

Experiencing God Through Prayer, Praise, and His Word

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EMPOWERED BY PRAYER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Two requirements for life-changing ministry are 1) Much personal and united prayer and 2) becoming individually involved. Let God's Word and these inspired quotes guide your efforts to reach people for Jesus.

1. "What the Lord did for His people in that time [early church], it is just as essential, and more so, that He do for His people today. **All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do.** And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 33)
2. **"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.** . . . Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessings. **A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.**" (*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 121)
3. "At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles." (1T, p. 346)
4. "It is part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 525)
5. "It is in the order of God that those who bear responsibilities should often meet together to counsel with one another, and to pray earnestly for that wisdom which He alone can impart. **Unitedly** make known your troubles to God. **Talk less;** much precious time is lost in talk that brings no light. **Let brethren unite in fasting and prayer** for the wisdom that God has promised to supply liberally." (*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, p. 499)
6. "'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them' (Matthew 18:19, 20). 'Ask of Me, and I will answer your requests.' **"The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer.** The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another." (*Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 18, letter 32, 1903)
7. **"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God** are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are **gained in the audience chamber with God,** when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power." (*Gospel Workers*, p. 259)
8. "The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's Word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an **audience with the Infinite One.**" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 393)
9. "An intensity, such as never before was seen, is taking possession of the world. In amusement, in moneymaking, in the contest for power, in the very struggle for existence, there is a terrible force

that engrosses body and mind and soul. In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking. He bids us come apart and commune with Him. **'Be still, and know that I am God'** (Ps. 46:10).

"Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work.

"These workers can never attain the highest success until they learn the secret of strength. They must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental, and spiritual power. They need the uplifting influence of His Spirit. Receiving this, they will be quickened by fresh life. The wearied frame and tired brain will be refreshed, the burdened heart will be lightened.

"Not a pause for a moment in His presence, but personal contact with Christ, to sit down in companionship with Him—this is our need." (*Education*, pp. 260, 261)

10. "Parents have a great and responsible work to do, and they may well inquire: 'Who is sufficient for these things?' But God has promised to give wisdom to those that ask in faith, and He will do just as He said He would. **He is pleased with the faith that takes Him at His Word.** The mother of Augustine prayed for her son's conversion. She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged. She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. **Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed, and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people.** His 'hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;' and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, **He will fill their mouths with arguments, and for His name's sake will work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children."** (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 322, 323)
11. "When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the source of strength and life. **Hence, it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ.** The pleasures of the world, life's cares and perplexities and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections—to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices. Many who are really conscientious, and who desire to live for God, he too often leads to dwell upon their own faults and weaknesses, and thus by separating them from Christ he hopes to gain the victory. We should not make self the center and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. **Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him."** (*Steps to Christ*, pp. 71, 72)
12. "There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life, than theatrical amusements. The love for these scenes increases with every indulgence, as the desire for intoxicating drink strengthens with its use. The only safe course is to shun the theater . . . and every other questionable place of amusement." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 653)
13. "The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm. . . . **The men of prayer are the men of power."** (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 509)

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SEIZE THE POWER OF PRAISE

Do you long for more joy and less sorrow in your personal life? The Apostle Paul reminds Christians, "Pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all He is going to do for them" (1 Tim. 2:1, TLB). Praise Him today for what He is going to do in the future!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Psalm 34:1-3

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together."

Psalm 105:1-3

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!

Cultivate Gratitude and Praise

1 Chronicles 16:8-36

"When the ten lepers were healed, only one returned to find Jesus and give Him glory. Let us not be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 315)

"Let us educate our hearts and lips to speak the praise of God for His matchless love." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 253)

Develop a plan for "educating" your heart and lips to praise God. (see Dan. 6:10)

Claim the Power of Praise

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

"Begin to educate your tongues to praise Him, and train your hearts to make melody to God; and when the evil one begins to settle his gloom about you, sing praise to God. When things go crossways at your homes, strike up a song about the matchless charms of the Son of God, and I tell you, when you touch this strain, Satan will leave you." (*Review and Herald*, Aug. 5, 1890)

"Unbelievers are often convicted as they listen to pure words of praise and gratitude to God." (*Messages to Young People*, p. 424)

About praising God for our blessings: "No more effective means can be employed for winning souls to Christ." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 300)

"Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy. Let there be singing in the school, and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another." (*Education*, p. 168)

BENEFITS OF PRAISING GOD

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Ps. 150:6). Here's how praise can change your life.

"No tongue can express, no finite mind can conceive, the blessing that results from appreciating the goodness and love of God." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 251)

Praise increases faith, hope, and courage. "If more praising of God were engaged in now, hope and courage and faith would steadily increase." (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 202)

Praise increases our power in prayer. "We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 317)

Praise increases our love for God. "If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise. . . . We would abound more and more in the love of God." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 317)

Praise results in greater blessings being bestowed. "If the loving kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would. . . . have more bestowed to praise Him for." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 317)

Praise increases our power in witnessing. "Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience. After a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our joy in the Lord and our efficiency in His service would be greatly increased by recounting His goodness and His wonderful works in behalf of His children. . . . Such a testimony will have an influence upon others. No more effective means can be employed for winning souls to Christ." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 299, 300)

Praise promotes health. "Nothing tends more to promote health of body and of soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 251)

Praise brings us nearer to heaven. "The soul may ascend nearer heaven on the wings of praise. God is worshiped with song and music in the courts above, and as we express our gratitude we are approximating to the worship of the heavenly hosts." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 104)

What Can You Praise God For?

Lamentations 3:22, 23

The sacrifice of Jesus for you personally (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 238)

Praise God for an opportunity to live for the glory of His name (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 253)

God's goodness and mercies (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 461)

God's peace in our hearts (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 253)

The protection given by angels (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 63)

The water we drink is purchased by Christ's blood (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 660)

The cross of Calvary is stamped on every loaf of bread (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 660)

Temporal blessings and comforts (*Child Guidance*, p. 148)

The matchless charms of Christ (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 593)

God's acceptance of the humble (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 370)

The second coming of Jesus (*Evangelism*, p. 218)

PRAISE GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Choose praise! "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

1. "The soul may ascend nearer Heaven on the wings of praise." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 104)
2. "In the future life the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that **our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 474)
3. "The way of the Lord's helping we may not know; but this we do know: He will never fail those who put their trust in Him." (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 576)
4. "Could Christians realize how many times the Lord has ordered their way, that the purposes of the enemy concerning them might not be accomplished, they would not stumble along complainingly. Their faith would be stayed on God, and **no trial would have power to move them.**" (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 576)
5. "**The fact that we are called upon to endure trial shows that the Lord Jesus sees in us something precious which He desires to develop.** If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name, He would not spend time in refining us. He does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He refines." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 471)
6. "All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 286)
7. "**Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing.** Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish and a plain path before their feet." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 481)
8. "To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, **the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest.** They will look back with thankfulness upon the darkest part of their way. 'The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly' (2 Peter 2:9). From every temptation and every trial He will bring them forth with firmer faith and a richer experience." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 528)
9. "The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. Whatever comes to him comes from the Savior, who surrounds him with His presence. Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's permission. All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good. **All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 488, 489)
10. "Moses had a deep sense of the personal presence of God. . . . The presence of God was sufficient to carry him through the most trying situations in which a man could be placed. Moses did not merely think of God; he saw Him. [...] My brother, make Christ your daily, hourly companion, and you will not complain that you have no faith. **Contemplate Christ. View His character. Talk of Him. The less you exalt self, the more you will see in Jesus to exalt.** God has a work for you to do. Keep the Lord ever before you." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 651, 652)

HOW TO BEGIN ABIDING IN JESUS' LOVE

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" John 15:5.

