Get Ready! Guide

Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples

Discover and do YOUR part in spreading the Last Rays of Light

I. Our "First Work:"

INTERCESSION

The Power of Revival and Reformation

Intercessory Prayer - 001. Overview

SUMMARY: This section covers the three recommended steps in prayer by which you seek and see the divine power in revival and reformation.

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To help participants

understand and experience the three steps in prayer as the reason for the power of revival and reformation:

- **1. Appreciate** the role and science of intercession in God's plan, and get trained in prayer ministry.
- 2. **Identify** the principles behind the outline of and progress within the prayer service.
- Plan and establish a permanent local intercessory prayer ministry to sustain revival and reformation.

Revival and reformation are initiated and accomplished by the Holy Spirit, but God can only "give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." (Lk 11:13). The question then is, "Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it?" (AA 50).

The prayer school will help answer this question, and make it desirable for the participants to experience prayer services in the church and to establish a permanent prayer ministry. This will allow revival and reformation to become the way of life for the church, and the means by which both the spiritual and numerical growth of membership is sustained.

Specifically, as members ask for and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the former and the latter rain, they discover and begin to exercise their spiritual gifts and other talents as an effective team. By this process, the church body fulfills its mission to spread the gospel of Jesus and vindicate God's true character by reflecting Him in words and actions.

Ongoing prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church, and intercession for the sanctification and empowerment of her members are therefore the indispensible prerequisite for fruitful ministry. An effective way to achieve this goal is to make use of periodic prayer services of group intercession led by a trained permanent prayer ministry team.

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Intercessory Prayer - 1. Prayer School - 101. Seminar and Training

SUMMARY: The prayer school is the first step by which you seek and through which you see the divine power in true revival and reformation.

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Lk 18:1). This means, "We must be much more with God in earnest prayer. We must make God our only trust. The Lord is our God, the strength of our soul. We must take hold upon the Lord. The Lord is pleased when we importune Him for His grace and His favor, not only for ourselves but for those who are in need of help. Oh let us put implicit confidence in our Lord Jesus. Now pray, and believe, and pray, and the Lord will certainly hear us." (6MR 379).

This Prayer School is to serve believers who seek to deepen their individual and/or corporate prayer life, and/or start a local intercessory prayer ministry. The weekend event includes **1**. a seminar on Friday/Sabbath with presentations and study on the necessity and the science of intercession, and **2**. two training sessions on Sunday morning and afternoon. The Prayer School is a necessary preparation for, but may not always lead to the immediate establishment, of a local prayer ministry. This permanent ministry may be established at a later date.

Some of the seminar material is also available under theme E. Grow in Grace (see pages 310-312), but it is here studied in greater detail and together with additional resources. The training sessions are for those who desire to establish a prayer ministry.

Outline of Prayer School		
1. Seminar (for all interested members)		
riday evening	Intercession in the Plan of Salvation	
	Participation in Jesus' high priestly ministry Participation in the reference movement.	
Salahath manaing	Participation in the reformatory movement	
Sabbath morning	Worship • "Lord, Have Mercy!"	
	- Why God seeks intercessors -	
Sabbath afternoon / evening	How Intercession Works	
8 Sabbath afternoon / evening How Intercession Works • Four basic Scriptures		
	The science of prayer	
2. Training (for members of the prayer team)		
Sunday morning Intercessory Prayer Ministry 1		
	Two kinds of requests	
	Two touches of faith	
	• Attitudes required	
6 Spiritual gifts involved 7 Sunday afternoon / evening Intercessory Prayer Ministry 2		
Sunday afternoon / evening	Intercessory Prayer Ministry 2	
	Experiencing group intercession	
	Journaling prayers and answers Preparing for a prayer service	
	Establishing a local prayer ministry	
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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 102. Basic Scriptures

SUMMARY: You consider the four texts covering the basics of prayer: our inability to pray right, our repentance, our commitment, our confidence.

God's people do not pray as much and as fervently as He desires and needs them to pray, because many of them are not sufficiently aware.

- 1. that the priesthood of all believers implies that they participate in Jesus' priestly ministry of intercession (Isa 53:12; 61:6; Joel 2:17; Jn 17);
- 2. that intercession plays a crucial role in the great controversy, that is, that God is waiting for the intercessions of His people, so He has just grounds to prefer the exercise of His mercy on sinners over His right to execute justice (Eze 22:30-31; Joel 2:17; Lk 23:34; Ac 7:60);
- 3. how intense God's desire is to answer prayers so He can bestow His love and grace upon them (Joel 2:18-32; Mt 7:7-8; 21:22; Jn 16:23-24);
- 4. how prayer actually works, that is, why we need help and where its effectual power is found (Rom 8:26-27; Ps 37:3-5; 1 Jn 5:14-15).

"Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the humblest of His children, and yet there is much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God. What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings, who are subject to temptation, when God's heart of infinite love yearns toward them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little and have so little faith?...Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?" (SC 94-95). What hinders us to ask in faith? (Mt 21:22).

"When Jesus was upon the earth. He taught His disciples how to pray. He directed them to present their daily needs before God, and to cast all their care upon Him. And the assurance He gave them that their petitions should be heard, is assurance also to us. Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Our Saviour identified Himself with our needs and weakness, in that He became a suppliant, a petitioner, seeking from His Father fresh supplies of strength, that He might come forth braced for duty and trial. He is our example in all things." (SC 93).

The desired result from this study is an increase in effectual intercession among God's people. Are we availing ourselves of it?

	Four Basic Scriptures I experience it hardly → daily			
Scriptures	What We Do	What God Does	I Do	God Does
1. Rom 8:26-27 Our weakness	- have a weakness (v. 26): we do not know how to pray or what to pray as we should	- the Spirit helps our weakness: - intercedes for us (v. 26-27); so does Jesus (v. 34)		
God's Enabling	want to pray - pray as the Spirit inspires - allow the Spirit to pray through us	- prompts us to pray - teaches us what to say - speaks through us		
2. Joel 2:12-32 Our repentance God's restoration	- turn to the Lord with all our heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning, that is, repent genuinely (v. 12) - rend our heart (grieve deeply) (v. 13) - gather and sanctify the people (v. 16) - intercede for them as priests (v. 17)	 is jealous and pities us (v. 18) answers our priestly prayer (v. 19) drives away the enemy (v. 20) restores our land to abundance and nourishes us with plenty (vv. 19-26) sends the former and latter rain (v. 23) 		
all the way to the time of the end	- are glad and rejoice (v. 23) - are satisfied and praise the Lord (v. 26) - have visions and prophecy (v. 28) - call on His name as remnant (v. 32)	 makes up for the lost years (v. 25) pours the Holy Spirit on all (vv. 28-29) shows wonders in the heavens and on the earth (vv. 30-31) calls and delivers the remnant (v. 32) 		
3. Ps 37:3-5 Our commitment	- trust in the Lord and do good (v. 3) - delight in the Lord (v. 4) - commit our way to Him (v. 5)	 lets us dwell and be fed in the land gives us desires and what we desire brings our petitions to pass 		
God's provisions	receive desires pray according to desires receive what we desire in prayer	About delight: Isa 58:13-14 Illustration on desire: Gen 2:18-23 Note: God initiates the process		
4. 1 Jn 5:14-15 Our confidence	- ask according to His will (v. 14) - know that He hears us (v. 15)	- hears us		
God's assurance	- have confidence in Him (v. 14) - know that petitions are granted (v. 15)	- gives us what we desire		

<u>Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 103. Our Participation</u>

SUMMARY: You recognize that **disciples** are called to be a royal **priesthood** (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9), as they are **participating** in Jesus' priestly ministry.

God's gracious and glorious plan of salvation provides opportunities for His remnant people to participate in the priestly work of offering sacrifices and making intercession: **1.** Since apostolic days, as the body of Christ, we participate in Jesus' priestly ministry. **2.** During the last days, the members of the body of Christ who join the great reformatory movement partake of its spirit of intercession.

