. Pour out Your Holy Spirit as we pray for wisdom and Your soon return.