1. Dedicate the first hour of each day to making yourself emotionally available to Jesus. Determine to open the door of your heart every day until Jesus comes.
2. Use the Gospel of John, *The Desire of Ages*, the Psalms, any of Ellen White's devotional books, Andrew Murray's book *Abide in Christ*, or another book of your choice.
3. Have no agenda (such as reading through the Bible, studying for a presentation, or finishing a book) except to experience His love.
4. Pray: "Lord, my mind knows You love me. Now I want to know Your love with my heart. Possess me, embrace me, overwhelm me with Your love, and live in me. Thank You for loving me!"
5. Spend unhurried time in God's presence: pray, read, listen, write, pray, read, listen, write.
6. At the slightest emotional experience of His love, thank Him and praise Him. By expressing this faith, your awareness of Him will increase joyfully.

SEVEN DAILY ESSENTIALS FOR ABIDING IN CHRIST

"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life" (John 4:14).

1. Take time (first thing in the morning) to be with God alone.
2. Listen through the Word and through two-way prayer.
3. Understand your need. Humble yourself until you see that without Jesus, you will do nothing but harm.
4. Ask for:
 - His life to replace yours.
 - His specific traits to manifest in you (name the traits the Spirit convicts you about).
 - His will to replace yours (this is surrender of the will).
 - His life through the Spirit to remain in you all day—replacing your thoughts and feelings with His.
 - His love to be a witness through you—spontaneously drawing others to Himself.
5. Believe He is doing all that you ask. Express your faith (so it will grow strong) by giving thanks for what you cannot see.
6. Live in Jesus' love by talking with Him all day long about everything, remembering to continually praise Him for every blessing, large and small, and thanking Him for His love.
7. Live victoriously by enjoying His love and specifically allowing Him to replace the will of the flesh with the will of the Spirit when you are aware of a conflict.

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THE JOYS OF BEING DEAD

Most struggles result not from our circumstances but from our own selfishness.

How do we break free? Only by dying to selfish desires and inviting Jesus to live in our hearts.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

1. "It is the love of self that destroys our peace. While self is all alive, we stand ready continually to guard it from mortification and insult; but when we are dead, and our life is hid with Christ in God, we shall not take neglects or slights to heart. We shall be deaf to reproach and blind to scorn and insult." (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 16)
2. "Those who are dead to self will not feel so readily and will not be prepared to resist everything which may irritate. Dead men cannot feel. You are not dead. If you were, and your life were hid in Christ, a thousand things which you now notice, and which afflict you, would be passed by as unworthy of notice; you would then be grasping the eternal and would be above the petty trials of this life." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 425)
3. **"There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.** All who consecrate body, soul, and spirit to His service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental, and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in mind and heart. Through the grace given us we may achieve victories that because of our own erroneous and preconceived opinions, our defects of character, our smallness of faith, have seemed impossible." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 159)
4. "We cannot afford to let our spirits chafe over any real or supposed wrong done to ourselves. Self is the enemy we most need to fear. No form of vice has a more baleful effect upon the character than has human passion not under the control of the Holy Spirit. **No other victory we can gain will be so precious as the victory gained over self.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 485)
5. **"If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties."** (*Early Writings*, p. 119)
6. "In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace. He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. . . . It is the love of self that brings unrest." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 330)
7. "The new birth is a rare experience in this age of the world. This is the reason why there are so many perplexities in the churches. Many, so many, who assume the name of Christ are unsanctified and unholy. They have been baptized, but they were buried alive. Self did not die, and therefore they did not rise to newness of life in Christ." (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 12, p. 51)
8. **"There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency.** Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 154)
9. "Jesus emptied Himself, and in all that He did, self did not appear. He subordinated all things to the will of His Father. . . . And He bids us, 'Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.' 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself' (Matt. 11:29; 16:24); let self be dethroned and no longer hold the supremacy of the soul. . . . The independence and self-supremacy in which we glory are

seen in their true vileness as tokens of servitude to Satan. Human nature is ever struggling for expression, ready for contest; but he who learns of Christ is emptied of self, of pride, of love of supremacy, and there is silence in the soul. Self is yielded to the disposal of the Holy Spirit. Then we are not anxious to have the highest place. We have no ambition to crowd and elbow ourselves into notice; but we feel that **our highest place is at the feet of our Savior.**" (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 14, 15)

10. "The drunkard is despised and is told that his sin will exclude him from heaven; while pride, selfishness, and covetousness too often go unrebuked. But these are sins that are especially offensive to God; for they are contrary to the benevolence of His character, to that unselfish love which is the very atmosphere of the unfallen universe. He who falls into some of the grosser sins may feel a sense of his shame and poverty and his need of the grace of Christ; but pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 30)
11. **"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one.** But, though professing to be converted, we carry around with us a bundle of self that we regard as altogether too precious to be given up. It is our privilege to lay this burden at the feet of Christ and in its place take the character and similitude of Christ. The Savior is waiting for us to do this." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, pp. 189, 190)
12. "When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the source of strength and life. Hence it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ. The pleasures of the world, life's cares and perplexities and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections—to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices. Many who are really conscientious, and who desire to live for God, he too often leads to dwell upon their own faults and weaknesses, and thus by separating them from Christ he hopes to gain the victory. **We should not make self the center and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved.** All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. **Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him.**" (*Steps to Christ*, pp. 71, 72)

DYING TO SELF

When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is still happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and your best intentions misinterpreted and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself but rather take it all in patient, loving silence, knowing that Christ alone is your defender,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you patiently bear annoyance, disorder, inconvenience, irregularity, and even impunctuality from others, when you feel your time has been wasted and you've been treated harshly and unfairly and yet you still respond in love, maintaining your peace and enduring these things with meekness as Jesus endured,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you are unruffled with less-than-desirable accommodations, uncomplaining with meager food, difficult climates, or rearranged travel schedules, when you maintain cheer-fulness even though others are grumpy, when you are loving, kind, and attentive even to those who can do you no benefit by their association, when you remain calm despite interruptions to your agenda and plans by the will of God,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you don't care to refer to yourself in conversation, when you don't feel the need to boast of your accomplishments and record every good deed you do for the world to see, when you don't itch after commendation and applause, when you don't mind when others are acknowledged and your name is ignored, when you're more concerned with being faithful to God's call, when you are OK to be unknown,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you see your brother prospering, when you see him succeeding with a project that you contributed to and yet you can honestly rejoice with him in spirit, being happy to remain behind the scenes, not questioning God, but being grateful that the work is being accomplished so that God is glorified,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart,

THAT IS DYING TO SELF

In these last days, the Spirit must bring us to the Cross if we would be saved. And once we die on the Cross, we will not respond to any slights against our human flesh any longer because dead people don't move.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20, KJV).

