Leader's Guide

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General Items for Ten Days of Prayer

Daily Prayer Guides

We have provided a prayer guide for each of the ten days. Each guide includes a Bible passage, devotional reading, Bible texts to pray through, prayer suggestions, and song suggestions. We recommend that you copy the daily guides so each participant can have one to follow during the prayer time.

Churches around the world will unite in praying about each day's topic. Join them in praying through the verses and prayer requests, but don't feel that you must rush through the entire list of prayer suggestions. You may want to divide into small groups and have each group pray for a portion of your prayer requests.

We also included a document called World Church Prayer Requests. It's important to pray together for our world church family, but you may want to spend extra time praying for local needs if your group includes visitors from the community. Pray about how you can best welcome guests and make them feel a part of your group.

Suggested Times for Each Prayer Session
Keep your prayer time simple so the group can focus on actually praying. How much time you spend on each section will vary. The following guide is just a suggestion:

Welcome and introduction: 2 – 5 minutes
Read devotional (in daily prayer guide): 5 minutes
Pray through the verses in "Praying God's Word" (in daily prayer guide): 10 – 15 minutes
Pray about the items in "More Prayer Suggestions" (in daily prayer guide): 20 – 30 minutes
Respond in song and praise: 5 – 10 minutes

Pray for Others
Encourage each person to pray consistently for five to seven people that God has placed in their life. They can be relatives, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or simply acquaintances. Encourage them to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in choosing these names and in reaching out to these people during the ten days. As you pray for them now, ask God to prepare your heart—and theirs—for the *OneVoice27* outreach later this year. You may want to provide some cards or pieces of paper on which people can record the names they will be praying for.

Sabbath Services During Ten Days of Prayer
Have a special prayer focus and share testimonies of answered prayer during the church services on both Sabbaths. Be creative—there are many ways to share with the church family what is happening during the daily prayer meetings.

Final Sabbath Celebration
The final Sabbath should be designed as a time of great rejoicing in all that God has done throughout the ten days. Include ample time for testimonies of answered prayer, biblical teaching/preaching on prayer and prophecy, and singing. Lead the congregation in a time of prayer so that those who have not attended the daily meetings can experience the joy of praying with others. Please see the "Sabbath Celebration" handout for more ideas.

Follow-up to Ten Days of Prayer
Pray about how God wants your church/group to continue what He has begun during Ten Days of Prayer. This year there is a clear next step: let these ten days flow directly into *OneVoice27*. Perhaps you will continue with a weekly prayer session, begin a prophecy-focused Bible study series, or launch an outreach to the community that builds toward the September 2027 emphasis. Be open and follow where God leads. The document called Outreach Challenge is filled with ideas for service. Learn more about the worldwide emphasis at onevoice27.org.

Testimonies
Please share stories of how God has worked through Ten Days of Prayer! Your stories will be an encouragement to many others. Testimonies may be submitted online at www.tendaysofprayer.org.

United Prayer Pointers

Agree Together
When someone prays a request to God, be sure some others pray for that same request and agree together—this is powerful! Don't think that because one person has prayed about the request, no one else needs to. "Again I say unto you, that 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" (Matthew 18:19, KJV). How encouraging it is to be lifted up in prayer!

Claiming God's Promises
Encourage the group to claim God's promises as they pray. It is so easy to focus on our problems. But when we claim God's promises, we increase our faith and remind ourselves that nothing is impossible with God. The promises help us take our eyes off our weaknesses and difficulties and set them on Jesus. For every weakness and every struggle, we can find Bible promises to claim. Encourage people to search for more promises and write them down so they can claim them in the future.

Fasting
Invite those joining you in Ten Days of Prayer to consider some type of fasting, such as fasting from TV, secular music, movies, the Internet, sweets, or other types of food that are hard to digest. Use the extra time to pray and study the Bible, asking God to help you and your congregation to abide more fully in Christ. By adopting a simple diet, we allow our minds to become more receptive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

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Journaling
Keeping a prayer journal during the Ten Days of Prayer can help participants to internalize the daily prayer theme, make concrete commitments to God, and recognize His blessings. Writing out our prayers and keeping a record of God's answers is a proven path to encouragement.

If you wish, you might provide time during the prayer meeting for people to journal their responses to God in private prayer journals. Or you could keep a group journal of prayer requests and answers—either in a notebook, on a large poster, or online. It is exciting and faith-building to look back and see how God has answered prayers!

Reverence
Encourage and model a reverent attitude. We are approaching the throne room of the King of the universe. Let's not treat this prayer time carelessly in our posture or mannerisms. However, it is not necessary that everyone kneel continuously. You want people to be comfortable for an hour, so encourage everyone to kneel or sit or stand as God leads and as they are comfortable.

Sentence Prayers
Prayers should be short and to the point. This gives others an opportunity to pray as well. Try to limit your prayers to a few sentences. Each person can pray multiple times. Short sentence prayers keep the prayer time interesting and allow the Holy Spirit to impress the group how to pray. You don't need to open and close each short sentence prayer with phrases such as "Dear God" and "Amen." It is an ongoing conversation with God.

Silence
As a leader, don't dominate the prayer time. The goal is to get others praying. Times of silence are wonderful, as they give God time to speak to our hearts. Allow the Holy Spirit to work and give everyone time to pray.

Singing
Spontaneous group songs, mingled between prayers, add beauty to the prayer meeting. Suggested songs are listed at the end of each theme sheet. Do not feel that you need to use all the songs—these are simply suggestions. Singing is also a good way to transition from one prayer section to another.

Taking Prayer Requests

Don't ask for prayer requests from the group. Instead, tell people to pray their requests and encourage others to join in agreement and prayer for those requests. Here's why: time! Talking about the requests will take up most of your prayer time. Satan is thrilled if he can keep us talking about the problem instead of praying about the problem. Group members will often begin counseling and suggesting solutions. The power is from God! The more we pray, the more His power is unleashed.

Your Daily Time

This is so important! Make sure that you as a leader are spending time daily at the feet of Jesus, talking with Him and reading His Word. If you will make knowing God a first priority in your life, it will open such a beautiful experience to you. "From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the Great Reformation. There, with holy calmness, the servants of the Lord set their feet upon the rock of His promises" (The Great Controversy, p. 210). When a leader prays, God works on hearts!

