

# Seventh-day Adventist Global Prayer Initiative

January 4-14, 2012

Everyone is invited to participate in this global prayer initiative. There are specific prayer themes for each day. On Sabbath, January 14, the eleventh day, you're invited to reflect over the blessings of the previous ten days and to offer up your praises and thanks to God. While you're welcome to pray at anytime of the day, you're especially encouraged to pray at either 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. as we keep prayer rising to God each hour around the world.

## Wednesday, January 4 – Ernest Intercession

(You're also invited to come to the church for a special prayer gathering at 7 p.m. in the upper room on the third floor of the church.)

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

"Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power. As they go forth to the day's duties, they have the assurance that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit enables them to be 'laborers together with God'" (Acts of the Apostles, p. 56).

### Intercession Focus -- Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

**Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the following people:**

- church leaders • parents • children/youth • teachers • pastors
- missionaries

## Thursday, January 5 – Deeper Faith

"With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

"The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. When thick clouds of darkness seem to hover over the mind, then is the time to let living faith pierce the darkness and scatter the clouds. True faith rests on the promises contained in the word of God, and those only who obey that word can claim its glorious promises" (Christian Experiences & Teachings, 126).

### Intercession Focus – Abiding in Christ

**Pray for all God's people to learn to abide in Christ through:**

- Continual communion with God • Openness to receiving the Holy Spirit • Unreserved surrender to God's love • Clinging to Jesus in faith
- Receiving His strength and life • Accepting His overcoming righteousness • Bearing much fruit for God's glory • Walking in continual obedience

## Friday, January 6 – Heartfelt Repentance

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

"Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the only one who can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is evidence that His Spirit is moving upon our hearts" (*Steps to Christ*, p. 26).

### Intercession Focus -- An Encounter with God in Prayer

**Prayerfully ask God whether you need to repent and forsake sin in any of these areas:** • Misguided priorities • Pride & selfishness • Media consumption • Lack of love • Little prayer & Bible study • Use of time and finances • Relationships with others • Indulgence of appetite • Grieving / not listening to the Holy Spirit • Lack of forgiveness • Jealousy / covetousness

## Sabbath, January 7 – Honest Confession

"If my people which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

"True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins. They may be of such a nature as to be brought before God only; they may be wrongs that should be confessed to individuals who have suffered injury through them; or they may be of a public character, and should then be as publicly confessed. But all confession should be definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins of which you are guilty" (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 128)

### Intercession Focus -- Reconciliation

**Pray for God to bring reconciliation and healing in all our broken relationships, including:**

- Parents and children, family members • Friends – both between church members and with non-Christians • Church leadership and lay members

## Sunday, January 8 – Loving Unity

"This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12, 13).

"In spite of all the good qualities a man may have, he cannot be a good soldier if he acts independently of those connected with him. Occasional and uncertain movements, however earnest and energetic, will in the end bring defeat. Take a strong team of horses. If, instead of both pulling together, one should suddenly jerk forward and the other pull back, they would not move the load, notwithstanding their great strength. So the soldiers of Christ must work in concert, else there will be a mere concourse of independent atoms. Strength, instead of being carefully treasured to meet one great end, will be wasted in disconcerted, meaningless efforts. In union is strength. A few men and women who unite together, having the glory of God in view, will be growing in strength and wisdom, and gaining new victories" (Signs of the Times, Sept. 7, 1891, par. 7).

### Intercession Focus -- Renewed Love, Especially for the Lost

**Pray for God's people to experience renewed love in the following areas:**

- For God and His Word • For fellow church members – our brothers and sisters in Christ • Among family members
- For the lost, specifically: • All those around the world who have never heard of Jesus • Those who have heard of Jesus, but have never met him personally • Individuals who once loved Jesus, but have fallen away • Our family and close friends who are backslidden

### Monday, January 9 –Self-Examination

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24).

“In the family if one member is lost to God every means should be used for his recovery. On the part of all the others let there be diligent, careful self-examination. Let the life-practice be investigated. See if there is not some mistake, some error in management, by which that soul is confirmed in impenitence” (*Christ Object Lessons*, p. 194).

#### **Prayer Focus -- Lost Family and Church Members**

• **Ask God to reveal anything in you that is keeping your loved ones from being saved and how you can cooperate with Him for their salvation.** • **Pray for your family and church to be a safe place for the backslidden to find Jesus again.** • **In faith, claim promises like Isaiah 49:25, Isaiah 55:13, Ezekiel 11:19-20, Joel 2:28-29, Jeremiah 24:7, Mark 10:27, and Ephesians 3:14-21 for lost family and church members.** • **Praise God for what He is already doing in their lives and that He is saving them!**

### Tuesday, January 10 – Sacrificial Humility

“All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:5, 6).

“When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 173).

#### **Prayer Focus -- Financial Support of God's Work**

**Pray for God's work around the world to be liberally financed. Specific areas to pray about:**

• **Church members will give God total control of their finances and possessions, and that lust for money and possessions will have no place in their lives.** • **For God to bless church members with financial abundance so they can give abundantly to support missions.**  
• **For church members to pay their tithes and offerings faithfully.**  
• **Church leadership to be good stewards who wisely use the funds entrusted to them.** • **That God will bring the wealth of the wicked into His treasure house!**

### Wednesday, January 11 – Obedient Surrender

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’” (Matthew 16:24).

“Holiness is not rapture: it is an entire surrender of the will to God; it is living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father; it is trusting God in trial, in darkness as well as in the light; it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is relying on God with unquestioning confidence, and resting in His love” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 51).

#### **Prayer Focus -- Maturity in Christ**

**Prayerfully plead for God to help us “grow up” and mature in Christ in every area of our lives:**

• **Unconditional love for each other and the lost.** • **Strong, unshakeable faith in God and His promises.** • **Clear, thorough understanding of God's Word.** • **Total surrender to God and willingness to obey Him in everything.** • **Prepared for the latter rain and the time of the end.** • **Personal relationship with Jesus and passionate prayer life.**

### Thursday, January 12 – Joyful Thanksgiving

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and enter His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him, and bless His name” (Psalm 100:4).

“I saw we must be daily rising, and keep the ascendancy above the powers of darkness. Our God is mighty. I saw singing to the glory of God often drove [off] the enemy, and praising God would beat him back and give us the victory” (*Voice in Speech and Song*, p. 409).

#### **Intercession Focus -- Healing for the Sick**

**Pray for God to be glorified in the healing of those who are:**

• **Physically sick** • **Spiritually diseased** • **Emotionally wounded**  
• **Mentally ill**

### Friday, January 13 —Passionate Witness

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age’” (Matthew 28:18-20).

“Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God, that He may make them vessels meet for His use. Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 55).

#### **Intercession Focus -- Mission to the World**

• **Pray for all the missionaries, Bible workers, pastor and lay members who are sharing the Three Angels' messages around the world.**  
• **Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly in the 10/40 window and in unreached people groups.** • **Plead for the barriers to be removed so the Gospel can be preached in closed nations.** • **Pray that each church member will actively witness to their faith every day.** • **Ask God which person(s) He wants you to reach out and lead to Him this year.**  
• **Pray for your church's outreach efforts to be successful.**

### Sabbath, January 14 – Praise and Thanksgiving

Reflect over the blessings you've experienced during the past ten days and offer up your gratitude to God.