PRINCIPLES OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

If God is already infinitely loving, all-knowing, and all-powerful, why do we need to pray for others?

WHY PRAY FOR OTHERS?

Since God is already involved in everyone's life for their good, isn't He already doing everything that needs to be done? While we may never understand all the issues involved, the following principles about intercessory prayer do seem clear:

A. Intercession is our Lord's plan and command for us.

1. Jesus calls us to intercession. (Luke 11:1-13)
 - a. Jesus teaches the disciples to intercede in the Lord's prayer. (Luke 11:1-4)
 - b. He stresses the importance of persistent intercession in the parable of the persistent friend. (Luke 11:5-8)
 - c. He promises it will be effective: "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Luke 11:9, 10)
 - d. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will be given "to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:11-13)
2. Jesus Himself interceded for others.
 - a. He was often found in prayer. (Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1)
 - b. He interceded much for his followers. (John 17:6-26)
3. Prophets also confirm it is God's plan.
 - a. Apostle Paul: "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. . . . For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." (1 Tim. 2:1-3)
 - b. James: "You do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2)
 - c. Ellen White: "Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith." (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 377)

B. Intercession opens doors in the Great Controversy to release God's power. He has limited Himself in some ways to our prayers.

1. "It is part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 525)
2. "Satan cannot endure to have his powerful rival appealed to, for he fears and trembles before His strength and majesty. At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 346)
3. "Only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 362)

C. Intercessory prayer changes me in positive ways. It intensifies my desire for the things prayed for and opens my mind to the prompting and communications of the Holy Spirit.

1. "Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 93)

D. Intercessory prayer works. Taste and see!

1. "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)

E. Okay, the Lord has called us to intercede. But how?

HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHERS: PRACTICAL STEPS

A. Pray in faith, following the ABCs of prayer: Ask, Believe, Claim.

1. Claim His promises: "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet. 1:4)
2. Give thanks in advance of seeing the answer.
 - a. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6, 7)
 - b. "For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift that He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received. We need look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it most." (*Education*, p. 258)
 - c. "We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. If the lovingkindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 317)

B. Unite with others in intercession for greater power.

1. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:19, 20)
2. Use short sentence prayers or "conversational prayer" when interceding in a group for better interest level and ministry to each other.

C. Be specific with requests and record the answers.

1. A prayer journal or prayer list helps memory and strengthens our faith as answers come. Write the requests down and record the answers as they come.

D. Be persistent and don't give up.

1. "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Col. 4:2)
2. "Perseverance in prayer has been made a condition of receiving. We must pray always if we would grow in faith and experience." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 97)
3. "Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His experience testifies to the power of importunate prayer. It is now that we are to learn this lesson of prevailing prayer, of unyielding faith. The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth or the favor of men. They are those victories that are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 203)

E. Take time for heart searching, confession, and obedience.

1. "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:20-22)

F. Prioritize your personal time with God

1. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7)

G. Trust God—He always answers, but sometimes He says "No" or "Wait."

1. Consider the definition of true faith found in Daniel 3:17, 18. The three Hebrews vowed to follow God even if He did not deliver them from the fiery furnace.
2. If God really wanted to punish us, He'd answer all our prayers with "yes."
3. "When we do not receive the very things we ask for, at the time we ask, we are still to believe that the Lord hears, and that He will answer our prayers. We are so erring and short-sighted that we sometimes ask for things that would not be a blessing to us, and our heavenly Father in love answers our prayers by giving us that which will be for our highest good—that which we ourselves would desire if with vision divinely enlightened we could see all things as they really are. When our prayers seem not to be answered, we are to cling to the promise; for the time of answering will surely come, and we shall receive the blessing we need most. . . . God is too wise to err, and too good to withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. Then do not fear to trust Him, even though you do not see the immediate answer to your prayers. Rely upon His sure promise, 'Ask, and it shall be given you' (Matthew 7:7)." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 96)

THE POWER OF PRAYING TOGETHER

When God's people pray together, the heavens move.

These quotations by Ellen White will inspire you to experience the miracle of united prayer for yourself.

1. "We are encouraged to pray for success, with the divine assurance that our prayers will be heard and answered. 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them' (Matt. 18:19, 20). 'Ask of Me, and I will answer your requests.'
"The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love of God and for one another." (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 9, p. 303)
2. "Our Savior follows His lessons of instruction with a promise that if two or three should be united in asking anything of God it should be given them. Christ here shows that there must be union with others, even in our desires for a given object. Great importance is attached to the united prayer, the union of purpose. God hears the prayers of individuals, but on this occasion Jesus was giving especial and important lessons that were to have a special bearing upon His newly organized church on the earth. There must be an agreement in the things which they desire and for which they pray. It was not merely the thoughts and exercises of one mind, liable to deception; but the petition was to be the earnest desire of several minds centered on the same point." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 429)
3. "It is in the order of God that those who bear responsibilities should often meet together to counsel with one another, and to pray earnestly for that wisdom which He alone can impart. **Unitedly** make known your troubles to God. **Talk less;** much precious time is lost in talk that brings no light. **Let brethren unite in fasting and prayer** for the wisdom that God has promised to supply liberally." (*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, p. 499)
4. "A chain of earnest, praying believers should encircle the world. Let all pray in humility. A few neighbors may meet together to pray for the Holy Spirit. Let those who can not leave home, gather in their children, and unite in learning to pray together. They may claim the promise of the Savior: **'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'** (Matt. 18:20)." (*Review and Herald*, January 3, 1907)
5. "If we would accomplish the great work before us, it is essential that we present to God fervent and effectual prayer; for it availeth much. The prayer needed at this time is the earnest, unbroken, continuous prayer, not fitful, uncertain prayers, wavering as the waves of the sea. If several should meet together with one accord, with hearts burdened for perishing souls, and should offer earnest, fervent prayers, they would prove effectual." (*Review and Herald*, Aug. 23, 1892)
6. "The Lord has promised that where two or three are met together in His name, there will He be in the midst. Those who meet together for prayer, will receive an unction from the Holy One. There is great need of secret prayer, but there is also need of several Christians meeting together, to unite with earnestness their petitions to God. In these small companies Jesus is present, and the love of souls is deepened in the heart, and the Spirit puts forth His mighty energies, that human agents may be exercised in regard to saving those who are lost." (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 8, p. 190)