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> *Ten Days of Prayer gives our family intentional motivation to begin each new year with prayer and complete dependence on God. During these ten days, we set aside time to pray together as a family, lifting up one another's needs and seeking God's guidance for the year ahead. Ten Days of Prayer reminds us that we are not praying alone—we are part of a global movement of faith, hope, and mission. (J.K.)*
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> *My prayer life has been deeply transformed. I have experienced unhurried, intimate moments in prayer, and my devotional time has become more meaningful and fulfilling. Above all, I have felt God's closeness, love, and protection in powerful ways. (T.K.)*
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> *I've seen a powerful shift in both my home and my heart. I now find myself calling my family more often and saying, "Let us pray," and they gladly join me. Prayer is rebuilding our family altar and drawing us closer together. At night, I experience a deep sense of peace—I sleep better, and the heaviness that once filled the atmosphere is lifting. God is restoring rest, unity, and spiritual strength in our lives. (A.B.)*

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Our Prayer Theme: All Things New: Hope Starts Here

During the Ten Days of Prayer 2027, we invite you to understand and experience Bible prophecy in a new and personal way. Jesus appeared personally to Daniel as the "man clothed in linen" (Dan. 10:5, KJV) and to John as "One like the Son of man" (Rev. 1:13). Jesus also told many prophetic parables. Our future is important to Him! He wants us to believe Him and trust Him. He also wants us to know the future and not be afraid because He holds the future in His hands and has told us beforehand what is coming. "I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe" (John 14:29).

Notice this powerful promise: "When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those 'that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein'" (Rev. 1:3) (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers,* p. 114).

Join us on this journey of prayers and prophecy, that as we seek this "entirely different religious experience," our lives and the lives we influence for heaven may be transformed and experience the promised "all things new"!

Suggested Guidelines for Prayer Times

- Keep your prayers short—just a sentence or two on one topic. Then give others a turn. You can pray as many times as you'd like, just as you talk in a conversation.
- Do not be afraid of silence, as it gives everyone time to listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Singing songs together as the Spirit leads is also a huge blessing. You do not need a piano for this; singing acapella is fine.

Rather than using up valuable prayer time talking about your prayer requests, simply pray them. Then others can also pray for your requests and claim promises for your need.

Claiming the Promises

It is our privilege to claim God's promises in our prayers. All His commandments and counsels are also promises. He would never ask from us something that we could not do in His strength.

It is so easy to focus on our needs, our difficulties, our challenges—and to wail and whine about our situation when we pray. This is not the purpose of prayer. Prayer is meant to strengthen our faith. That is why we encourage you to claim God's promises in your prayer time. Take your eyes off yourself and your weaknesses and look to Jesus. By beholding Him, we become changed into His image.

Ellen White offers this encouragement: "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" (In Heavenly Places, p. 71).

How can you claim His promises? For instance, when praying for peace, you can claim John 14:27 and say, "Lord, You have told us in Your Word, 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.' Give me the peace that You promised to leave with us." Thank the Lord that He is giving you peace, even though you may not feel it right then.

Fasting

We encourage you to do a Daniel Fast during these ten days. Starting the year with prayer and fasting is a wonderful way to consecrate our lives to God for the upcoming year. Ellen White tells us, "Now and onward till the close of time the people of God should be more earnest, more wide-awake, not trusting in their own wisdom, but in the wisdom of their Leader. They should set aside days for fasting and prayer. Entire abstinence from food may not be required, but they should eat sparingly of the most simple food" (Counsels on Diet and Foods, pp. 188, 189).

We know about Daniel, who ate fruits and vegetables for ten days. We likewise encourage you to adopt a very simple diet during these ten days. If we want clearer minds for hearing God's voice, and if we want to draw closer to Him, we need to make sure that our diet is not hindering us.

Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. We also encourage you to fast from TV, movies, computer games, and even social media. Sometimes things that are not bad in themselves can take so much of our time. Put aside everything possible so you can have more time to spend with the Lord.

Fasting is not a quick way to obtain a miracle from God. Fasting is all about humbling ourselves so God can work in us and through us. Let's draw closer to Him through prayer and fasting, and He will draw closer to us.

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Faith

We read in the Spirit of Prophecy that "prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish" (The Ministry of Healing, p. 509). We are also told that "for any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received" (Education, p. 258). So make a habit of thanking God in advance through faith for what He is going to do and how He is going to answer your prayers.

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During these ten days we encourage you to pray consistently for the people God has placed in your life. Choose five to seven people—they can be relatives, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or simply acquaintances. Take some time to ask God whom He would like you to pray for. Ask Him also to give you a real burden for these people. Write the names on a piece of paper and keep it in a prominent place, such as in your Bible. As you pray, ask God to open a door this year—through OneVoice27—to share with them the hope of His soon return. You'll be amazed at how God works in response to your prayers!

Ten Days of Prayer Outreach Challenge

Jesus calls us not only to pray but also to serve the practical needs of those around us. "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" (Matthew 25:35, 36).

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Ask God how you and your church can serve others during and after Ten Days of Prayer—and how those acts of love can become bridges to the *OneVoice27* outreach in September. As you work to organize service activities, avoid letting the arrangements distract you from praying. "Personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. Before communicating with men, commune with Christ. At the throne of heavenly grace obtain a preparation for ministering to the people" (*Prayer*, p. 313).

In the online Ten Days of Prayer resources, you'll find a document with dozens of outreach ideas. Jesus invites you to be His hands and feet to a world in need!

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Night of Prayer

Consider holding an all-night prayer service as part of Ten Days of Prayer. For example, you could begin at 6:00 p.m. and finish at 6:00 a.m. Choose a schedule that's suitable for your group.

Why a Night of Prayer?

There is nothing "holy" in staying awake and praying all night. However, night might be the only time when people are not busy or in a rush. We believe that your purpose should not be to stay up the whole night but to pray as long as necessary and until you have prayed for everything you feel God wants you to pray for. We suggest that several people lead out during the night. Be sure to have some breaks. As a leader, you can sense the atmosphere and know when a break is needed and when you need to move on to the next section of prayer. You can also incorporate the reading of Bible passages into your prayer time. You may want to do all of the suggested items or only some of them, depending on what is best for your group. Feel free to change the order.

Possible Format for Night of Prayer

Start with a session of praise. Praise God in your prayers and also through songs.

Take some time for confession, making sure that nothing is hindering God from hearing you. Give people time for private confession and have a time of corporate confession. Encourage the people to confess private sins privately and to confess publicly only the public sins. In Daniel 9:1-19 we read about Daniel, who interceded and publicly confessed the sins of God's people.

