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10 DAYS OF PRAYER
— BEFORE THE —
SULADS CANADA FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MISSION TRIP



THEME SONG

Like Jesus

"Help me, Lord, to daily grow
more and more like Jesus!"



-  REACH the Lost
-  SERVE with Love
-  EMPOWER Communities
-  TRANSFORM Lives

WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT / MISSION DIRECTOR

Dear Missionary Volunteers,

Welcome to this 10 Days of Prayer preparation for our Annual Mission Trip. As we prepare our hearts for service, let us remember that the greatest need in our communities is not our resources, but the revelation of Christ's character through His people.

May this time of prayer draw us closer to Jesus, unite our team, and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that the earth will be lightened with His glory.

Together, let us reach the unreached with the everlasting gospel!

In His service,

Ephraim G. Baragona

President / Mission Director
SULADS Canada Foundation



OUR MISSION

To reach the unreached through Christ-centered ministries of Health, Education, Agriculture, Livelihood and Services.



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This devotional is designed to help you prepare spiritually, grow in Christ, and unite with your team in prayer before the mission trip.



PRAY DAILY

Set aside time each morning or evening to spend with God.



READ WITH PURPOSE

Read each day's Bible texts, devotion, and Spirit of Prophecy insight carefully.



REFLECT DEEPLY

Answer the reflection questions honestly and prayerfully.



PRAY TOGETHER

Use this devotional as a guide for personal and team devotions.



JOURNAL FAITHFULLY

Write your thoughts, prayers, and what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.



APPLY IN MISSION

Look for practical ways to live out each day's mission challenge.



RECORD ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Keep track of how God answers your prayers.



RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

He will empower you for witness and service.



MISSION TRIP PRAYER CALENDAR

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“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2





PERSONAL REFLECTION

Today's invitation from Jesus:

What is the Holy Spirit teaching me?

How can I become more like Jesus today?

What is He asking me to change in my life?



MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 18:1

"After these things I saw another angel come down from
heaven, having great authority; and the earth was
lightened with his glory."



CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, reveal Your glory in my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit
that I may reflect Your character. Prepare my heart for this
mission. Use me to be a light to those I will serve. In Jesus' name,
Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

-  Personal _____
-  Family _____
-  Mission Team _____
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-  Other Requests _____



PRAISE REPORT

Today I praise God because...



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God has answered...



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Day 1: The Glory That Will Lighten the Earth

Theme: God's Glory Revealed Through His People

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Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we begin these Ten Days of Prayer, we come before You with grateful hearts. Thank You for calling us to be missionaries in Your service. Prepare our hearts for the Annual Mission Trip. Remove anything that hinders us from reflecting Your love. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and teach us to become more like Jesus every day. May these ten days bring revival, unity, and complete surrender to You.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Theme Song

Like Jesus

"Help me, Lord, to daily grow more and more like Jesus."

Scripture Reading

Revelation 18:1

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory."

What Is God's Glory?

As we begin this spiritual journey together, let us first ask an important question:

What is the glory that will lighten the earth?

Many people think God's glory refers only to dazzling light, supernatural miracles, or overwhelming power. While God certainly possesses unlimited power, the Bible reveals something even more beautiful—His glory is His character.

When Moses pleaded with God,

"Please, show me Your glory."

(Exodus 33:18)

God did not first reveal thunder, lightning, or heavenly armies. Instead, He revealed Himself.

"I will make all My goodness pass before you..."

(Exodus 33:19)

Then God proclaimed:

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth."

(Exodus 34:6)

God's glory is His goodness.

God's glory is His mercy.

God's glory is His patience.

God's glory is His forgiveness.

God's glory is His love.

Daily Commitment

"Today, I choose to let God's glory shine through my life by becoming more like Jesus."

This is the very character perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ.

As missionary volunteers, we naturally prepare our luggage, travel plans, lessons, health supplies, and community projects. Yet before God sends us into the mission field, He first desires to prepare our hearts.

The people we serve may not remember every sermon we preach or every program we conduct. But they will remember whether they experienced the love of Jesus through us.

Our smiles, patience, kindness, humility, forgiveness, and willingness to serve may become the clearest sermon they ever hear.

God's Glory and the Loud Cry

Revelation 18:1 describes the final movement of God's people before Jesus returns. The earth is illuminated with God's glory.

From the Seventh-day Adventist perspective, this glory is not merely miraculous manifestations. It is the final revelation of God's loving character through a people who have been transformed by His grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The Loud Cry is more than proclaiming truth loudly. It is proclaiming truth through lives that look like Jesus. This is why the latter rain is connected with revival, repentance, and complete surrender.

Before God pours out His Spirit in power, He prepares a people whose hearts reflect Christ.