7. "There is nothing more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with God. **We should hold convocations for prayer**, asking the Lord to open the way for the truth to enter the strongholds where Satan has set up his throne, and dispel the shadow he has cast athwart the pathway of those whom he is seeking to deceive and destroy. We have the assurance, '**The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much**' (James 5:16)." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 93)
8. "God would work mightily for His people today if they would place themselves wholly under His guidance. They need the constant abiding of the Holy Spirit. If there were more prayer in the councils of those bearing responsibilities, more humbling of the heart before God, we should see abundant evidence of divine leadership, and our work would make rapid progress." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 238)
9. "Solicit prayer for the souls for whom you labor; present them before the church as subjects for their supplication. It will be just what the members of the church need, to have their minds called from their petty difficulties, to feel a great burden, a personal interest, for a soul that is ready to perish. Select another and still another soul, daily seeking guidance from God, laying every thing before Him in earnest prayer, and working in divine wisdom. As you do this, God will give you the Holy Spirit to convict and convert the soul." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 80, 81)
10. "Why do not believers feel a deeper, more earnest concern for those who are out of Christ? Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another?" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 21)
11. "We must be much in prayer if we would make progress in the divine life. When the message of truth was first proclaimed, how much we prayed. How often was the voice of intercession heard in the chamber, in the barn, in the orchard, or the grove. **Frequently we spent hours in earnest prayer, two or three together claiming the promise**; often the sound of weeping was heard and then the voice of thanksgiving and the song of praise. **Now the day of God is nearer than when we first believed, and we should be more earnest, more zealous, and fervent than in those early days**. Our perils are greater now than then. Souls are more hardened. We need now to be imbued with the Spirit of Christ, and we should not rest until we receive it." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 161, 162)
12. "If the people of God would only exercise faith, He would work in a wonderful manner to accomplish this work. Hear the words of Christ: 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.' Precious promise! Do we believe it? **What marvelous results would appear if the united prayers of this company were to ascend to God in living faith!** Jesus stands ready to take these petitions and present them to His Father, saying, 'I know these persons by name. Send answers to their prayers; for I have graven their names on the palms of My hands.'" (*Evangelism*, p. 414)
13. "Brethren should stand shoulder to shoulder, uniting their prayers at the throne of grace, that they may move the arm of the Omnipotent. Heaven and earth will then be closely connected in the work, and there will be joy and gladness in the presence of the angels of God, when the lost sheep is found and restored." (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 210)
14. "In every church there should be stated seasons for united prayer for the advancement of this work. Let all be united, having a specific object for their faith and entreaties." (*Historical Sketches*, p. 294)

15. "In all our councils, all our plans for the advancement of His cause, the upbuilding of His kingdom, **God desires that we rely entirely upon His power**, knowing that it is indispensable to success. How can we honor God, how can we vindicate His Word, unless we are much in prayer, appealing to Him to manifest His power in behalf of the perishing?" (*Review and Herald*, Aug. 23, 1892)
16. "When two or three are met together to unite their counsel, and to send up their petitions, the promise is for them: 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you' (Luke 11:9). 'If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?' (verse 13). The Lord has promised that where two or three are met together in His name, there will He be in the midst. Those who meet together for prayer will receive an unction from the Holy One." (*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 161)
17. "The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit." (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 251)
18. "I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, '**Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith.**'" (*Early Writings*, p. 73)
19. "There are many who long to help others, but they feel that they have no spiritual strength or light to impart. Let them present their petitions at the throne of grace. Plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bible in your hands say, I have done as Thou hast said. I present Thy promise, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 147)
20. "He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. **He longs to have you expect great things from Him.** He longs to give you understanding in temporal as well as in spiritual matters." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 146)

GOD'S PROMISES GIVE LIFE AND POWER

*The Bible overflows with God's "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Pet. 1:4).
May these quotes inspire you to open His Word and claim it as your very own.*

1. "Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged word of Jehovah and by faith claim His promises. His word is the assurance that if you ask in faith, you will receive all spiritual blessings. Continue to ask, and you will receive exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think. **Educate yourself to have unlimited confidence in God.** Cast all your care upon Him. Wait patiently for Him, and He will bring it to pass." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71)
2. "The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. **Every command is a promise;** accepted by the will, received into the soul, **it brings with it the life of the Infinite One.** It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God." (*Education*, p. 126)
3. "In every command and in every promise of the word of God is the power, the very life of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. He who by faith receives the word is receiving the very life and character of God." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 39)
4. "Receive into the soul by faith the incorruptible seed of the word, and it will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and the life of God." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 39)
5. "all His biddings are enablings". (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 333)
6. "We are to come to God, not in a spirit of self-justification, but with humility, repenting of our sins. He is able to help us, willing to do for us more than we ask or think. He has the abundance of heaven wherewith to supply our necessities. . . . God is holy, and we must pray, 'lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting' (1 Tim. 2:8)." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71)
7. "For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, **for any gift that He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received.** We need look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it most." (*Education*, p. 258)
8. "God stands back of every promise He has made." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 147)
9. "Can you not trust in your heavenly Father? Can you not rest upon His gracious promise? . . . Can we not have implicit trust, knowing that He is faithful who hath promised? I entreat you to let your trembling faith again grasp the promises of God. **Bear your whole weight upon them with unwavering faith; for they will not, they cannot, fail.**" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 497)
10. "Let these blessed promises, set in the framework of faith, be placed in memory's halls. Not one of them will fail. All that God hath spoken He will do. 'He is faithful that promised.'" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 630)

11. "How I wish that we might all believe in the promises of God. . . . We are not to look into our hearts for a joyful emotion as an evidence of our acceptance with Heaven, but we are to take God's promises and say, 'They are mine. The Lord is letting His Holy Spirit rest upon me. I am receiving the light; for the promise is, "Believe that ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.'" By faith I reach within the veil and lay hold of Christ, my strength. I thank God that I have a Savior.'" (*Signs of the Times*, Mar. 25, 1889).
12. "Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith, believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay. Lean on Him, depend on Him. . . . Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail you. . . . looking to Jesus you will find encouragement." (*Selected Messages*, vol. 2, p. 265)
13. "Instead of thinking of your discouragements, think of the power you can claim in Christ's name. . . . Let your thoughts be directed to the evidences of the great love of God for you. Faith can endure trial, resist temptation, and bear up under disappointment. Jesus lives as our advocate. All is ours that His mediation secures. . . . **All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 488, 489)
14. "The enemy never can take out of the hand of Christ the one who is simply trusting in His promises." (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 351)
15. "The children of God may rejoice in all things and at all times. When troubles and difficulties come, believing in the wise providence of God, you may rejoice. **You need not wait for a happy flight of feelings, but by faith you may lay hold of the promises and lift up a hymn of thanksgiving to God.**" (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 123)
16. "There are many who, though striving to obey God's commandments, have little peace or joy. This lack in their experience is the result of a failure to exercise faith. They walk, as it were, in a salt land, a parched wilderness. They claim little, when they might claim much; for there is no limit to the promises of God. Such ones do not correctly represent the sanctification that comes through obedience to the truth. The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 200)
17. "The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth or the favor of men. They are those victories that are **gained in the audience chamber with God**, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 203)
18. "Those who are unwilling to forsake every sin and to seek earnestly for God's blessing, will not obtain it. But all who will lay hold of God's promises as did Jacob, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. 'Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily' (Luke 18:7, 8)." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 203)
19. "It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power. They are leaves from the tree which is 'for the healing of the nations' (Revelation 22:2). Received, assimilated, they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 122)