Pray for the needs of people who are at the prayer meeting. So many people are hurting or in need of prayer, or know someone else who is in desperate need of prayer. Make a circle, put a chair in the middle, and invite those who have a special prayer request to come one by one and share their requests. Then gather around the person and have two or three people pray for the person's specific need and claim God's promises.

Divide the group in two. Have the females pray in one room (with a female leader) and the males in another room (with a male leader). Many personal needs cannot and should not be shared with everyone. It is easier to share with those of the same gender.

After you come back together, **pray for needs in your community and church.** Also take time for **world church prayer requests** (listed in a separate document in the Ten Days of Prayer materials). Don't feel that you must rush through the entire list. You may want to divide into small groups and have each group pray for part of the list.

Pray for the list of five to seven people you have been praying for during these ten days.

Choose a Bible passage and pray through it.

Close the prayer time with another session of praise and thanksgiving.

Outreach Challenge for Ten Days of Prayer

Jesus calls us not only to pray but also to serve the spiritual and physical needs of those around us. "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" (Matthew 25:35, 36).

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This year our outreach has a clear horizon. The Ten Days of Prayer are the prayer launch pad for OneVoice27, the worldwide evangelistic emphasis culminating in September 2027. Prayer leads to proclamation. As you serve your community now, you are building the relationships and trust through which the everlasting gospel can be shared later this year. Ask God how you and your church can serve others after the Ten Days of Prayer. As you work to organize the service activities, avoid letting the arrangements distract you from praying. "Personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. Before communicating with men, commune with Christ. At the throne of heavenly grace obtain a preparation for ministering to the people" (*Prayer,* p. 313).

Here are some ways of helping others. Choose whatever fits the needs of your community, and feel free to add your own ideas.

- Cook a meal for someone who has been sick.
- Invite a neighbor/co-worker to a social gathering.
- Give food to a homeless person.
- Donate clothing that you would want donated to you.
- "Adopt" an elderly person. Visit the person on a regular basis and help with chores, shopping, cooking, or garden work.
- Bake some bread and share a loaf with a neighbor.
- Help with neighborhood projects.
- Offer to stay with a sick or disabled person so their caretakers can run an errand.
- Introduce yourself to a new neighbor by taking them a meal. Make them feel welcome in the neighborhood.
- Buy groceries and deliver them to a needy family.
- Donate your old eyeglasses.
- Offer to give a Bible study.
- Visit people in nursing homes.
- Give some "food" money to a student.
- Collect clothing for the needy. You might start a clothes closet at your church for sharing with others.
- Donate your old laptop or other electronics.
- Donate a used car.
- Organize a "Health Expo."
- Send a card to a shut-in.
- Organize an evangelistic series.
- Call your neighbors and ask how they're doing.
- Give someone a book you think they'd like.
- Pass out GLOW tracts (available to order here: http://www.glowonline.org/).
- Invite someone to accept Jesus.
- Hold a cooking school.
- Give away sharing books about biblical topics.

- Take some food to someone who has lost a loved one.
- Visit someone in the hospital to encourage them or help them in some way.
- Read to an elderly person.
- Visit a children's home and offer your help to the staff.
- Start a sewing/knitting/crocheting group to make clothes to give away.
- Read the Bible aloud for someone who can't see or read.
- Host a youth night at your home.
- Volunteer at a shelter for abused persons.
- Donate some books to a children's home or shelter.
- Take children from your church to visit a home for elderly people. Present a program for them.
- Plan and host a fun day for special-needs kids and their families.
- Have a community clean-up day.
- Start a healthy living club in your church. Invite friends and neighbors.
- Ask someone if they would like to join you in watching a DVD with a spiritual message. As you watch together, pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the person's heart.
- Design your own project.

For more resources about sharing your faith, visit www.revivalandreformation.org/resources/witnessing.

Bible Promises to Claim in Prayer

All Scripture quoted from NKJV

Promises for the Holy Spirit

"Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone." Zech. 10:1

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. . . . And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 14:26; 16:8

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14

"So he answered and said to me: This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6

Promises that God Answers Prayers

"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

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:24

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." Ps. 50:15

"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." Matt. 18:19

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matt. 21:22

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:13, 14

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23, 24

"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 asked of Him." 1 John 5:14, 15

Promises About God's Power

"Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." Gen. 18:14

"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." Ex. 14:14

"But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.'" Mark 10:27

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:24

"I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You." Job 42:2

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:31, 32

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Num. 23:19

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:28-31

Promises for God's Guidance

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Josh. 1:9

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." Gen. 28:15

"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared." Ex. 23:20

"But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 4:29

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jer. 33:3

"Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isa. 40:4, 5

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye." Ps. 32:8

"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deut. 31:8

"Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses." Ps. 25:12

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Prov. 3:5, 6

"If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." Isa. 58:10, 11

"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24

Promises for a Changed Heart

"Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart." Jer. 24:7

"And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live." Deut. 30:6

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezek. 36:26

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:23, 24

Promises for Forgiveness

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chr. 7:14

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You." Ps. 86:5

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Eph. 4:32

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18

"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins." Isa. 43:25

"For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Jer. 31:34

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Eph. 1:7

Promises for Victory Over Sin

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." 1 John 5:4

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Rom. 8:37

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isa. 41:10

"Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." Eph. 6:16

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"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:16

"And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." Rom. 16:20

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15

Promises for Healing

"If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you." Ex. 15:26

"Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; as your days, so shall your strength be." Deut. 33:25

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Ps. 103:2-5

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones." Prov. 3:7, 8

"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:3-5

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise." Jer. 17:14

"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,' says the Lord, 'because they called you an outcast saying: This is Zion; no one seeks her.**"** Jer. 30:17

"Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth." Jer. 33:6

"But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves." Mal. 4:2

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." James 5:14, 15

Promises for Strength to Do God's Will

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:16-18

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Gal. 6:9

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Cor. 12:9

Promises About Being God's Witnesses

"Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one." Isa. 44:8

"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." Isa. 60:1

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:18

"But the Lord said to me: Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak." Jer. 1:7

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15

Sabbath Celebration

Design the final Sabbath of Ten Days of Prayer to celebrate God's goodness and mighty power. Share how you have experienced the power of prayer and the valuable spiritual insights you have gained throughout the last ten days. Rejoice in what God has done, is doing, and will do.

The needs of each congregation are unique, so please work with local leaders to develop a specific plan for your church. Here are some possible items to include in your final Sabbath church service.

