

10 Days of Prayer 2017

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Day 5—The Lampstand

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.” Isa. 43:12

Suggested Format for the Prayer Time

Praise (approximately 10 minutes)

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is (His character).
- Praise God that He is calling us to be His witnesses.
- Praise God that He is a light unto our path.

Confession and Claiming Victory Over Sin (approximately 5 minutes)

- Ask God to show you the sins you need to confess openly and the ones you need to confess privately. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Have there been times when you were not a good witness for God? Ask Him for forgiveness.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Supplication and Intercession (approximately 35 minutes)

- Pray that just as the lampstand (Ex. 40:9) was anointed with oil, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit and become a light and witness for the Lord.
- Pray that God will help you reveal His character to those around you.
- Ask God for a humble heart so you can see the areas of life in which you do not exert a good influence on others.
- Do you have any areas in your life in which you need to grow in order to reflect Christ? Give God permission to work in those areas.
- Ask God to fill you with His love so that His love can flow from you to others.
- Pray for the involvement of every church member around the world in proclamation of the loud cry. Pray also that, as we submit to the Holy Spirit, He will make us one in Him.
- Pray for increased spiritual and evangelistic understanding by every church administrator around the world as they lift up Christ and the unique mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ask God to help His remnant people, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, never to lose the prophetic identity of who we are.
- Pray for a strong focus on small-group outreach, giving all members the opportunity to participate in personal witnessing about Jesus and His beautiful character. Pray that each of our fundamental beliefs and doctrines is proclaimed with Jesus at the core.
- Pray earnestly that Seventh-day Adventist families may reveal God’s love in the home and community by showing how Christ can bring harmony into homes and remove abuse and stress through the sanctifying power of His righteousness. Pray that we may point others to the blessed opportunity of joining God’s eternal family in heaven.
- Pray for the thousands of Global Mission pioneers who are planting churches, many of them in dangerous situations. Pray for their safety, for wisdom, and for success.
- Pray for God to prepare volunteers to serve the 70 people groups within the Israel Field.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see Christ in you and will want to have Him in their hearts too.
- Pray for any personal needs you have (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Thanksgiving (approximately 10 minutes)

- Thank God that He is willing to work on you and change you.
- Thank God that He can make you a light that shines into darkness.
- Thank God that He is answering the prayers you prayed according to His will.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Not I, but Christ” (SDA Hymnal #570); “He Lives” (SDA Hymnal #251); “Wonderful Words of Life” (SDA Hymnal #286); “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” (SDA Hymnal #573); “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling” (SDA Hymnal #359); “This Little Light of Mine” (SDA Hymnal #580); “Give of Your Best to the Master” (SDA Hymnal #572).

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The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl from which the lamps of the sanctuary are fed. The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil God’s ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to church. “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6.) (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 188)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

But no one can impart that which he or she has not received. In the work of God, humanity can originate nothing. . . . It was the golden oil emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted from the golden bowl into the lamps of the sanctuary, that produced a continuous bright and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to men and women that enables them to impart light. Into the hearts of all who are united to God by faith the golden oil of love flows freely, to shine out again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 261)

Every one of us exerts an influence on those with whom we come in contact. This influence we have from God, and we are responsible for the way it is used. God designs that it shall tell on the side of right; but it rests with each one of us to decide whether our influence shall be pure and elevating, or whether it shall act as a poisonous malaria. Those who are partakers of the divine nature exert an influence that is Christlike. Holy angels attend them on their way, and all with whom they come in contact are helped and blessed. But those who do not receive Christ as their personal Savior cannot influence others for good. . . . Such lose all hope of eternal life themselves, and by their example lead others astray. Guard well your influence; it is “your reasonable service” to place it on the Lord’s side. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 94)

The unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favor of Christianity. (*My Life Today*, p. 122)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)

No one can be independent of their fellow beings; for the well-being of each affects others. It is God’s purpose that each person shall feel necessary to others’ welfare, and seek to promote their happiness.

Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own—an atmosphere, it may be, charged with the life-giving power of faith, courage, and hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chill with the gloom of discontent and selfishness, or poisonous with the deadly taint of cherished sin. By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.

This is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves. Our words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence. Upon the impression thus made there hang results for good or evil which no one can measure. Every impulse thus imparted is seed sown which will produce its harvest. It is a link in the long chain of human events, extending we know not whither.

If by our example we aid others in the development of good principles, we give them power to do good. In their turn they exert the same influence upon others, and they upon still others. Thus by our unconscious influence thousands may be blessed.

Throw a pebble into the lake, and a wave is formed, and another and another; and as they increase, the circle widens, until it reaches the very shore. So with our influence. Beyond our knowledge or control it tells upon others in blessing or in cursing. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 96)

If those who profess to be followers of Christ neglect to shine as lights in the world, the vital power will leave them, and they will become cold and Christless. The spell of indifference will be upon them, a deathlike sluggishness of soul, which will make them bodies of death instead of living representatives of Jesus. All must lift the cross and in modesty, meekness, and lowliness of mind take up their God-given duties, engaging in personal effort for those around them who need help and light.

All who accept these duties will have a rich and varied experience, their own hearts will glow with fervor, and they will be strengthened and stimulated to renewed, persevering efforts to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, because it is God that worketh in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (*To Be Like Jesus*, p. 260)