20. "We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. **Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere.** We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God. The deepest poverty, the greatest self-denial, with His approval, is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 622)
21. "By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan? By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation. 'It is written,' He said. . . . Every promise in God's word is ours. 'By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' are we to live. **When assailed by temptation, look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the Word. All its strength is yours.** 'Thy word,' says the psalmist, 'have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.' 'By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer' (Psalm 119:11; 17:4)." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 123)
22. "Should you sit always in one position, without moving, your muscles would become strengthless and your limbs would lose the power of motion. The same is true in regard to your religious experience. You must have faith in the promises of God. . . . Faith will perfect itself in exercise and activity." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 104)
23. [Referring to faith as a grain of mustard seed] "If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God's Word, and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently as insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you.'" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 431)
24. "The mother of Augustine prayed for her son's conversion. **She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged.** She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed, and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people. 'His hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;' and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments, and for His name's sake will **work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children.**" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 322, 323)
25. "Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 143)
26. "True faith lays hold of and claims the promised blessing before it is realized and felt." (*Early Writings*, p. 72)
27. "We have too little faith. We limit the Holy One of Israel. We should be grateful that God condescends to use any of us as His instruments. For every earnest prayer put up in faith for anything, answers will be returned. They may not come just as we have expected; but they will come, not perhaps as we have devised, but at the very time when we most need them. But, oh, how sinful is our unbelief! 'If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you'" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 209)

PROMISES TO CLAIM FOR YOUR CHILDREN

God hears every prayer uttered by faithful parents. Claim His promises as your very own!

“Parents have a great and responsible work to do, and they may well inquire: ‘Who is sufficient for these things?’ But God has promised to give wisdom to those that ask in faith, and He will do just as He said He would. He is pleased with the faith that takes Him at His word. The mother of Augustine prayed for her son’s conversion. She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged. She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed, and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people. His ‘hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;’ and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments, and for His name’s sake will work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children.” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 322, 323)

Isa. 43:5, 6: “Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth.”

Isa. 44:3: “For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.”

Isa. 49:25: “But thus says the Lord: ‘Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.’”

Isa. 54:13: “All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.”

Isa. 57:18, 19: “‘I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,’ says the Lord, ‘and I will heal him.’”

Isa. 59:21: “‘As for Me,’ says the Lord, ‘this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,’ says the Lord, ‘from this time and forevermore.’”

Ps. 72:4: “He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.”

Ps. 112:1, 2: “Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.”

Jer. 31:16, 17: “Thus says the Lord: ‘Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope in your future, says the Lord, that your children shall come back to their own border.’”

Jer. 29:11, 12: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."

Prov. 14:26: "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge."

Prov. 11:21: "Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; but the posterity of the righteous will be delivered."

3 John 4: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Ex. 14:13, 14: "And Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.'"

Joel 2:25: "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you."

1 John 5:14-16: "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this."

Isa. 42:7, 16: "To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison [...] I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, In paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, And I will not leave them undone."

A.C.T.S. PRAYER FORMAT

*Try using this simple acronym to guide your prayer time: ACTS.
Conclude by asking God to guide your actions and choices for the rest of the day.
“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Prov. 3:6).*

ADORATION: Lord, I praise You for—

CONFESSION: I confess the sin of—

THANKSGIVING: I choose to thank You for—

SUPPLICATION: I pray for—

Here’s what I need to do today in relation to—

God:

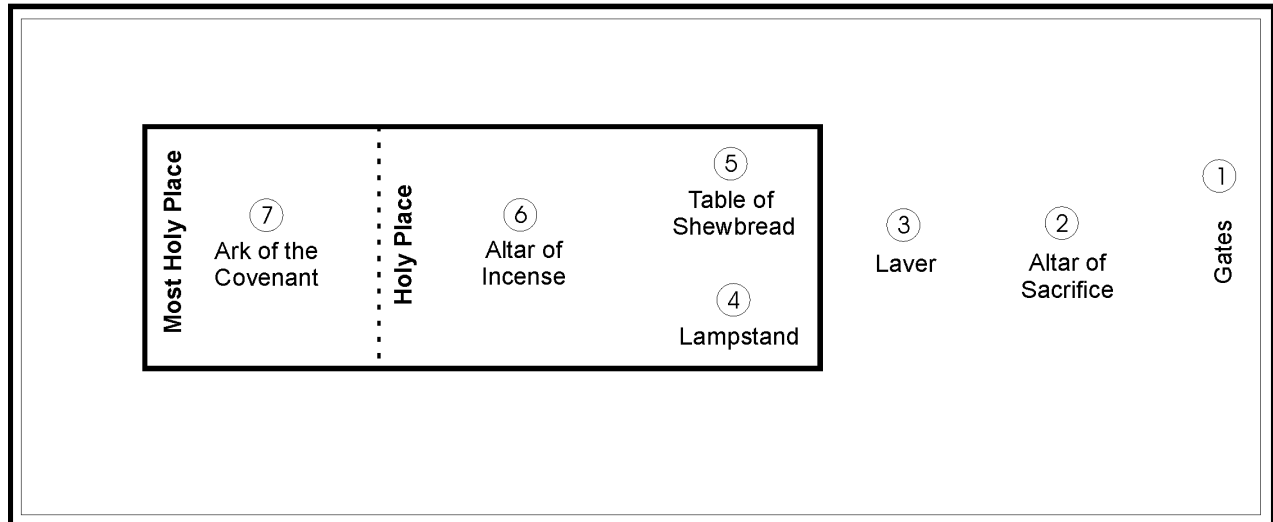
My Family:

My Character:

My Ministry:

THE SANCTUARY AS A MODEL FOR PRAYER

The Israelite sanctuary described in Exodus was designed by God to portray the entire process of salvation. The sanctuary symbols also provide a possible model for your personal prayers. As you pray, imagine yourself passing through the courtyard and into the tabernacle itself.



KEY

Gates:

Enter your prayer time with praise. (Ps. 100; Luke 10:21)

Altar of Sacrifice:

Confess your sins to God and confess your faith in Jesus as Lord. (1 John 1:8, 9; Rom. 10:9; 2 Tim. 2:19)

Laver:

Accept that you are washed by the Word. (Eph. 5:25, 26; John 17:17)

Lampstand:

Ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit (symbolized by the oil). (Luke 11:13; Gal. 5:22-25)

Table of Shewbread:

Receive strength for the day. (John 6:32, 33; Rom. 13:14; Eph. 6:10-18)

Altar of Incense:

Offer intercessory prayer for others. (Phil. 1:3, 4; Rom. 1:9, 10)

Ark of the Covenant:

Experience intimate communion with God. (Ps. 16:8, 11)
Enter into the heavenly sanctuary with Christ. (Heb. 10:19, 20)
(for more context see Matt. 27:51a; Heb. 9:8-14; Heb. 10:11-22)

THE LORD'S PRAYER AS A MODEL FOR PRAYER

Focus Upon God

- A. Hallowed be Your name
 - 1. Praise God for His character
 - 2. Praise God for His works
- B. Your kingdom come (acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord)
 - 1. In my own life
 - 2. Intercede for others
 - a. Family
 - b. Friends
 - c. Church
 - d. Country/World
- C. Your will be done
 - 1. Lay out my plans before the Lord
 - 2. Intercede for others

