



Praise

P - Lord, I praise You for the **purpose** You have for my life. I feel content this morning that Your purpose has been fulfilled in the way You have led in recent committees.

R - Lord, I praise You for your **righteousness**. I accept Your righteousness this morning in place of my sin and unholiness. Cover me, forgive me, and bring me into a closer relationship with You.

A - I praise You, Lord, for your **availability**. You are always there for me, available when I need You. You are always there to give me strength and hope.

I - Lord, I praise You for Your **infinity**. Everything I know comes to an end, everything but You and Your love. What a comfort to know that because of Your unending love, I will be able to experience forever.

S - I praise You for the **surety** of Your promises. Your Word is forever. What You say, You will do! I can put my trust in You completely.

E - Lord, you are the source of all **energy**. All power and warmth that keeps the universe in space, that allows all life to exist, that infuses me with new life and healing comes from You. Lord, I praise You for Your life-giving energy.

Yes, Lord, I praise You for Your **Purpose, Righteousness, Availability, Infinity, Surety, and Energy**. What a marvelous, praiseworthy God You are! I worship You and adore You!

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- Prayer Treasures; Discovering the Riches of Prayer.
Dorothy Eaton Watts

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Retooling Your Life by Talking with God

'Prayer is the key of heaven; faith is the hand that turns it.'

Thomas Watson

The world's most powerful vehicle for accomplishing your purpose is within your reach. By using prayer, coupled with exercise and discipline, you can become stronger, wiser, and more balanced in your approach to everyday life. It can expand your impact, as well as God's, on the world around you. At the same time, it offers you comfort in times of trouble and hope when you're on the verge of giving up. Most important, prayer is the key you need to build a relationship with the creator of the universe - the only One who has the power to help you lead a simple life you long for, because prayer is about relationships more than about results.

Prayer simplifies your life, and God longs to not only hear requests, but also questions, confession, praise, and even complaints throughout your busy day. God is always within your reach, ready to respond with the power of both words and action.

Right before Jesus was arrested, He spent an intense time in prayer with His Father. Jesus asked that He would not have to go through the suffering that He knew lay ahead. Then Jesus did something else. He expressed that what He wanted most was whatever His Father knew would be best.

That is the true power of prayer. It changes more than circumstances. It changes hearts. The more time you spend talking to God, the more you get to know Him better. The better you know Him, the more you will trust God to answer your prayers in the way He knows is best. This is when you can rest in knowing that God is at work to answer your prayers.

Prayer is a multi-use tool that's always plugged into the ultimate source of power. You turn it on with simple conversation. There is no special posture or grammatical form to follow. It's fully operational once your heart is ready to humbly wield it.

One Final Thought

'Prayer is the powerful, multipurpose tool that can make a positive difference in any area of your life that you are trying to simplify.'

Simply Living for You book - *God's guide to Enjoying what matters most*



PRAYER MINISTRIES

South Pacific Division of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Resources on offer

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How to meditate on the Word, on God, on Scripture,
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Be part of the Tuesday email connection with
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For more information or details on any of the above items, please
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Shades of Grace:

Exploring the depths of God's healing love

“God longs for us to feel after Him and find Him because He loves us with all the energy of His divine being. It is the nature of His love to continually reach out to Himself in tireless efforts to secure our eternal happiness, which is only possible as we embrace His love and allow it to flow freely out of our lives to Him and all others.

I still cry. In fact, I just shed tears yesterday. But now my tears are named. They are tears of longing of more of God: ‘As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God for the living God’ (Psalm 42:1, 2 NKJV). They are tears of joy for the pleasure of knowing His love: ‘In Your Presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore’ (Psalm 16:11 NKJV).

They are sometimes tears of sorrow for the times I ignore Him or misrepresent His beautiful character: ‘Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry to You’ (Psalm 86:3, NKJV).

I still cry. Do you?

Pause right now to identify your own tears. If they are yet nameless, recognize that your deepest heart-longings are for an intimate, eternal relationship with the divine Lover of your soul. If they are named, then I welcome you home to the heart of God.”

Shades of Grace, by Ty Gibson, is available from your local ABC.

A Conflict of Interests

interceding from God's perspective and Not Our Own



While preaching in Manila in 1937, Chinese spiritual leader Watchman Nee received word that Japan had launched a full-scale invasion of China. He sneaked back into Shanghai to rescue his beloved wife, and they fled to Hong Kong. As the war raged on, Nee accepted an invitation to England and attended the famed annual Deswick Convention. Bob Laurent recounts the story in his book, *Watchman Nee: Man of Suffering*. Nee was invited to lead the Keswick conference in prayer, but was inadvertently given a seat next to a speaker from Japan. As Nee rose to pray, there was a palpable tension in the air but “no one in attendance would ever forget what they heard”.

“The Lord reigns,” Nee prayed. “Nothing can touch His authority. It is spiritual forces that are out to destroy His interests in China and Japan. Therefore we do not pray for China; we do not pray for Japan; but we pray for the interests of Thy Son in China and Japan. We do not blame any men, for they are only tools in the hand of Thine enemy. We stand for Thy will. Shatter, O Lord, the kingdom of darkness, for the persecutions of the church are wounding Thee. Amen.”

When I come before God in intercession, I don't have a convention audience, and my requests are not usually weighted by international war. Still, Nee's words come back to me repeatedly: “*We pray for the interests of Thy Son.*”

This simple phrase has changed the way I intercede, transforming the pattern and purpose of my prayers.