2027 Theme:
All Things New: Hope Starts Here

Theme Verses:
"I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe." (John 14:29, NKJV)
"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5, NKJV)

Possible Hymns:
We Have This Hope (#214)
Lift Up the Trumpet (#213)
Standing on the Promises (#518)
Watch, Ye Saints (#598)
Is It the Crowning Day? (#207)

Sermon Ideas:
Single Sermon: Have a pastor, elder, or prayer leader preach a sermon on "God's Sure Word"—how the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation assure us that our future is safe in God's hands, and how a life of prayer like Daniel's prepares us for Christ's soon return.

[OR]

Short Summaries: Have the Ten Days of Prayer participants take turns offering short summaries (1–2 minutes) for each of the 10 daily prayer guides. Share the title, the main verse, and a key thought. (Plan ahead so summaries stay within 1–2 minutes. For most people, one minute is 125–150 spoken words.)

[OR]

Short Talks on a Related Theme: Enlist three members of different ages to give short talks (5–7 minutes) on a chosen theme, such as Daniel's prayer life, the sure word of prophecy, or "all things new."

Other Program Ideas:
Member testimonies of answered prayer, small-group prayer time, children's story, special music selections, etc.

A OneVoice27 Commissioning:
Because the Ten Days of Prayer 2027 are the prayer launch pad for *OneVoice27* (September 2027), consider closing the celebration with a commissioning. Invite members to dedicate themselves to share the everlasting gospel in the months ahead—through Bible studies, prophecy seminars, acts of service, and personal witness. Pray over those who will go, and announce the next steps your church will take so that the prayers of January become the proclamation of September. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me . . . to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

World Church Prayer Requests

- Lord, please let a mighty revival of primitive godliness sweep Your church in the final days. May we stand for truth though the heavens fall. Let this revival start with me.
- We pray for *OneVoice27*—the worldwide evangelistic emphasis culminating in September 2027. Prepare hearts everywhere to hear the everlasting gospel, and prepare us to proclaim it with one voice.
- Lord, as we journey through these Ten Days of Prayer and study the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, draw us into a deeper relationship with You. Through Your Spirit, transform our hearts and prepare us for Your soon coming.
- Lord, show us how to be consistent in daily worship, individually and as a family.
- Lord, help us to allow You to wake us up each morning, no matter how early, so that we can have sweet, unrushed time in Your Word and prayer.
- Lord, teach us how to plead for a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- We pray for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit to empower our witness and enable us to engage in the work You have given us to do before Your return.
- Show us how to love our families sacrificially and how to make disciples for the kingdom, starting with our own children and loved ones.
- We pray for wisdom to search, understand, and follow God's Word. Teach us to rightly divide the words of truth and faithfully share them with others.
- Lord, please renew our appreciation for the instructions found in the inspired writings of Ellen White.
- We pray for religious liberty and freedom of conscience throughout the world. Lord, please open doors for the proclamation of Your Word in closed territories.
- Lord, may Your world church accept the call to widely proclaim the Three Angels' Messages to every nation and tongue. Show us how to center all these teachings on the love and righteousness of Christ.
- Lord, help us model to our youth and young people what living the Three Angels' Messages looks like.
- Lord, may Adventists worldwide declare "I Will Go" and take up the call to serve You and proclaim the good news of salvation.
- We pray that Adventists around the world will offer practical aid and encouragement to those who are suffering. Give us courage, creativity, and an unselfish spirit when our neighbors need us most.
- Lord, please show church members how to help those struggling with mental health issues or isolation.
- We pray for pastors and churches to find ways of keeping church members actively praying together. Lord, please draw Your church together in worship and service.
- We pray for a spiritual revival among Seventh-day Adventist young people attending colleges and universities worldwide. May they become vibrant ambassadors for Christ.
- We pray for the millions of people who have not yet received an unclouded presentation of Jesus.

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All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 1—DANIEL'S LIFE OF PRAYER

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Dan. 6:10).

A Heart Resolved to Be Faithful

It's difficult to imagine the situation that Daniel as a young man confronted, marching on foot eight to ten miles per day for four months—altogether a journey of about 1,000 miles (about 1,600 km) from Jerusalem to Babylon. No doubt he prayed most of the time along the way. Upon his arrival, his name and those of his friends were changed and he was offered food from the king's table, but Daniel refused because he "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Dan. 1:8). That clear purpose, to remain faithful to God, guided and preserved him throughout his life.

When King Nebuchadnezzar decreed that all the wise men of Babylon were to be killed, Daniel gathered his friends together for prayer to "seek mercies from the God of heaven" to reveal the king's dream and to ask that they "might not perish" (Dan. 2:18). In answer to prayer, the dream and its meaning was revealed to Daniel, who testified to the king of the "God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known . . . what will be in the latter days" (Dan. 2:28). Daniel's prayer life enabled him to stand unafraid before the most powerful on the planet and share the truth boldly and wisely.

Unshaken Prayer in Times of Crisis

On the night of Babylon's fall, King Belshazzar was killed, yet Daniel's life was not only preserved but he was made one of only three governors over the entire kingdom of Medo-Persia (Dan. 6:1, 2). Jealousy led the other Persian officials to plot Daniel's demise. His prayer life was obviously well–known, because this practice of his was the way they chose to imperil Daniel's life. Once again, however, prayer was the means of his deliverance. Rather than retreating to a "prayer closet" that day, Daniel unswervingly maintained the practice he had followed "since early days," throwing open his windows toward Jerusalem and kneeling three times that day to pray and give thanks to God. He understood that his public witness to the God of heaven and earth must not be diminished but shine even more brightly in times of darkness than in times of peace and prosperity.

Like Daniel, each of us needs a consistent life of prayer, whether we've had this "since early days" or are only now beginning it. Just purpose in your heart as he did, and the same God will answer you too. Let's pray together.

Prayer Time (30–45 Minutes)

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Praying God's Word — Daniel 6:10

"He knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

"He knelt down on his knees . . . as was his custom"

Lord, teach us to make prayer the steady habit of our lives, not just the cry of an emergency. Like Daniel, may we come to You faithfully, morning by morning, until communion with You is the most natural thing we do. Build in us a life of prayer that nothing can shake.

"Prayed and gave thanks before his God"

Father, fill our prayers with thanksgiving. Even when the writing is signed against us and the future looks uncertain, remind us that You reign over kings and kingdoms, that You declare the end from the beginning, and that our times are in Your hands. We thank You in advance for answers we have not yet seen.

"With his windows open toward Jerusalem"

Lord, like Daniel with his windows open toward Jerusalem, give us courage to witness openly and never hide our faith. Through OneVoice27 this year, make us carriers of the gospel who lift up one voice and let our light shine brightest in the darkest times, until Jesus comes.