Present Our Needs

- D. Give us this day our daily bread
 - 1. Present specific physical needs before the Lord
 - 2. Claim His promises to provide
- E. Forgive us our debts
 - 1. Confess specific personal sins and sins of family
 - 2. Claim His promises of forgiveness, cleansing, and healing
- F. Deliver us from evil
 - 1. Accept power from God through the anointing of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. Put on the whole armor of God

Focus Upon God

- G. Conclude by giving praise and glory to God
- H. Trust in His abiding presence

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN PRAYER

A Model for Prayer and Confession

1. Ask the Father for the covering of the Holy Spirit to bring the presence of Jesus into your heart. Claim the blood of Jesus over all sin. Ask for angels to guard you, since He has promised. Ask Him to make sure that no other influences or thoughts are allowed to disturb this time and that He will protect.
2. Worship the Creator, Redeemer, King, etc.
3. Invite Him to search your life for a revelation of hidden sin. Allow Him to take you back to childhood if necessary. Take time to be attentive and listen.
4. As conviction comes to your mind of thoughts, acts, cherished “rights” such as anger, rebellion and resentment, or experiences that in the presence of the cross are sin—be specific, call it sin, and ask for forgiveness. Accept forgiveness and thank Him aloud. (Your ears need to hear your own voice expressing confidence and praise.)
5. Ask for a deeper repentance. Since it is a gift, thank Him, whether you feel anything or not.
6. By your own free choice, tell your Heavenly Father you give Him permission to remove the sin and sense of guilt or condemnation that came with the sin. Let God know you allow Him to place the burden you have been carrying on the shoulders of His Son. Accept Jesus’ desire to release you from this guilt. Christ wants to do this for you. Be sure to express thanks aloud.
7. Ask God what He has for you in exchange. What characteristic of Jesus is He waiting to give you? What gift of guidance or insight is He making available? Take time to be attentive and listen.
8. Let God know you will accept that gift (whatever thought, word, or picture He brings to your mind). Be sure to thank Him aloud.
9. Repeat the process as desired. Enjoy His presence. Praise Him.
10. At the time you are accepting gifts from God, if He has just impressed you of specific instances of sin, you may want to ask what help He would have sent if you had turned to Him fully in that earlier moment of temptation. Or you may ask what Jesus would have done in your place. He may give you delightful insights.
11. You may want to ask Him in the final moments of this specific prayer if there is anything or anyone else He wants you to pray about, or if there is any particular instruction He wants to share with you. Take time to be attentive and listen.
12. Be sure to praise Him aloud as you end the time of prayer. You’ll want to. He’s a wonderful God, and a marvelous, generous, loving Friend.

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THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

Principles for Better Relationships

Challenge yourself: Think of the person you like the least.

Now ask yourself: “Why did Jesus come to this world?”

1. Two primary reasons Jesus came to earth:

- a. To reconcile us to the Father by His perfect life and death. (Rom. 3; 2 Cor. 5:7-21)
- b. To reconcile us to each other in perfect agape love relationships (which restore us to the image of God). (John 17:21-23; Eph. 2:13-18)

2. Jesus prayed for our unity: “That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21, NIV, 1984)

3. This is our Lord’s will for us—that we might be one so that the world will believe in Him.

“It’s not the opposition of the world that most endangers the church of Christ. It is the evil cherished in the hearts of believers. . . . On the other hand, the strongest witness that God has sent His Son into the world is the existence of harmony and union among men of varied dispositions who form His church.” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 549)

7 Principles for Better Relationships

1. Intercede in prayer for people instead of trying to change them or trying to do the Holy Spirit’s work yourself.

- a. Claim promises such as these: 1 John 5:16; Isa. 42:7, 16; Acts 26:18; Isa. 65:1; Jer. 24:7; Jer. 3:22; Ezek. 37:2, 3.
- b. As we spend time with the Lord, He may show us we are part of the problem or set a mirror before us so we can see our need for change. (Gal. 6:1-3; Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42)
- c. Live the fruit of the Spirit and “preach” at others less.
- d. Take action only if the Holy Spirit leads us.

2. Respect diversity of temperaments and God’s created differences in people.

- a. The Lord has created and gifted us differently so the Body of Christ will have all its complementary parts. (Eph. 4:1-32)
- b. Sacredly regard the feelings and respect the rights of those with whom God has placed us in relationship.

“Marked diversities of disposition and character frequently exist in the same family, for it is in the order of God that persons of varied temperament should associate together. When this is the case each member of the household should sacredly regard the feelings and respect the right of the others. By this means, mutual consideration and forbearance will be cultivated, prejudices will be softened, and rough points of character smoothed. Harmony may be secured, and the blending of the varied temperaments may be a benefit to each.”
(*Child Guidance*, p. 205)

3. Assume the best about the motives and actions of others.

- a. Listen more. Seek first to understand clearly and then to be understood. Don't take things secondhand from secondary sources.
- b. “Christlike love places the most favorable construction on the motives and acts of others. It does not needlessly expose their faults; it does not listen eagerly to unfavorable reports, but seeks rather to bring to mind the good qualities of others.” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 319)

4. Follow Christ's specific instructions and do not talk to others about problems.

- a. Only say those things which can be helpful for building others up according to their needs. Even if something is “true,” don't talk to others if it can't help or resolve the problem. (Eph. 4:29-32)
- b. Follow the “gospel order” in all situations:
 - Matt. 18:15-17: When a brother in Christ sins against you—
Go to the person “alone” first.
If needed, take one or two others as witnesses.
Lastly, if needed, take it to the church for discipline.
 - Matt. 5:23, 24: If someone has “aught against you”—
Before you worship, go and seek to be reconciled.
 - Never talk to those who are not part of the situation or solution process.

5. Yield our “rights” and “expectations” to God.

- a. Jesus did not go around defending His rights or getting angry when His expectations weren't met. Many of our relationship problems are caused by our concern for our “rights.”

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them” (Ps. 119:165, KJV; see also Luke 6:27-36)
- b. There is a time for “tough love,” but be sure it's the Lord's will, not self-centeredness.

6. Praise God for the source of irritations.

- a. Make a list of the good things about the other person and praise God for those things.
- b. Pray for the “problem person” to be blessed. (Matt. 5:43, 44)
- c. Praise drives evil angels away.

“When things go crossways at your homes, strike up a song about the matchless charms of the Son of God, and I tell you, when you touch this strain, Satan will leave you.” (*Review and Herald*, Aug. 5, 1890)

- d. By beholding we become changed—so dwell on the good. (Phil. 4:4-8)

7. Five minutes can solve most difficulties if pride and self are laid aside!

“I saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is coming upon the earth. Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. My accompanying angel cried out with awful solemnity, ‘Get ready! get ready! get ready! for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come. His wrath is to be poured out, unmixed with mercy, and ye are not ready. Rend the heart, and not the garment. A great work must be done for the remnant. Many of them are dwelling upon little trials.’ Said the angel, ‘Legions of evil angels are around you, and are trying to press in their awful darkness, that ye may be ensnared and taken. Ye suffer your minds to be diverted too readily from the work of preparation and the all-important truths for these last days. And ye dwell upon little trials and go into minute particulars of little difficulties to explain them to the satisfaction of this one or that.’ Conversation has been protracted for hours between the parties concerned, and not only has their time been wasted, but the servants of God are held to listen to them, when the hearts of both parties are unsubdued by grace. **If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties.** Angels have been grieved and God displeased by the hours which have been spent in justifying self. I saw that God will not bow down and listen to long justifications, and He does not want His servants to do so, and thus precious time be wasted that should be spent in showing transgressors the error of their ways and pulling souls out of the fire.” (*Early Writings*, pp. 119, 120)

CONTEMPORARY PETER

Lord, do You require more of me than what I am already doing? I'm busy in Your work, yet I am not certain that this is what You have for me to do. Lord, what *more* can I do to serve You better?