	Aspects of Jesus' Calling									
1 2	1. Preaching, Teaching and Healing					ophet 4. <u>Priest</u> Friend and High Priest			5. <u>King</u> of Heaven and Earth	
3	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples
4 5 6 7	Mt 4:23 Mt 9:35 Mk 1:33-39 Lk 4:18	Mt 10:1,7- 8 Mt 28:20 Mk 3:13-15 Lk 9:1-2, 6	Isa 53 Php 2:8-11 Heb 2:9-11 Isa 53:3-6	Ac 5:41 1 Pe 1:6-7 4:12-13 Rom 8:18	Mt 13:57 Lk 13:33 Lk 24:19 Ac 3:22	Ac 11:27 1 Co 12:28 1 Co 14: 29-31	Eph 5:2 7BC 733 1 Ti 6:15 Rev 17:14	Ex 19:6 1 Pe 2:9 Rev 1:6 Rev 5:10	Mt 2:2 Jn 12:12-15 Jn 18:37 1 Ti 6:15	Ex 19:6 1 Pe 2:9 Rev 1:6 Rev 5:10
8 9 10	o	Ac 5:42 Ac 28-31 Rev 10:11	Mt 27:46	2 Co 4:17 Jas 1:2-4 DA 624	Ac 7:37 Jn 14:1-3 Jn 15:15	2001	Rev 19:16 Rev 15:3	Rev 20:6 ails:	Rev 15:3 Rev 17:14 Rev 19:6	Rev 20:6
				As	pects of Jes	us' Priestho	od ←		-	
11		1.	Offer Sacrific	es			2. /	lake Interces	sion	
12		Jesus		Disciple	s		Jesus		Disciple	s
13 14	Lev 1:5-8; Ps 107:22; Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26 Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5			; Rom 12:1	lsa 53:12; Jn Lk 22:32; 23:	17; 34; Rom 8:34		6:18; Jas 5:14- ⁻ 44; Ac 7:60; 1 ⁻		
15	1. Offer Sacrifices									
16 17	As priest and high priest, He offered Himself on earth, and now He offers His blood in heaven (Lev 1:5-8; Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26). We offer spiritual sacrifices: thanksgiving and praise (1 Pe 2:5; Ps 107:22; Heb 13:15), and ourselves as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1).									
18	2. Make Intercession									
19 20				53:12; Jn 17; Ll), for the sick (:15-16; 17:9, 2 en (1 Ti 2:1-2).	0).

	The Ministry and Spirit of Intercession	
21	1. Since Apostolic Days	$hardly \longrightarrow greatly$
22 23 24	In the Old Testament, the priests were taken from the tribe of Levi (Nu 3:6; Dt 18:1; 21:5). The New Testament declares the priesthood of all believers in Jesus (1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6). Jesus wants us to participate in His priestly ministry as a royal priesthood. Sacrifices are no longer dead animals but spiritual and living sacrifices, and prayers are made in Jesus' name.	
25	2. In the Last Days	
26 27 28	"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with	
29 30 31	him in <u>making intercession</u> for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit. The barriers separating believer from believer will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. The Lord will co-operate with His servants. <u>All will pray</u> understandingly the prayer that Christ taught	
32 33 34	His servants: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.' Mt 6:10. (8T 251) "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even	
35 36	as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was	
37 38	manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving	
39	and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." (9T 126)	

Intercessory Prayer - 1. Prayer School - 104. On Romans 8:26-27

SUMMARY: You recognize that since we cannot pray as we should, the help of the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers is both essential and available.

This Scripture reveals one of the fundamental weaknesses of sinful humanity: we don't know how or what to pray. "Because of the dimness of our human vision, we do not know whether the blessing we request will be the best for us. Only God knows the end from the beginning." (6BC 573).

	Source	The Text and Comments on Rom 8:26-27 Comments by Ellen G. White	I understand hardly → clearly
1 2	1 . KJV	"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."	
3 4	2. NASB	"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for <i>us</i> with groanings too deep for words."	
5 6 7 8 9	3. COL 147	"We must not only pray in Christ's name, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This explains what is meant when it is said that the Spirit "maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. Such prayer God delights to answer. When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.' Eph. 3:20."	
10 11 12 13	4 . MS 50	"Christ, our Mediator, and the Holy Spirit are constantly interceding in man's behalf, but the Spirit pleads not for us as does Christ who presents His blood, shed from the foundation of the world; the Spirit works upon our hearts, drawing out prayer and penitence, praise and thanksgiving. The gratitude which flows from our lips is the result of the Spirit striking the cords of the soul in holy memories, awakening the music of the heart."	
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	5. MH 229- 230	"In prayer for the sick it should be remembered that 'we know not what we should pray for as we ought.' Romans 8:26. We do not know whether the blessing we desire will be best or not. Therefore our prayers should include this thought: 'Lord, thou knowest every secret of the soul. Thou art acquainted with these persons. Jesus, their Advocate, gave His life for them. His love for them is greater than ours can possibly be. If, therefore, it is for Thy glory and the good of the afflicted ones, we ask, in the name of Jesus, that they may be restored to health. If it be not Thy will that they may be restored, we ask that Thy grace may comfort and Thy presence sustain them in their sufferings."	
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	6 . 2MR 36	"The Holy Spirit indites [composes, expresses, prompts] all genuine prayer. I have learned to know that in all my intercessions, the Spirit intercedes for me and for all saints whose intercessions are according to the will of God, never contrary to His will. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities" [Romans 8:26], and the Spirit being God, knoweth the mind of God [Romans 8:27]; therefore in every prayer of ours for the sick, or for other needs, the will of God is to be regarded. "For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" [1 Corinthians 2:11]. If we are taught of God, we shall pray in conformity to His revealed will and in submission to His will which we know not."	
28 29	7. DA 189	"By the Spirit every sincere prayer in indited, and such prayer is acceptable to God. Wherever a soul reaches out to go, there the Spirit's working is manifest, and God will reveal Himself to that soul."	00000
30 31 32 33 34	8. 8MR 195	"The Spirit of God has much to do with acceptable prayer. He softens the heart; He enlightens the mind, enabling it to discern its own wants; He quickens our desires, causing us to hunger and thirst after righteousness; He intercedes in behalf of the sincere suppliant. 'The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered' (Romans 8:26.)"	
35 36	9. 6BC 573	"It is the work of the Holy Spirit to move us to pray, to teach us what to say, and even to speak through us (see Matt 10:19, 20; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6; COL 147)."	
37 38 39 40 41 42 43	10. GCB 07-01- 1902	"His Spirit 'maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered.' Romans 8:26. As the 'whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain' (Romans 8:26, 22), the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy. Our world is a vast lazar-house, a scene of misery that no pen can picture, misery that we dare not allow even our thoughts to dwell upon. Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible. Yet God feels it all. In order to destroy sin and its results He gave His best Beloved, and He has put it in our power, by cooperation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' Matthew 24:14."	

Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 105. On Psalm 37:4

SUMMARY: Here you find the key to understanding the process of effectual prayer, which is illustrated by Adam's experience in Genesis 1:18-23.

Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." This helps us understand how effectual or answered prayer works. If "we choose and love what God loves, we shall enjoy the desires (literally 'petitions') of our hearts." (3BC 722).

"All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service....[in] a life of continual obedience....[S]in will become hateful to us." (DA 668).

In other words, God will first share His will with us as desires; then, He will give us what we desire as we bring it to Him as a petition. In this way, God sees to it that our petitions match up with His actual plans for us, and so He is willing to answer these prayers; they are effectual.

The first Biblical illustration of this divine method is the process of Adam missing, desiring, and finally receiving a fitting partner, Ge 2:18:23. Through the influence of His Holy Spirit, God also uses this process to put His desires for other people into the hearts of intercessors, who, as a result, will then intercede for them according to His will, that is, in Jesus' name, and He will answer these prayers as well (Jn 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23).

Will God's people become excited and diligent about praying in this way, the only way to be effectual in intercession?

	"He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."				
1	1. Illustration: Ge 1:18-23		I see it		
2	The Text	The Process	hardly → clearly		
3 4	18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.	God <u>declares</u> His will to give Adam a fitting partner. Of course, He had this <u>planned</u> from the beginning.			
5 6 7	19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and he brought them unto Adam to see what he would call	God then <u>puts</u> His will into Adam as a desire. He <u>clarifies</u> and <u>intensifies</u> the desire in him by			
8 9 10	them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of	a) letting the animals come before him in pairs;b) letting Adam reflect, while he selects their names, on the fact that none of them could be his partner;			
11 12	the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.	c) letting Adam realize that he cannot satisfy his desire himself, but needs God to do it.	0000		
13 14	21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of the ribs, and	Adam's desire is <u>now</u> clear to him and intense.			
15	closed up the flesh instead thereof;	As always, he <u>prayed</u> to His Creator about it.			
16	22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man,	He is ready to <u>receive</u> from God what he desires.			
17	made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.	Now God <u>proceeds</u> to answer Adam's prayer.			
18 19 20	flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because for a fitting partner				
21	she was taken out of Man. — just as God had intended. — □ □ □ □ □ □				
22 23 24 25 26 27	Telling God our heart's desires is not the first step that calls for God's response, as many think. Rather, God initiates the process by putting His will into our hearts as desires. He makes us want what He has, without violating our freedom to choose or refuse it. As we decide to bring our desires to God in prayer, we respond to His initiative and allow Him to give us what He longed for us to receive in the first place. In this way, God is able and justified to accomplish His will for us and in us, not by compulsion, but by His gracious answer to our request. In turn, we recognize our dependence on Him and His loving care, are thankful for both, and freely commit ourselves to His will and ways in love. We "delight in the Lord."				
28	3. Conclusion				
29 30 31	"Have you a sense of want in your soul? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness? Then this is an evidence that Christ has wrought upon your heart, and created this sense of need in your soul, in order that He may be sought unto to do for you, through the endowment of the Holy Spirit, those things which it is impossible for you to do for yourself." (ST 11-07-1892).				
32	4. Application				
33 34 35	We also express God's desires in our hearts for other people in intercession. Such prayer justifies Him to pursue His will for them in their lives as well. God cannot be said to be arbitrary in so doing, since we have asked for His will to be done on their behalf through the prompting of His Holy Spirit, and Jesus makes our prayers acceptable (Joel 2:17; Eze 22:30).				