More Prayer Suggestions

Thanks and Praise: Give thanks for specific blessings and praise God for His goodness.
Confession: Take a few minutes for private confession and thank God for His forgiveness.
Guidance: Ask God to grant wisdom for current challenges and decisions.
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Listen and Respond: Take time to listen for God's voice and respond in praise or song.

Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Standing on the Promises (#518); Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (#290); We Have This Hope (#214); Open My Eyes, That I May See (#326)
Other Songs: Father, I Adore You; Seek Ye First; As the Deer

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DAY 2—WAITING ON GOD FOR ANSWERS

"I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem" (Dan. 9:2).

Driven to His Knees by God's Word

Before Daniel's ordeal in the lion's den, he received the vision about the 2,300 days recorded in Daniel 8:14. It upset him so much that he "fainted and was sick for days" because "no one understood it" (Dan. 8:27). Nearly ten years passed and he still didn't understand. It was now 539 B.C. Daniel had been in Babylon for sixty-six years and the seventy years of Israel's captivity in Babylon prophesied by Jeremiah (see Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10) were supposed to come to an end soon. But the long time prophecy of 2,300 evenings and mornings worried him. Might Israel's sanctuary have to lay desolate much longer? Daniel studied the prophecies of Jeremiah and realized the time should be drawing near: "I, Daniel, understood . . . that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem" (Dan. 9:2). So, recognizing that God's word must be fulfilled, he prayed earnestly, confessing his sin and the sins of his people Israel, so that nothing on their part would prevent God from fulfilling His promise.

Sometimes we think that God's word will be fulfilled regardless of what we do, that His purposes always "know no haste and no delay." That is true in the case of certain unconditional prophecies, such as the coming of Jesus to earth to die for our sins—nothing could keep Him from fulfilling His promise of salvation. However, Daniel recognized that most Bible prophecies, particularly those connected with God's promises to Israel as a nation, are conditional. Depending on the people's response to God's word, their prophetic hopes might be realized or not.

Learning to Wait on the Lord

It's not always easy to wait on the Lord for answers to our prayers, but we are repeatedly urged to do just that: "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!" (Ps. 27:14). And again: "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:30, 31). The time of waiting, as Daniel's prayer life illustrates, is designed as a time of reflection for us. Might something in your life or heart be hindering the fulfillment of God's promise for you? Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Daniel 9:2

"I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem."

"I, Daniel, understood by the books"

Lord, like Daniel, draw us to Your Word. Open to us the books of prophecy—Daniel and Revelation—and give us understanding by Your Spirit. Make us students of Scripture who search it earnestly and let it shape the way we pray.

"The word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet"

Father, thank You for speaking to us through Your prophets. As Daniel found light in Jeremiah's words, give us hearts that believe the sure word of prophecy—and through OneVoice27 this year, make us carriers of that word who lift up one voice and share its hope with a waiting world.

"He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem"

Lord, You kept Your word to the very year, ending Jerusalem's long desolation exactly as You promised. Restore the desolate places in our lives, our families, and Your church. As Daniel confessed his sins and his people's, search our hearts and remove anything that would delay Your promises in us. Teach us to wait with courage, certain that the God who finished His work for Jerusalem will finish His good work in us.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Be Still, My Soul (#461); 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (#524); Sweet Hour of Prayer (#478)
Other Songs: They That Wait Upon the Lord; Be Still and Know; As the Deer; Seek Ye First

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 3— DANIEL'S PRAYER

"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name" (Dan. 9:19).

When Worry Drives Us to Pray

We saw yesterday that Daniel was very worried. What did he do when he was worried? He prayed. That's what we all should do. Let's look at Daniel's beautiful prayer, which has four parts: 1) Praise; 2) Confession and Declaration; 3) Reflection; 4) Petition.

His heartfelt prayer begins by praising God, recognizing and revering His greatness, His character, and His faithfulness (vs. 4). Most of the prayer involves confession but also declaration of God's righteousness (vss. 5–14) and acknowledging the whole range of Israel's sin, iniquity, wickedness, and rebellion (vs. 5). Daniel confesses their turning away from God's commandments and their disobeying the words of the prophets. He declares God's justice (vs. 7) but also affirms God's mercy and willingness to forgive (vs. 9). Daniel even identifies himself as part of Israel's rebellion: "we have sinned against You"; "we have rebelled against Him"; "we have not obeyed"; "we have sinned"; "we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God"; "we have not obeyed His voice"; "we have sinned, we have done wickedly!" (vss. 8–15). In short, Daniel refuses to disassociate himself from His people, acknowledging that he shares in the disaster that came upon Israel and that it was in fulfillment of the words of Moses which God warned them of long before. Daniel also affirms that God sent His servants the prophets and brought all this disaster upon Israel in order that they might turn from their iniquities and learn wisdom from God's word of truth (vss. 11–13; compare with Ps. 119:143; James 1:18).

A Plea for God's Own Glory

Finally, Daniel appeals to God's righteousness in all His dealings, His kindness in delivering Israel from Egyptian bondage, and His justice, pleading for God to turn away His righteous wrath and anger from Israel and hear His servant's petition on their behalf (vss. 16–19). Concern for Jerusalem and for God's "holy mountain" is the burden of Daniel's plea, and he asks that for God's own sake, His face would "shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate" (vs. 17). He asks that God's eyes and ears would be open to Israel's desolations (vs. 18). Above all, Daniel's concern is that God would vindicate His holy name and fulfill His covenant promises (vs. 19). No hint of selfishness appears; only love and zeal for God's honor.

As you consider this prayer, search your own heart and consider how God has been merciful to you, what you might need to confess to Him, and what you most need from Him. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Daniel 9:19

"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive!"

Lord, hear us as we come confessing our sins and the sins of our people. Like Daniel, we make no excuses—we have sinned and we need Your mercy. Thank You that You are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us.

"O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay"

Father, we cry out for You to act. Revive Your church, answer the prayers we have carried so long, and pour out Your Spirit upon us. We rest in Your timing, yet we plead with holy urgency: do not delay.

"For Your own sake . . . Your people are called by Your name"

Lord, free our prayers from selfishness and burden us for Your honor alone. We bear Your name—be glorified in us. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice for the sake of Your name, that many will know You before Jesus comes.

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: I Need Thee Every Hour (#483); Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (#569); Just as I Am (#314)
Other Songs: Create in Me a Clean Heart; Change My Heart, O God; Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 4— GOD'S AMAZING ANSWER

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times" (Dan. 9:25).