For example, when I pray for my three sons, I'm sometimes tempted to pray for their interests— what seems best for their comfort and pleasure, what would lessen the pain or mitigate a crisis. Then there are the interests of the parents – what would be easier on my husband and me, our bank account, our lifestyle, our relationship with our sons. These kinds of requests, however, are generally ineffective. “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures” (Jas. 4:3).

When I follow the Holy Spirit past those selfish interests and into the interests of Christ, however, I'm on solid praying ground: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: 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 what we asked of Him”

PRAYER WRITERS WANTED:

Dial-a-Prayer in Australia is being redeveloped. It has been reborn as a result of much prayer and providential leading. It will operate on IP technology and serve Australia from the Adventist Media Centre in Sydney using a 1900 number.

The system is currently in operation and testing mode before it is rolled out across the country.

Dial-a-Prayer is just one part of a prayer ministry package that churches can use in ministry.

Churches will be able to access the prayer ministry package, and have Dial-a-Prayer in their area.

The new system requires a new prayer for each day, and we are looking for prayer writers to help with this.

If you would like to be a partner in keeping this ministry happening, and can commit to one prayer per week, then please contact the Prayer Ministries Director. The Dial-a-prayer writers guidelines outline all the details you need to know about writing the prayers.

The same prayer that goes on Dial-a-Prayer each day can also be heard on the Prayer Ministries website www.prayeronline.org.au. It will be accessible in PDF format for the hearing impaired. And when the new prayer comes on, the replaced prayer goes into the online prayer library under the theme heading.

Thanks you for your prayers and help for this new ministry. More information will be available as the system is tested and approved.

John Gate
Director, Media Ministries



Thoughts on Prayer...

‘At any time or any place it is proper to offer a silent prayer to God. There is nothing that can keep us from lifting our hearts in prayer. We can pray when we are on a crowded street and when we are carrying on our business.

We may pray as did the prophet Nehemiah. While he was standing before the king, he asked God to guide him. Any place we are can be a place of prayer. We can keep the door of the heart open all the time, inviting Jesus in as a heavenly guest.

There may be so much wickedness around us that we feel the air is poisoned, but we may live in the pure air of heaven. By lifting our hearts to God in prayer we close our minds against thoughts that are not pure and holy. When we have our hearts open to receive the blessings of God, we are walking in the pure air of heaven. We are sharing our thoughts with God.

We need to have a better view of Jesus and a fuller understanding of the value of everlasting life. The beauty of holiness is to fill the hearts of all Christians. We must ask God to open our eyes that we may better see this beauty.

Our minds should turn to God so that we may breathe the air of heaven. We may keep so near to God that no matter what happens, our thoughts will turn to Him’.

Ellen G. White—*Steps to Christ*, pgs 97, 98



What are His interests

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What does it look like to intercede for the interests of the Son in the lives of others?

1. It means asking for the fulfillment of Christ's sacrifice for them, for all that Jesus bought with His blood, and for all that He died to make available to them (Eph. 1:7-10, Jn. 14:16). These things include forgiveness and healing of the past; the real and present companionship and empowerment of the Holy Spirit; and, beyond physical death, life enjoyed forever in the bliss of heaven.

2. It means asking for the realization of Christ's specific promises to them, including ongoing victory over temptation (1 Cor. 10:13, peace in troubled seasons (Jn. 16:33), and the spiritual "good life" (Jn. 10:10). I also ask that the many promises in the Word will become personal to the person I'm praying for. I pray that Christ's fullest intentions will be realized, for "He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Pet. 1:4).

3. Finally, it means asking for the fulfillment of Christ's calling on them: that they will discover and embrace the individual life plan Jesus had in mind when He created them. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Eph. 2:10).

As I write this, our middle son, a college freshman, is struggling with his choice of a major. Although my husband and I can counsel and suggest, we don't know exactly what God has in mind for Ryan. We can, however, pray that all he has been gifted for and blessed with will be invested in Christ's purposes. We can pray that Ryan will experience the fulfillment that comes with surrendering his life to God's higher plan: 'And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again (2 Cor. 5:15)...

*Derived from an article By Sandy Mayle's
- Pray Magazine*



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* PRAYER CALENDAR 2008 *

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LITTLE PRAYERS...

Circle me, Lord.
Keep protection near
And danger afar.

Circle me, Lord
Keep hope within.
Keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.
Keep light near
And darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.
Keep peace within.
Keep evil out.

*David Adam
Taken from World Prayers
- Internet*

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'And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God'.
Colossians 1:10 (NIV)



'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now'.

Phillipians 1: 3 - 5 (NIV)

Our life is like a garden, and with God's loving care it blossoms with the flowers of His blessings everywhere.

*taken from the book:
15 Minutes Alone with God
- Emile Barnes*

West Australia Conference calls for PRAYER

In the WA conference newsletter called NEWSWEST, there is a small box with a two-liner each time. This is an example to all of us and our prayer should be that we all pray every Tuesday for the renewal of the Adventist movement wherever we are. If you wish to join the Adventist South Pacific Tuesday email prayer network – just send us your email. Let's join the West Australians in praying specifically every Tuesday.

Please remember to pray every Tuesday for the renewal of the Adventist movement in WA!

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