Love Is the Evidence of God's Glory

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that without love, even the greatest gifts become meaningless.

We may preach.

We may teach.

We may build churches.

We may conduct health ministries.

We may organize mission trips.

But if love is absent, we fail to reveal God's glory.

God's final message to the world is not merely information—it is a revelation of His character of love through His people.

Spirit of Prophecy

"The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love."

— Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 415

God's last message is not simply a louder message. It is a clearer picture of Jesus.

Digging Deeper

Read and meditate on:

- Exodus 33:18–19
- Exodus 34:5–7
- Revelation 18:1–4
- Matthew 5:14–16
- 1 Corinthians 13



Day 2 – Love: The Greatest Preparation

Key Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Without Love, There Can Be No Loud Cry

Key Thought

The final proclamation of the gospel will not be empowered merely by knowledge, eloquence, or activity. It will be empowered by lives transformed by the love of Christ. God's final message to the world is carried by people who reflect His character of love.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:13

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (NKJV)

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we enter the second day of our journey, teach us that the greatest qualification for mission is not ability, but love. Remove selfishness from our hearts and fill us with the love of Christ. May everything we do during this mission trip be motivated by Your love. Prepare us to become living witnesses of Your character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Love—The Foundation of God's Final Work

As missionary volunteers, we spend much time preparing lessons, organizing outreach activities, planning logistics, and gathering supplies. These preparations are important, but God reminds us that there is something even more essential. That essential ingredient is love.

The apostle Paul begins one of the most beautiful chapters in Scripture by saying: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal." (1 Corinthians 13:1)

Imagine having the gift of preaching powerful sermons, teaching profound Bible truths, performing miracles, or sacrificing everything for God's work—yet lacking genuine love. Paul says that without love, all these become meaningless.

Love is not merely an emotion. It is the very character of God revealed in action. It is patient when others fail. It is kind when misunderstood. It forgives when wounded. It serves without seeking recognition.

As we prepare for the Annual Mission Trip, God is not simply asking, "Are you ready to serve?" He is asking, "Are you ready to love?"

Love Prepares Us for the Loud Cry

Revelation 18 describes the Loud Cry—the final proclamation of the everlasting gospel to the world. But before the earth can be lightened with God's glory, His people must reflect His character.

The Loud Cry is not merely a louder message; it is a clearer revelation of Jesus. People will not only hear the truth—they will see it lived out in the lives of God's people. When communities experience genuine Christian love through humble service, compassion, forgiveness, and kindness, they catch a glimpse of Christ Himself.

This is why love is the greatest preparation for mission.

Love in Isaiah 58

Isaiah 58 reminds us that true religion is demonstrated through compassionate service.

God calls His people to:

- Feed the hungry.
- Care for the poor.
- Comfort the oppressed.
- Visit the lonely.
- Share hope with those in darkness.

Then comes the promise:

"Then your light shall break forth like the morning..." (Isaiah 58:8)

Notice the connection.

Love in action causes God's light to shine.

This beautifully harmonizes with Revelation 18:1, where the earth is illuminated with God's glory.

Spirit of Prophecy

"The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."

— The Ministry of Healing, p. 470

God's final message will be made powerful not only by what we preach but by how we love.

Mission Application

Today intentionally show Christ's love by:

- ☐ Encouraging another volunteer.
- ☐ Praying for someone.
- ☐ Forgiving someone.
- ☐ Serving without recognition.
- ☐ Speaking words of kindness.
- ☐ Listening with compassion.
- ☐ Helping someone in need.

Personal Reflection

Ask yourself:

- Is my service motivated by love or by duty?
- Do people experience Jesus when they interact with me?
- Is there someone I need to forgive?
- How can I demonstrate Christ's love today?

Prayer Focus

Pray for:

- A heart filled with Christ's love.
- Unity among the mission team.
- Compassion for every person you will meet.
- The Holy Spirit to remove selfishness and pride.
- Opportunities to reveal Jesus through acts of kindness.
- The Indigenous communities that God is preparing to receive His love.

Closing Prayer

Loving Father,

Thank You for reminding us that love is the greatest preparation for Your work. Forgive us for the times we have served without compassion or spoken without kindness. Fill us with the love of Jesus so that every word we speak and every act of service will reveal Your character.

As we continue preparing for the SULADS Canada Foundation Annual Mission Trip, make us instruments of Your peace and ambassadors of Your love. May the world see Jesus in us, and may Your glory shine through our lives until the earth is lightened with Your glory.

We pray in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen.