Gabriel Comes with the Answer

In answer to Daniel's heartfelt prayer, the angel Gabriel came to finish his explanation of Daniel 8, especially the last part that the prophet found so distressing. As he listened to the angel, Daniel realized his people would return to Jerusalem as Jeremiah's prophecy had stated, but there was more, much more to this new prophecy than he realized.

The Hebrew word *mar'eh* (vision) in Daniel 9:23 refers specifically to the vision of 2,300 days (as it does in Dan. 8:15, 16, 26, 27). In other words, this new seventy-week time prophecy given in Daniel 9:24, 25 represents the first part of the longer time period of Daniel 8:14. That is, both time prophecies were to begin "from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem" (Dan. 9:25), a decree recorded in Ezra 7. Without going into too many details at this point, what is crystal clear is that Jesus, here called "Messiah the Prince," would come at the end of sixty-nine prophetic weeks or 483 years, the first seven weeks of which (or forty-nine years) were allotted "to restore and build Jerusalem." As Ezra indicates, there were actually three decrees—of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes (Ezra 6:14)—but only the third and final decree of Artaxerxes, issued in 457 BC, fulfilled all the stipulations of the prophecy. Counting 483 years from this date and remembering that from 1 BC to AD 1 is a single year (there is no year 0), brings us to AD 27, "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" (Luke 3:1).

Right on Time

Amazingly, it was in precisely this year, AD 27, that God anointed Jesus as the Messiah at His baptism "with the Holy Spirit and with power" (Acts 10:38). We know from the Dead Sea Scrolls that Jews were aware of this prophecy and believed it would soon be fulfilled. The New Testament confirms that it was fulfilled—right on time! Daniel need not have worried about what must have seemed to him a long time. God had everything in His hands, under His control. The city of Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt. The Messiah would come. And this year, 2027, marks the 2,000-year anniversary of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

That's something to think about. Everything happened just as God had said and exactly on time. We can trust that God will answer our prayers too, not necessarily according to our timetable but according to His, because His timing is always perfect, whether the need is great or small. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times."

"Know therefore and understand"

Lord, give us hearts that long to know and understand Your Word. As You opened the prophecy to Daniel, open the Scriptures to us by Your Spirit, that we may see how every detail of Your plan points to Jesus.

". . . until Messiah the Prince"

Father, we praise You because every prophecy points to Jesus, the Messiah, and every promise is fulfilled in Him. Thank You for sending Christ at exactly the right time to reveal Your love and bring salvation to the world. As we prepare for OneVoice27, unite us with one heart and one mission—to lift up Jesus so that every nation, tribe, language, and people may hear His voice. Strengthen our faith in Your Word and use us as faithful messengers to proclaim Christ to this generation.

"The street shall be built again . . . even in troublesome times"

Lord, You rebuild and restore even in troublesome times. Build again what lies in ruins, and through OneVoice27 this year, make us builders of Your kingdom who carry the gospel and lift up one voice—even when the times are hard—until Jesus comes.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#100); How Firm a Foundation (#509); My Faith Looks Up to Thee (#517)
Other Songs: Ancient Words; Faithful One; Cornerstone; Living Hope

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 5—THE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Pet. 1:19, KJV).

A Word More Sure Than Sight

Two disciples walking along the road to Emmaus were discouraged as they thought of the events of the crucifixion. As Jesus walked beside them, He learned of their discouragement, but instead of announcing His resurrection to them, "beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:27). The apostle Peter, describing Jesus' Transfiguration, says they "were eyewitnesses of His majesty," when "He received from God the Father honor and glory" and "a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory" (2 Pet. 1:17). But even though he was an "eyewitness," he indicates that "we have a more sure word of prophecy"—more sure than seeing Jesus in the flesh, and more sure than being eyewitnesses of His majesty.

We have the unique privilege of looking back across the sweep of history and seeing the fulfillment of prophecy. We saw how the prophecy of Daniel 9 predicted the precise time when Jesus would be baptized, be anointed by the Holy Spirit, and begin His messianic ministry—in AD 27. Daniel 2 covers an even broader scope, describing four world empires that have come and gone (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome). It described the fourth empire, the iron kingdom of Rome, as being divided into the several nations of Europe. Despite many and varied efforts through the centuries to unite these nations, they remain divided because God said, "they will not hold together" (Dan. 2:43, ESV).

Light for a Dark World

God has revealed the future to us not merely to satisfy our curiosity about what is coming but to assure us that His word is true, that it can be trusted, and that He is in control: "Remember the former things of old [history], for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Isa. 46:9, 10).

God not only knows what will happen; He knows how best to guide us. So, if events in the world trouble us, if things in your life seem out of control, remember that we can trust the One who has our future in His hands. The light of Bible prophecy shines into our dark world and into our hearts, enabling us to go forward in faith. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — 2 Peter 1:19, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

"A more sure word of prophecy"

Lord, thank You for the sure word of prophecy—surer even than what our eyes can see. Make us so confident in Your Word that we cannot keep silent.

"As unto a light that shineth in a dark place"

Father, in a dark and confusing world, let Your prophetic Word be a light—not only to our own path but to the people around us. Through OneVoice27 this year, make us light-bearers who carry Your truth into homes and communities still living in darkness.

"Until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts"

Lord Jesus, Bright and Morning Star, arise in our hearts—and through us in the hearts of many. Fill us with the hope of Your soon return and send us out with one voice to proclaim it. Come quickly, Lord; until then, let our lives shine until the day dawns.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Wonderful Words of Life (#286); Be Thou My Vision (#547)
Other Songs: Thy Word; Shine, Jesus, Shine; Light of the World

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 6— ISRAEL AND PROPHECY

"And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder" (Matt. 21:44).

Seventy Weeks of Mercy for Israel

The prophecy of Daniel 9 announces a probationary period for the nation of Israel: "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy" (Dan. 9:24). As we saw earlier, the next verse indicates when Jesus would begin this work as the Messiah—in AD 27. He would "make reconciliation for iniquity," "bring in everlasting righteousness," and "seal up vision and prophecy." He announced, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). The time He referred to is this prophecy of Daniel 9.

The prophecy goes on to indicate that the "Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself" (Dan. 9:26). Interestingly, the Jews thought that having Jesus crucified would prove that He couldn't be the Messiah, because they expected the Messiah to deliver them from the Romans. But, in fact, the prophecy says very clearly that He would be "cut off," He would die, "not for Himself" but for others. This was to take place after the sixty-nine weeks, that is, sometime during the seventieth and last "week" of the prophecy. The next verse is more specific as to the time: "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many [i.e., with Israel] for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering" (Dan. 9:27).