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Intercessory Prayer - 1. Prayer School - 106. The Power of Prayer

SUMMARY: You see that the power or success of prayer is secured only, when all three divine persons are involved in the process of prayer.

"The glory that rested upon Christ [after His baptism] is a pledge of the love of God for us. It tells us of the power of prayer, -- how the human voice may reach the ear of God, and our petitions find acceptance in the courts of heaven." (*DA 113*). "It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. What higher power can man desire than this, -- to be linked with the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We may speak with Jesus as we walk by the way, and He says, I am at thy right hand." (*MYP 250*). Wow!!

The Lord has always been calling, encouraging, and even waiting for people to speak with Him (Ge 3:9; 4:9-10; 1 Ki 19:9; Eze 22:30; Joel 2:17-19; Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13; 15:7,16; 16:23-24; Heb 4:16; Jas 5:15; *DA* 667). However, we realize that even as believers we do not know how or what to pray according to His will, and that for our prayers to be effectual, we totally depend on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26; *1SM* 344). As we remain in God's Word and will (Ge 2:19-20; Jn 15:7) and walk in His Spirit (Rom 8:1,14), He impresses us about our true needs (Jn 16:8-11; *5T* 632-633) and how to pray (Rom 8:26), and enables us to fulfill the various conditions for effectual prayer (*COL* 133-149).

Therefore, the key to the power of prayer lies in the believers' full reliance on God's Spirit. He always inspires us according to God's will since He knows it (Rom 8:27; 1 Co 2:10). And because He is also the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9), the prayers He inspires us to offer are in Jesus' name (Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23). The secret of their power or success is, that Jesus will now make such prayers His own and purify them so they become acceptable to God (*AG 154; DA 667-668; 8T 178*). As Jesus' followers pray in His name, relying on the Holy Spirit, they may have confidence that "God will hear the earnest entreaties of His people. The prayer of faith will move the arm of God." (*ST 09-04-1879*; Jn 16:23).

Are God's remnant people ready and eager to engage in such powerful, effectual, Spirit-led intercession for each other and others (1 Ti 2:1)? Are they willing and committed to be involved, together with holy angels, in God's answer to their prayers in Jesus' name (*ML 19; AG 154*)? In short, do we long and are we receptive for the spirit of intercession within our great reformatory movement (*8T 251; 9T 126*)?

God <u>answers</u> prayers: He receives them from Jesus as His desires, which His own Son enables Him to accept.

STEP 5

The Heavenly Father

- a) accepts the prayers of His people through Jesus' intercession (1 Jn 5:14; AG 154);
- **b)** grants their desires according to His, i.e., Jesus' will (Ps 37:4; Jn 15:16; 1 Jn 5:15);
- c) involves angels and His people in answering their prayers (2 Ki 5:1-14; Jn 9:1-7; *ML* 19).

STEP 1

The Lord God

- a) has a plan for every individual and His church (Ge 2:18; Jer 29:11; Rom 8:14-17);
- b) puts it into us as desires as we remain in His Word & will (Ge 2:19-20; Ps 37:4-5; Jn 15:7);
- c) awaits the prayer requests of His people (Joel 2:17-19; Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9-13; Jn 16:24).

God <u>calls for</u> prayers: He gives them to people as their desires, which His own Spirit enables them to express.

STEP 4

The Lord Jesus

- **a)** makes the prayers of His people His own (6T 364; DA 667; LHU 190; Pr 13, 35);
- b) mingles them with His purity so God can accept them (1SM 344; AG 154; 8T 178);
- c) presents them before God in intercession (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 1SM 344).

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name..." (Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23) "If we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us." (1 Jn 5:14)

STEP 2

The Holy Spirit

- **a)** makes us feel our true needs (5*T* 632-633), moves us to pray (1SM 344; DA 189);
- **b)** helps us to pray "as we ought" (Rom 8:26), i.e., to meet the conditions (*COL 133-149*);
- c) gives us earnestness & intensity in prayer as a divine pledge of abundant help (COL 147).

Summary of the human problem:

Our God has many good gifts for us that He wants to bestow upon us. But He will not force them on us, so He needs us to ask for them. However, we often do not know that and why we need these gifts, let alone how to pray for them.

STEP 3

The People of God

- **a)** are empowered to fulfill the conditions for answered prayer (*COL* 133-149).
- **b)** pray in Jesus' name (Jn 14:13-14; *DA* 668), according to God's will (1 Jn 5:14);
- c) but do so through their corrupt humanness (1SM 344; AG 154; TMK 75)

Summary of the divine solution:

Our God wants all our prayers to be effectual, i.e., according to His will, so He can answer them all. This is why He gives us His Word and His Spirit Who inspires correct prayers, and He receives them from His Son Who made them acceptable to Him.

Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 107. Conditions to Answers

SUMMARY: You also realize that prayers can be effective only to the degree, to which you fulfill the divine conditions and claim the promises.

Just as our Heavenly Father always heard the prayers of His own Son (Jn 11:41-42; Heb 5:7), so is He wants to answer all our prayers (Mt 21:22; Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23; 1 Jn 5:14). He wants us to trust that He will do so (1 Jn 5:15), if we pray in such a way that He can. These conditions (*DA 126*) are not arbitrary burdens, but rather promises we claim by faith (Eze 36:26-27; *COL 333; Ed 126; MB 76*). They are not given to persuade God to act, but so we and others become receptive for what He already has in store (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:7-8; 7:7-11).

Once we pray according to God's will, we can expect surprises and miracles. He delights to do much more than we can ask or imagine (Eph 3:20). Our God promises and loves to answer each and all our petitions and intercessions, whenever we...

	Provisions and Promises	Scriptures	I do this	Personal
	The "Divine Science in Prayer" (COL 152)	OT and NT	hardly \rightarrow daily	Notes and Comments
1	Before We Pray	-	-	
2	in contrition repent of and renounce all evil, and	2 Ch 7:14; Ps 34:14-18;		
3	seek reconciliation (SC 95; COL 143-144, 148).	Joel 2:12-19; Mt 5:22-24		
4	forgive those who wronged us (SC 97), in order to	Mt 5:43-45; 6:12-15;		
5	pray without wrath and doubting [quarreling].	Mk 11:25; 1 Ti 2:8		
6	walk in (Christ's) righteousness without any	Ps 66:18; Pr 15:8;		
7	iniquity in our hearts or actions (SC 95).	Isa 1:15; 59:2; 1 Pe 3:7		
8	fear the Lord and put our trust in Him,	Ps 34:6-9; 37:3-5;		
9	delight in Him and commit our ways to Him.	145:19; Mal 3:16-17		
10	keep or obey all of God's commandments,	Ps 34:15; 145:18;		
11	please Him out of love for Jesus (COL 143-145).	Jn 9:31; 1 Jn 3:22		
12	abide in Christ and His word in us (COL 144),	Jn 15:4-7, 16;		
13	so we bring fruit [character & works] that remains.	Gal 5:22-23		
14	fulfill any additional condition(s) given in the	Isa 26:3; Mt 6:33;		
15	context of the respective promise. Examples:	Php 4:4-7; 1 Jn 1:9		
16	As We Pray			
17	ask anything according to God's will or word,	1 Jn 5:14-15;		
18	with the Spirit's help (COL 145-148; Ed 257-258).	Rom 8:26-27		
19	pray in the name of Jesus, in His character and	Jn 14:13-14;		
20	spirit, doing His works (SC 100-105; DA 668).	15:7, 16; 16:23-24		
21	call upon God with our whole heart and soul, an	Dt 4:29-31;		
22	earnest heart (ML 19; 1SM 121; COL 145).	Jer 29:12-14		
23	call upon Him to find help in times of felt need,	Ex 22:23, 27; Isa 44:3;		
24	with longing and boldness (SC 95).	Heb 4:16; Jas 1:5		
25	ask the Lord for what we need (SC 95; GC 525)	1 Ki 3:5; Mt 7:7-11;		
26	[not just state it] as of a friend (ML 19).	Eph 3:20; Jas 1:5; 4:2		
27	pray with unselfish motives, ready to give (COL	Lk 18:9-14;		
28	142), and fervently in [Christ's] righteousness.	Jas 4:3-6; 5:16		
29	believe that we shall have what we asked for	Mt 8:13; 21:22; Mk 11:24;		
30	(SC 96). This is not presumption (SC 97).1)	Jas 1:6-7; Heb 11:6		
31	thank and praise God that we have received	Php 4:6; Col 4:2;		
32	[before we see it] (SC 51, 97; Ed 258; DA 200).	Eph 5:19-20		
33	persevere/persist in prayer (COL 145-146, 149)	Lk 11:5-9; 18:1; Rom 12:		
34	diligently, letting nothing hinder us (SC 97-98).	12; Eph 6:18; 1 Th 5:17		
35	After We Prayed			
36	do our part in answering our own prayers before	2 Ki 5:1-14;		
37	we expect God to do His part (ML 19).	Lk 17:12-14; Jn 9:1-7		

¹⁾ To guard against presumption, we <u>first</u> fulfill all conditions to answered prayer; <u>second</u>, we trust God to answer as He sees fit:

[&]quot;It is not faith that claims the favor of heaven without complying with the conditions on which mercy is to be granted." (DA 126).