Nothing, My child.

But, Lord, why do I feel discontented with my service for You? I give of myself and my money unsparingly. I'm a church deaconess and a Sabbath School teacher. I witness for You. What more can I do for You?

Nothing, My child.

But, Lord, I still have a vacancy inside, despite my hours of service. What more can I do?

*Nothing. Listen, My child: Stop doing things **for** Me.*

What? Now, Lord, let's be reasonable. You've blessed my work for You. You've exhorted me to labor in Your vineyard. What do You mean? What if I do stop doing things for You?

*Then I'll be able to do them **through** you.*

Oh . . . I think I see. Of course, Lord. My work for You is in vain unless You do it through me. Make me a fit channel, Lord. Humble me and make me a worthy vessel for You to use. Now, what task do You want to do through me?

None, My child.

What? You said You'd work through me. What is Your task for me?

My daughter [or son], love Me.

Now wait a minute, Lord. I've been a Christian for many years; what do You mean, "Love Me"? I *do* love You. That's already settled. What is the next step?

There is no other step, loved one; just love Me.

You know I love You, Lord. My whole life is taken up with service to You. What do You mean?

*Your love for **Me** is revealed in your love to your **fellow humans**.*

Oh, I know that, Lord. I do love my fellow humans!

Do you love your biology professor?

Well, I don't hate the guy; I just leave him alone—and he leaves me alone.

Do you love your biology professor?

Now, look, we don't get along. Our personalities clash; I can't solve that, so I avoid him. *I died for him—and live for him too.*

I know, Lord. And I would like to see him saved, but You understand—I just don't click with him.

Do you love your biology professor?

Oh, I respect him, and I think he respects me. He is a fine fellow, and I'm sure he'd make a good Christian. But I guess I do think of him as being overconfident and conceited—even a bigot at times. You know his kind, Lord. Why all this about him, Lord? Look at all these other people I love. Why, I could . . .

Do you love your biology professor?

He's the one person, Lord, that I just can't stand. He's pretty hard to take, but I do love . . . I guess everyone else, and certainly, You know I love You.

You only love Me to the extent that you love the person you like the least.

But . . . maybe I really don't care about You then. I've been a Christian all these years. I always thought I loved You. Now I see. Thank You for revealing this to me. I will truly love You now.

You cannot, My child.

But You said "love Me," and when I said "OK," then You . . . I don't understand.

How can you love Me?. . . There is no love in you . . . God is love.

Then I cannot love anyone?

*You are only the **channel** through which **I can love** others.*

Then—

Love this world through me, Lord.

This world of broken men.

Thou didst love through death, Lord:

O, love through me again!

Yes, I will, My child.

We only love God to the extent that we love the person we like the least.

Is this statement too strong? What did Jesus say? "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matt. 25:40).

Thank God for His promise: "The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Rom 5:5). Let Him pour out His love in your life. Ask and you shall receive!

THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

As Described in *The Desire of Ages*

Inspired words remind us that “Christ is sitting for His portrait in every disciple” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 827). “Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 69).

This spiritual transformation is accomplished only by turning our eyes away from ourselves and toward Jesus. Ellen White writes, “It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 83).

Start by reading the Gospels and prayerfully meditating on the Savior’s endless love. The following passages from the book *The Desire of Ages* will also help you understand and appreciate His divine character more deeply and fully.

HIS COMPASSION

- Page 86 He always manifested a loving interest in men and shed about Him the light of a cheerful piety.
- 87 He worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw.
- 90 He spoke words of sympathy as He saw weary men compelled to bear heavy burdens.
- 90 The life of Christ was marked with respect and love for His mother.
- 92 The healing power of love went out from Him to the sick and distressed.
- 151 He manifested an interest in men’s secular affairs.
- 173 He spoke with solemn dignity, and both look and tone expressed such earnest love that sinners were not offended as they realized their humiliating position.
- 254 His tender compassion fell with a touch of healing upon weary and troubled hearts.
- 254 His character expressed love in look and tone, and a sweet, sympathetic spirit.
- 255 When He saw men refuse the message of peace, His heart was pierced to the very depths.
- 319 His heart, that loved and pitied, was a heart of unchanging tenderness.
- 356 His heart overflowed with love for the human race, but He never became indulgent about sin.
- 356 He who taught the people the way to secure peace and happiness was just as thoughtful of their temporal necessities as of their spiritual needs.
- 402 His love was not to be circumscribed to race or nation.
- 462 He sought not to condemn but to save. He spoke words of comfort and hope.
- 511 He was a lover of children. His gentle and kindly manner won their love and confidence.
- 533 His tender, pitying heart was ever awakened to sympathy by suffering.
- 678 During every hour of His life on earth, the love of God flowed from Him in irrepressible streams.

HIS UNSELFISHNESS

- 69 His life revealed the grace of unselfish courtesy.
- 70 From His earliest years He was possessed of one purpose: He lived to bless others.
- 86 He labored earnestly for humanity.
- 90 He was always sacrificing Himself for the good of others.
- 208 He was so emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself.
- 389 He was so fully surrendered to the will of God that the Father alone appeared in His life.
- 576 He did not manifest selfish sorrow.

642 His whole life was a life of unselfish service.
643 He did not think of Himself. His care for others was uppermost in His mind.

HIS TACTFULNESS

73 Jesus carried into His labor cheerfulness and tact.
151 He reached the hearts of the people by going among them as one who desired their good.
151 His strong personal sympathy helped to win hearts.
171 He did not meet argument with argument.
253 He made truth beautiful by presenting it in the most direct and simple way.
254 He had tact to meet prejudiced minds.
515 In all His contacts with rude and violent men, He did not use one unkind expression.
535 When He reproved, His words were spoken with the utmost gentleness.
594 It was not His purpose to humiliate His opponents.

HIS HUMILITY AND MEEKNESS

74 He shunned display.
88 He did not strive for worldly greatness, and in He was content even the lowest position.
89 He did not contend for His rights.
91 He weeded all vanity from life.
137 He took no measures to bring Himself into notice.
138 His manners were gentle and unassuming.
261 In that life there was no noisy disputation, no ostentatious worship, no act to gain applause.
330 He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment.
571 He remained true to the humble lot He had accepted.
735 His features expressed gentleness and resignation and the tenderest pity for his cruel foes.