A Mission to the Ends of the Earth

Jesus sent out His twelve disciples on a mission to Israel, proclaiming, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7). In the middle of the final "week" of years, three and a half years after Jesus began His ministry, in the spring of AD 31, He was crucified. "Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom" (Matt. 27:51), bringing "an end to sacrifice and offering" (Dan. 9:27), because Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) had come and died for us. He was the reality to which all the sacrifices pointed. After His resurrection, Jesus again sent His followers out on a mission that would begin with Israel but eventually extend everywhere: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Unfortunately, Israel did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, which is why, surprisingly, as Daniel here predicts, "the city and the sanctuary" would not only be rebuilt but would be destroyed again, this time by Rome (Dan. 9:26; Luke 21:20). Pray that the gospel mission, which is also ours, will soon be finished. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you"

Lord, we cannot witness in our own strength. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us as You promised, and clothe us with power from on high. Make us wholly dependent on You for all that You call us to do.

"And you shall be witnesses to Me"

Jesus, make us Your witnesses—not merely arguing for a cause, but pointing people to You. Fill our mouths with Your words and our lives with Your love, that everyone we meet may see and hear about our Savior.

". . . to the end of the earth"

Lord, Your gospel is for every people and place. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to carry the good news to our neighbors and to the ends of the earth, that the mission—which is also ours—may soon be finished and Jesus may come.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: O Zion, Haste (#365); Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming (#358); Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling (#359)
Other Songs: People Need the Lord; Here I Am, Lord; Go Ye Into All the World; Let Your Light Shine

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 7 — THE LONGEST TIME PROPHECY

"And he said to me, 'For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed'" (Dan. 8:14).

The 2,300 Days and 1844

As we saw earlier, the time prophecies of Daniel 8 and 9 are closely connected and begin at the same time. Like the seventy-week prophecy, the prophecy of 2,300 days in Daniel 8:14 begins in 457 BC. Counting 2,300 years from this date ("a day for each year," Ezek. 4:6) and remembering that there is no year "0" brings us to AD 1844. "Then the sanctuary shall be cleansed" (Dan. 8:14). But what is this sanctuary and why would it need cleansing?

As we mentioned earlier, the earthly temple or sanctuary was destroyed twice: the first temple was destroyed by Babylon, and the second temple by Rome. Since then, it has never been rebuilt, though some people dream of building a third temple. So, what sanctuary is being referred to? As Paul in the book of Hebrews indicates, there is another sanctuary, not on earth but in heaven, "the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man" (Heb. 8:2). But how could anything in heaven ever need cleansing? Well, Paul answers that too: "Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens [the earthly sanctuary] should be purified with these [animal sacrifices], but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Heb. 9:23, 24).

Our High Priest and the Judgment

The apostle John describes what Jesus is doing in the heavenly sanctuary: "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 2:1; 1:9). Our sins need to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus. This is the process described as the "cleansing" of the heavenly sanctuary. Notice how Daniel describes it: "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated. . . . A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened" (Dan. 7:9, 10).

Speaking of this end-time judgment, the angel of Revelation 14:7 warns, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come." Soon this judgment that began in 1844 will be finished and Jesus will come. Enter this sanctuary by faith, praying to Jesus, our heavenly High Priest, that everyone will hear this heavenly warning and ready themselves for His return. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Revelation 14:7

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

"Fear God and give glory to Him"

Lord, teach us to fear You with reverent love and to give You all the glory. May our worship, our words, and our choices honor Your name above everything else. Let all we are and all we do bring glory to You alone.

"For the hour of His judgment has come"

Father, we live in the hour of Your judgment, when Jesus our High Priest ministers for us in the heavenly sanctuary. Cleanse us by Your blood. We believe Your promise that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Search our hearts and make us ready to stand before You.

"Worship Him who made heaven and earth"

Creator God, You alone are worthy of worship. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to call the world back to You—the Maker of heaven and earth—that many may worship You and be ready before Jesus comes.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Lo! He Comes (#211); When He Cometh (#218); We Know Not the Hour (#604)
Other Songs: Soon and Very Soon; Days of Elijah; Is He Worthy?; Living Hope

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 8— THE PROPHETIC LITTLE BOOK

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:10).

Sealed Until the Time of the End

Near the end of the book of Daniel, just after one of its last prophecies is given, the prophet asks a question that many of us would like the answer to: "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?" He wants to know how all that he has seen will wind up. How will it all end? The answer he was given was no doubt disappointing: "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (Dan. 12:9). Prophecies sealed? Not to be understood till the time of the end? When might that be?

The Open Book and the Call to Prophesy Again

A clue is found in Revelation 10, where a "mighty angel" came down from heaven with "a little book open in his hand" (Rev. 10:1, 2). When he cried out with a loud voice, "seven thunders uttered their voices." John was about to write down what they said but was told, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them" (Rev. 10:3, 4). In Daniel the book was sealed, but here in Revelation it's open. However, what the seven thunders uttered is now sealed. Next, John was told to take the little book from the angel, and when he did so, "it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings'" (Rev. 10:10, 11).

The little book represents the time prophecies of Daniel that were not understood until the time of the end. A clue about when that time would begin is given in Daniel 12:7: ". . . it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished" (Dan. 12:7). Revelation 12 mentions this same period but equates it to "one thousand two hundred and sixty days" (Rev. 12:6, 14; compare with Rev. 11:2; 13:5). Based on the prophetic formula of a day for a year, this prophecy refers to 1,260 years. So the time of the end would begin after this period of persecution when God's people would be "completely shattered." Putting all this together, the prophecy refers to the persecution stretching from AD 538 to 1798. The sweetness of expecting Jesus to come in 1844 turned into the bitterest disappointment and required believers to "prophesy again" once they understood the real meaning of Daniel 8:14. Let's pray for an appreciation of this special time in which we are now living and for the opportunity to share Jesus' soon coming with others. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Daniel 12:10

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined"

Lord, purify us, make us white, and refine us through every trial. Burn away whatever is not of You, and bring us forth as gold. Make us part of the purified people who are ready to meet You.

"None of the wicked shall understand"

Father, guard us from a hard and careless heart that cannot see Your truth. Keep us humble and teachable, never indifferent to Your Word. Do not let us be among those who refuse to understand.