[&]quot;To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is presumption." (SC 97).

Intercessory Prayer - 2. Prayer Service - 201. Principles and Outline

SUMMARY: The prayer service is the second step by which you seek and through which you see the divine power in true revival and reformation.

Prayer is the key to a true, heartfelt revival and reformation. Perhaps, "We are not willing enough to trouble the Lord with our petitions, and to ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants us to trouble Him in this matter. He wants us to press our petitions to His throne." (*LDE 188-189*). He well knows that a "revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs....But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer." (*1SM 121; LDE 189*). This service is based on three Biblical principles on prayer.

- **1.** "We are exhorted to be 'instant in prayer.' [Rom 12:12], 'to pray without ceasing.' [1 Th 5:17]. We are to keep a spirit of intercession, and present all our wants to God....You can never weary the Lord by your importuning." (*ST 05-28-1896*). "Through divine agency, we have the spirit of intercession, whereby we may plead with God, as a man pleadeth with his friend." (*ST 10-03-1892*).
- 2. The Lord promises that "if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." (Mt 18:19). God's people pray, not just in, but as a group in one accord (Ac 1:14; 12:5). "Companies should be gathered together to ask for specific help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely." (8T 22).
- 3. The Lord promises total cleansing from unrighteousness and freedom from burdens (1 Jn 1:9; Mt 11:28). So room is created, not for greater evil (Mt 12:43-45), but for divine gifts (Jas 1:17). "It is not enough to make the heart empty; we must have the vacuum filled with the love of God. The soul must be furnished with the graces of the Spirit of God....We must unite with Christ." (*RH 01-24-1893*).

These three principles are the foundation for the outline and progress of the prayer service. "No sooner does the child of God approach the mercy seat than he becomes the client of the great Advocate. At his first utterance of penitence and appeal for pardon Christ espouses his case and makes it His own, presenting the supplication before the Father as His own request." (6*T* 364). In this service, requests leading to an emptying of self are taken to God first, then those for being filled with the fruit of the Spirit, spiritual gifts, and other divine graces.

		Outline of Prayer Service	
1	1. Preparation (in separate room / earlier)		
2 3 4 5	Meeting	Moderator and prayer team share about their faith in specific relevant Scriptures (see page 110) their commitment to certain attitudes (see page 111) their readiness to minister	
6 7	Dedication	Moderator • prays for consecration of prayer team	
8	2. Prayer Servic	e (in meeting room / sanctuary)	
9 10 11 12 13	Opening	Moderator offers prayers of thanksgiving for this ministry opportunity for the presence of the Holy Spirit for divine guidance during the prayers for protection from any evil interference	
14 15 16	Invitation	Moderator invites • recipient of intercession • other prayer partners upon request of recipient	
17 18 19 20	Intercession 1	Moderator • inquires about faith of the recipient • asks what hurts and/or burdens may <i>hinder</i> spiritual growth • offers first prayer, then team members as inspired	
21 22 23 24	Intercession 2	Moderator • inquires about faith of the recipient • asks what divine gifts or fruits are desired to further spiritual growth • offers first prayer, then team members as inspired	
25 26 27	Thanksgiving	Moderator offers prayer of thanksgiving invitation to recipient(s) to give testimony	
28 29	Conclusion	Moderator • encourages praise and thanksgiving, in speech and/or songs	

Intercessory Prayer – 2. Prayer Service – 202. Requests, Faith and Touch

SUMMARY: You see that prayers are made for two types of requests, are based on faith in two parties, and allow for appropriate physical touch.