HIS PATIENCE AND COURAGE

88 He never manifested an impatient word or look.
89 In His work He was willing and uncomplaining.
89 He did not retaliate when roughly used but bore insult patiently.
89 He never became discouraged.
330 He was still of good courage when amid the greatest opposition and most cruel treatment.
364 He was not impatient even though interrupted and robbed of rest.
619 He spoke no words of retaliation.
700 His heart was patient and gentle and would not be provoked.

HIS PURITY

72 Neither gain nor pleasure, applause nor censure, could induce Him to consent to a wrong act.
72 He was wise to discern evil and strong to resist it.
88 He hated but one thing in the world, and that was sin.
88 He could not witness a wrong act without pain, which it was impossible to disguise.
90 His presence brought a purer atmosphere into the home, and His life was a leaven working amid the elements of society.
243 He was the embodiment of purity and dwelt among men as an example of spotless integrity.
253 His language was pure, refined, and clear as a running stream.

254 He was surrounded with an atmosphere of peace, even amid the turbulence of angry enemies.
330 In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace.
587 His life was a rebuke to men's sins.

HIS DIGNITY AND MANLINESS

69 In principle He was firm as a rock.
88 He possessed a dignity and individuality wholly distinct from earthly pride and assumption.
173 He spoke with solemn dignity.
356 He never purchased peace by compromise.
581 His enemies read love, benevolence, and dignity in His calm, solemn face.
742 Even under disgraceful treatment, He bore Himself with firmness and dignity.

HIS DILIGENCE AND INDUSTRIOUSNESS

72 In His industrious life there were no idle moments to invite temptation.
72 He was perfect as a workman, as He was in character.
86 He labored earnestly for humanity.
206 A wise purpose underlay every act of Christ's life on earth.
362 His life was crowded with labor and responsibility.

HIS MINISTRY

89 He would not enter into controversy, yet His example was a constant lesson.
91 He passed by no human being as worthless but sought to save every soul.
91 To the discouraged, sick, tempted, and fallen, Jesus spoke words of tenderest pity.
92 He would not betray secrets that were poured into His sympathizing ear.
151 In every soul He saw one to whom must be given the call to His kingdom.
152 He did not sermonize as men do today.
205 As people heard His words they were warmed and comforted. He spoke of God not as an avenging judge but as a tender Father.
253 He had nothing to do with subjects of dissension. It was His work to present the truth.
253 He taught the Scriptures as of unquestionable authority.
254 He was earnest rather than vehement.
291 He loved to gather the people about Him under the blue heavens, on some grassy hillside, or on the beach beside the lake.
336 He rested by faith in His Father's care.
362 His life was crowded with duties, yet He was often found in prayer.
434 He taught men not to place themselves needlessly in antagonism to established order.
451 He was not presumptuous, nor would He rush into danger or hasten a crisis.
594 It was not His purpose to humiliate His opponents.

SATAN CALLED A WORLDWIDE MEETING

*Are you too busy to hear the still, small voice of God?
This compelling story may help change your priorities.*

Satan called a worldwide meeting. The huge crowd hushed as he stepped up to speak. "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't keep them from conservative values, but we can do something else." He paused. Everyone listened.

"We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding experience in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining a vital connection through their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels.

"Simple. Keep them busy, busy, busy in the nonessentials of life and invent un-numbered schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend and spend, then borrow and borrow.

"Keep them from their children. Convince the wives to go to work and the husbands to work six and seven days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Tell them they are doing it FOR their children. Hah! That one works well. As their families fragment, soon their homes won't offer an escape from the pressures of work.

"Overstimulate their minds so that they cannot hear the 'still, small voice.' Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive, and to keep the TV, streaming services, smart phones, social media, and text messages going constantly in their homes and whenever they have a moment of rest. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.

"Fill their homes with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail-order catalogs, newsletters, promotional offerings, free products, services, and false hopes.

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, and movies instead.

"When they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions. Don't let them encourage or uplift each other; keep those who are the gifted encouragers especially busy and worn out.

"And above all, when they get together, keep them from praying for one another. Let them be involved in soulwinning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family unity for the good of the cause."

It was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments trying to cause Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy, and rush here and there.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Prayerfully ask God to show you the best resources for your devotional life and ministry to others.

1. Coon, Glenn	<i>The ABC's of Bible Prayer</i>	R&H
2. Clouzet, Ron	<i>Adventism's Greatest Need</i>	PPPA
3. Clouzet, Ron	<i>In the Name of Jesus – Praying for People and Places</i>	PPPA
4. Engelkemier, Joe	<i>30 Days to More Powerful Intercessory Prayer (Book 2)</i>	PPPA
5. Finley, Mark	<i>Prayer Makes a Difference</i>	Hart Research Center
6. Finley, Mark	<i>Revive Us Again</i>	PPPA
7. Goia, Pavel	<i>In the Spirit and Power</i>	Safeliz
6. Mason, Melody	<i>Daring to Ask for More</i>	PPPA
7. Mason, Melody	<i>Daring to Live By Every Word</i>	PPPA
7. Morneau, Roger	<i>Incredible Answers to Prayer</i>	R&H
8. Morneau, Roger	<i>More Incredible Answers to Prayer</i>	R&H
9. Morneau, Roger	<i>When You Need Incredible Answers to Prayer</i>	R&H
11. Venden, Morris	<i>The Answer Is Prayer</i>	PPPA
12. White, Ellen	<i>Christ's Object Lessons, "Asking To Give", pp. 139-149</i>	PPPA
13. White, Ellen	<i>Education, "Faith and Prayer," pp. 256-261</i>	PPPA
14. White, Ellen	<i>In Heavenly Places, March 1-31, pp. 67-97</i>	PPPA
15. White, Ellen	<i>Mount of Blessings, pp. 86-87</i>	PPPA
16. White, Ellen	<i>Prayer</i>	PPPA
17. White, Ellen	<i>Power of Prayer</i>	Teach Services, Inc.
18. White, Ellen	<i>Steps to Christ, "The Privilege of Prayer", pp. 63-71</i>	PPPA
19.	Most resources available through your local Adventist Book Center (1-800-843-8585)	

RESOURCES FOR A PRAYER MINISTRY

1. Graf, Jonathan & Hinkle, Lani	<i>My House Shall Be a House of Prayer</i>	A Pray! Magazine Book
2. Griend, Alvin J. Vander	<i>The Praying Church Sourcebook</i>	CRC Publication
3. Jacobsen, Ruthie	<i>Establishing a Prayer Ministry</i>	Advent Source
4. Kamstra, Douglas A.	<i>The Praying Church Idea Book</i>	CRC Publications
5. Kidder, S. Joseph	<i>The Big Four</i>	R&H
6. Maxwell, John	<i>Partners In Prayer</i>	Thomas Nelson Publisher
7. Maxwell, Randy	<i>Bring Back the Glory</i>	PPPA
8. Shewmake, Carroll Johnson	<i>When We Pray For Others</i>	R&H
9. Franklin, John	<i>And the Place Was Shaken</i>	Broadman & Holman Publishers
10. Sacks, Cheryl	<i>The Prayer Saturated Church</i>	Navpress Publishing Group

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