"But the wise shall understand"

Lord, give us the wisdom that comes from knowing You, that we may understand the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to share Jesus' soon coming, that others may understand and be ready too.

More Prayer Suggestions

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Whiter Than Snow (#318); Take Time to Be Holy (#500); Cover With His Life (#412)
Other Songs: Refiner's Fire; Purify My Heart; Ancient Words; Open the Eyes of My Heart

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 9—THREE ANGELS AT THE END

"Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.' So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped" (Rev. 14:14–16).

Three Scenes in Revelation 14

Revelation 14 has three scenes: the victorious 144,000 standing on the sea of glass in heaven (vss. 1–5), the three angels' messages designed to prepare this group for the second advent (vss. 6–13), and the second coming of Jesus with His reward of eternal life for believers and destruction by "the brightness of His coming" for unbelievers (vss. 14–20; compare with 2 Thess. 2:8). This last scene is the climax of all of earth's history, "the blessed hope" for which we have waited so long (Titus 2:13).

Ripe for the Harvest, Ready for Heaven

Notice the timing is not arbitrary, nor is it irrevocably fixed in heaven. Jesus comes when "the harvest of the earth is ripe." Like any wise farmer, Jesus waits to reap the harvest until the time is right. A parable described this process of ripening: "first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come" (Mark 4:28, 29, emphasis added). According to Jesus, the group who are ready for heaven "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). They "follow the Lamb wherever He goes," and "in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God" (Rev. 14:4, 5).

The judgment in heaven merely confirms and ratifies what has already become a reality on earth. God's people are so close to Jesus that nothing can separate them from Him. Even during the time of trouble and the seven last plagues (Rev. 16), which come after He leaves the heavenly sanctuary, putting off His mediatorial robes and donning His kingly robes, Jesus walks with them and talks with them through the Holy Spirit. They are ready for heaven, for they have heaven in their hearts—which is the precious presence of Jesus Himself. If you don't yet know this wonderful assurance and presence of Jesus or desire an even closer walk with Him and more constant awareness of His loving Spirit, pray to Him in the heavenly sanctuary and ask Him to come near. Let's pray together.

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Praying God's Word — Revelation 14:14–16

"On the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown . . . 'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.' So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped."

"One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown"

Lord, we worship You as our King and Savior. Reign in our hearts today. Shape our lives to reflect Your character, strengthen our faith, and prepare us for the glorious day when we will see You face to face.

"For the harvest of the earth is ripe"

Father, the fields are ripening for harvest. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out as laborers with one voice, that many may be gathered in before the great reaping. Make us ready, and make us reapers in Your harvest.

"And the earth was reaped"

Lord, hasten the day when the harvest is complete and You return to gather Your people home. Keep us close to You—following the Lamb, faithful and without deceit—so that we are ready for that glorious day.

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Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Bringing in the Sheaves (#369); Hail Him the King of Glory (#202); O, When Shall I See Jesus (#448)
Other Songs: Soon and Very Soon; Even So, Come; Is He Worthy?; We Will Stand

All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 10—ALL THINGS NEW

"'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful'" (Rev. 21:4, 5).

All Things New—Someday Soon

Someday soon all the troubles and trials of this life will be a distant memory as we experience the light, glory, and ecstatic joy of seeing Jesus face to face. We will be transformed "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52) to immortality, eternal vigor, and the boundless opportunities eternity will present. Truly, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9). Even the glimpses we may now receive through the Holy Spirit's enlightenment could never possibly enable us to grasp what eternity offers.

All Things New—Today, by Faith

Nevertheless, we have already "tasted of the heavenly gift . . . and the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6:4, 5, KJV) through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We know by experience what it is to be a "new creature," a totally new person in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, KJV). Forgiven. Cleansed. Risen. Alive—truly alive in union with Christ. We need not wait to understand and experience "all things new" when Jesus comes. We can experience that today and every day—till He comes! Best of all, it can affect everything we desire, plan, think, and do. Our will, when surrendered to the God who knows and can plan far better than we can, opens up a fountain of blessings and growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus that only those who have experienced it can know. To such believers no explanation is necessary, and to those who don't know it yet, no explanation is possible that would enable them to understand it, because it comes only by faith.

Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9:29, KJV). Not coincidentally, it was spoken to two blind men who came to Jesus to see. And Jesus says the same thing to the spiritually blind today. All we need to do is cry out, as they did, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" (Matt. 9:27). It's a prayer that will never go unanswered. Jesus waits and knocks at our heart's door every day, longing to spend the day with us, longing to help and guide us. Let's pray the experience of "all things new" will be ours today and every day—till He comes. Let's pray together.

Prayer Time (30–45 Minutes)

Every prayer group has its own way of praying together. We invite you to spend the next 30–45 minutes in united prayer, following the leading of the Holy Spirit. We encourage short conversational prayers (1–3 sentences), allowing more people to participate and pray multiple times. Below are a few examples of praying through Scripture based on today's theme. You may also pray through other Bible passages and include additional prayer topics during your time together. For more prayer ideas, please refer to the Leader's Guide and the World Church Prayer Requests.

Praying God's Word — Revelation 21:4, 5

"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. . . . 'Behold, I make all things new.' . . . 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'"

"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"

Father, thank You for the promise of a world with no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain. Comfort all who weep today, and fix our hope on the day when Your own hand will wipe away every tear. Carry us faithfully until that day.

"Behold, I make all things new"

Lord, make all things new—beginning now, in us. Make us new creatures in Christ today: forgiven, cleansed, risen, and alive in You. And finish the work by making all things new when Jesus comes.

"Write, for these words are true and faithful"

Father, Your word is true and faithful, and the world needs to hear it. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to share this sure hope of all things new, that many may believe and be ready before Jesus comes.

More Prayer Suggestions

Thanks and Praise: Give thanks for specific blessings and praise God for His goodness.
Confession: Take a few minutes for private confession and thank God for His forgiveness.
Guidance: Ask God to grant wisdom for current challenges and decisions.
Our Church: Pray for regional and world church needs (see separate sheet with requests).
OneVoice27: Pray for the OneVoice27 evangelistic emphasis culminating this September—that today's prayers become bold proclamation and that many will hear of Jesus before He comes.
Local Requests: Pray for current needs of church members, family, and neighbors.
Listen and Respond: Take time to listen for God's voice and respond in praise or song.

Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Face to Face (#206); I Shall See the King (#426); When We All Get to Heaven (#633)
Other Songs: All Things New; Soon and Very Soon; Is He Worthy?