

Day Five – Walking in Step With Jesus

Suggested Format for United Prayer

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...” (Matthew 6:10).

Praise

- Praise God that *“this is the will of God, your sanctification”* (1 Thessalonians 4:3)!
- How have you seen God work in the past few days? Praise Him for what He is doing and for the ways you have seen God’s people doing His will.
- Praise God for His character. Fill in this sentence: *“We praise You, God, for being _____.”*

Confession

- Ask God to reveal to you any ways that you have not delighted to do His will. *“I delight to do your will, O my God, and your law is within my heart”* (Psalm 40:8).
- Take time to let God show you anything you need to change in your life, silently confess your wrongs, and accept His forgiveness.
- Corporately ask God’s forgiveness for the ways we as His people are not following His will. Pray for cleansing and change. (Be careful to be loving. This is a time for repentance, not complaining.)

Supplication and Intercession

- Plead for the Holy Spirit—*“Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground”* (Psalm 143:10).
- Ask God to transform our thoughts so that we will know God’s will. See Romans 12:2.
- Plead for humility to know and accept God’s will in every aspect of our lives and to not resist His will.
- Pray for strength to continue in God’s will, even when it’s difficult. *“For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise”* (Hebrews 10:36).
- Pray for each member (both in your local church and around the world) to know what their work for God is, how to do it, and to be active in ministry.
- Pray for your pastor/church elders, and all Adventist leaders, to spend much time with Jesus so they know His will for our church and how to implement it.
- Pray that the reign of evil on this earth may be ended, that sin may be forever destroyed, and that the kingdom of righteousness may be established.
- MTTC: For the strongholds of Satan to be broken so there are open doors for the gospel in the 630 cities being worked.
- Intercede with several other people for the five people you have chosen to pray for during these ten days. Also, choose a card from the request box and intercede for those individuals.
- Pray for other requests that are on your heart.

Thanksgiving

- *“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thank God for specific things in your life, especially the challenges you are facing.
- Praise Him in faith for the miracles He is creating in answer to your prayers.

Suggested Songs to Sing

“Come, Holy Spirit”; “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (SDA Hymnal #567); “I Surrender All” (SDA Hymnal #309); “Live Out Thy Life Within Me” (SDA Hymnal #316); “Yes, Lord, I Give My Life to You.”

Ellen White on the Lord's Prayer

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." (Matthew 6:10).

The will of God is expressed in the precepts of His holy law, and the principles of this law are the principles of heaven. The angels of heaven attain unto no higher knowledge than to know the will of God, and to do His will is the highest service that can engage their powers.

But in heaven, service is not rendered in the spirit of legality. When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah, the thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of. In their ministry the angels are not as servants, but as sons. There is perfect unity between them and their Creator. Obedience is to them no drudgery. Love for God makes their service a joy. So in every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are re-echoed, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8.

The petition, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," is a prayer that the reign of evil on this earth may be ended, that sin may be forever destroyed, and the kingdom of righteousness be established. Then in earth as in heaven will be fulfilled "all the good pleasure of His goodness." 2 Thessalonians 1:11.

~ Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, pages 109, 110.