	Requests and Faith		
1	1. Two Types of Requests	hardly → clearly	
2 3 4	The outline of the prayer service (p. 109) reflects the fact that prayer ministry deals with two types of requests: One type concerns the freedom from anything that <u>hinders</u> , or is perceived to hinder (2 Co 12:7-11), the spiritual growth or effective ministry of a participant, such as conscious sins, fear of unconscious sin, wrong habits, any hurts and burdens,		
5 6 7 8	etc. (see pp. 357, 359, 360). The <u>second</u> type of requests concerns anything that <u>furthers</u> spiritual growth but is lacking, or perceived to be lacking, and therefore generates a sense of need and a desire for it, such as faith, character traits of Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit, any gift of the Spirit, assurance of salvation, certainty about the plan of salvation or related to any other article of faith, etc.		
9 10 11 12 13	(see pp. 352, 358, 253-267). Since one must first be free from what may hinder, before being filled with divine gifts, it is essential that participants who request prayers, as well as the intercessor(s), <u>distinguish</u> between the two types of requests and pray about them in the correct order (see p. 109). Also, God may not be able to answer either requests if the conditions to answered prayer have not yet been met (see p. 108).		
14	2. Two Touches of Faith		
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	In many instances of His healing ministry, Jesus declared that the healing was granted according to the faith of those requesting the healing (Mt 9:22, 29; 15:28; Mk 5:34; 9:23; 10:52). The apostles also knew that faith in the recipient was a prerequisite for the healing (Ac 3:16; 14:9). So the intercessor(s) should seek to discern faith in the one requesting prayer. He or she may acceptably show that faith by appropriately touching the intercessor(s) (Mk 5:28-34). However, it appears to be equally important that the one praying for the request also have faith. The apostles could not heal because they lacked faith (Mt 17:14-20). God says the prayer of faith will save the sick, and He will heal (Jas 5:15). So it is just as essential for intercessors to ask themselves if they have the faith that God will hear them (1 Jn 5:14-15).		
22	Prayer may be accompanied by fitting physical touch (Mt 9:29; Mk 5:41; 6:13; 9:27; Ac 3:7; Jas 5:14).		

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Intercessory Prayer – 2. Prayer Service – 203. Attitudes and Gifts

SUMMARY: As a member of the prayer ministry team, you maintain particular attitudes and exercise the specific gifts the Spirit may apportion.

Members of the prayer ministry team understand that for the prayer service to be effective, it is necessary that they maintain certain attitudes and exercise specific spiritual gifts as the Holy Spirit enables them (1 Co 121:11). Both these attitudes and the gifts serve to safeguard 1. a sense of safety for the recipients of ministry that allows them to freely express themselves, 2. a spirit of openness toward the Holy Spirit that allows Him to do His work without the interference of human ideas, and 3. harmony between team members in submission to God's plan.

	Attitudes and Spiritual Gifts	I have it		
1	1. Full Conviction about the Four Basic Scriptures of	hardly → clearly		
2 3 4	Romans 8:26-27, that we do not know how or what to pray without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who helps us;Joel 2:12-32, that we need genuine repentance and fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon us;Psalm 37:3-5, that we express those desires as petitions to God which He put into our hearts as His will for us;			
6	51 John 5:14-15, that we can have confidence that God hears and answers us as we pray according to His will.			
7 8 9	ongoing confidentiality about everything that has been shared during ministry time;complete honesty to God and one another concerning the request(s) of the recipient of ministry;constant availability to God and one another for further ministry, both during ministry time and at any later time.			
10	3. Fresh Readiness and Love to Exercise the Gifts of			
11 12 13 14 15 16	compassion, to genuinely and wholeheartedly identify with the situation of the recipient (Rom 12:10, 15);discernment, to allow for spiritual consideration among the team members of the request(s) (Mt 18:19);faith, to trust in God's will to grant the request(s) as expressed by the team members (Mk 11:24);intercession, to petition God on behalf of the recipient regarding the request(s) made (Lk 22;23);prophecy, to speak exhortation and comfort to the recipient as inspired at the time (1 Co 14:3);wisdom, to share and apply Scripture as given at the time fitting the situation of the recipient (Col 1:9).			

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Intercessory Prayer – 3. Prayer Ministry – 301. Outline and Planning

SUMMARY: The prayer school is the third step by which you seek and through which you see the divine power in true revival and reformation.

Intercession is as vital to the experience of revival and reformation as to the continuing and growing life of any local congregation. "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost." (9T 126). "As ministering spirits angels are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Pray..., pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming. We need to make thorough work for eternity." (4BC 1173).

Once an intercessory prayer ministry group has been formed during or after the Prayer School weekend, a permanent local prayer ministry may be established at any time, in agreement with and under the guidance of the local church leadership. It is recommended that an elder be a member of the ministry team. This team will plan and conduct all future local prayer services.

	Outline of Prayer Ministry				
1	1. Planning (with the prayer ministry team)				
2 3 4 5 6	Friday evening	Meeting with team members and pastor to • devise a plan how to incorporate prayer ministry in the church • select two ministry team leaders • plan the scheduled prayer service			
7 8 9	Sabbath morning	Worship Intercession in Revival and Reformation Dedication of new team members			
10 11 12 13	Sabbath afternoon	Meeting with team members to finalize plans for the prayer service prepare for the service (see page 109, 1. Preparation)			
14	2. Prayer Service (with the whole group/church)				
15 16	Sabbath afternoon / evening	Prayer Service • led by the new ministry team			

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