Daily Commitment

"Today I choose to love as Jesus loves, so that His glory may shine through my life." ❤️



Day 3 – Becoming Like Jesus

The World Must See Jesus in Us

Key Text:

Philippians 2:5–11

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)

Opening Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father,

Thank You for calling us to be Your ambassadors in a world longing for hope. As we prepare for the SULADS Canada Foundation Annual Mission Trip, we ask You to transform our hearts into the likeness of Jesus. Remove every trace of pride, selfishness, impatience, and unbelief. Fill us with the humility, compassion, and love of Christ so that everyone we meet may see Jesus through our lives. Prepare us to reflect Your glory as faithful missionaries. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Jesus—Our Perfect Example

Philippians 2 presents one of the most beautiful descriptions of Christ's character.

Although Jesus was equal with God, He willingly humbled Himself.

He chose service over status.

Humility over pride.

Obedience over self-will.

Sacrifice over comfort.

Love over self-interest.

He came not to be served, but to serve.

This is the character that God desires to reproduce in every missionary.

People may forget our sermons.

They may forget our programs.

But they will never forget how we made them feel through the love of Christ.

The world is waiting to see Jesus—not merely hear about Him.

Love Reveals Jesus

Yesterday we learned from 1 Corinthians 13 that without love, all our gifts and sacrifices amount to nothing.

Today we discover why.

Love is the visible expression of Christ's character.

Every miracle Jesus performed flowed from compassion.

Every truth He taught was spoken in love.

Every act of service revealed the Father's heart.

As missionary volunteers, we are not simply called to share information.

We are called to reveal Jesus.

Every smile...

Every prayer...

Every visit...

Every act of kindness...

Every word of encouragement...

becomes a sermon about the character of Christ

Spirit of Prophecy

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."

— Ellen G. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69

This remarkable statement reminds us that God's final work is not merely about proclaiming a message—it is about becoming a people who reflect the life of Christ.

The world must not only hear the truth; it must also see the truth lived out in us.

Digging Deeper

Read prayerfully today:

□ Philippians 2:5–11

□ Matthew 20:25–28

□ John 13:1–17

□ Isaiah 58:6–12

□ Revelation 18:1



Day 4 – Preparing For The Latter Rain

The Holy Spirit Is Poured Out on Surrendered Hearts

Key Text:

"Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." — Joel 2:23 (NKJV)

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." — Acts 2:4 (NKJV)

Preparing for the Latter Rain

Farmers understand the importance of rain. In Bible lands, two rains were essential for a successful harvest.

The former rain softened the soil and enabled the seed to germinate. Spiritually, it represents the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing conviction, repentance, and new birth.

The latter rain came just before harvest, maturing the grain so it was ready to be gathered. Spiritually, it represents the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit that prepares God's people to proclaim the last message of mercy and be ready for Christ's return.

God longs to pour out His Spirit, but the greatest preparation is not learning more information—it is complete surrender to Him.

Bible Story

Pentecost: Hearts Ready for the Spirit

(Acts 1–2)

After Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit. They did not spend those days arguing over who would be the greatest. Instead, they gathered in prayer, confessed their sins, reconciled broken relationships, and sought unity.

Acts tells us:

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." (Acts 1:14)

Their hearts became united because they were surrendered to Christ.

Then, on the Day of Pentecost, the promise was fulfilled. The Holy Spirit came with power, and the disciples spoke with boldness. Thousands accepted Jesus that day, not because the disciples had become extraordinary, but because ordinary people had yielded themselves completely to God's Spirit.

Pentecost was not the result of human effort. It was the result of prepared hearts.

The Latter Rain and the Last Days

Joel's prophecy was partially fulfilled at Pentecost, but it also points forward to the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit before Jesus returns.

Revelation 18 describes an angel whose glory fills the whole earth. This worldwide proclamation of the gospel will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. God's people will reflect Christ's character and proclaim His truth with love and power.

The Holy Spirit is not given merely to produce excitement or miraculous displays. He is given to transform lives, empower witness, and glorify Jesus.

Ellen G. White Insight

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God... will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God."

— The Review and Herald, July 21, 1896

She also wrote:

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs."

— Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 121

The preparation for the latter rain begins with daily repentance, heartfelt prayer, obedience to God's Word, and a willingness to let Christ fully reign in our lives.

Reflection

Many Christians pray, **"Lord, pour out Your Spirit."**

But an equally important prayer is:

"Lord, prepare my heart to receive Your Spirit."

The disciples experienced Pentecost because they humbled themselves before God. Pride was replaced with humility. Selfish ambition gave way to love. Fear was overcome by faith.

The Holy Spirit still seeks surrendered hearts today.

The question is not whether God is willing to pour out His Spirit. The question is whether we are willing to surrender every area of our lives to Him.

As we seek God in prayer, confess our sins, forgive one another, and walk in obedience, He prepares us for the latter rain and for the final mission of sharing the everlasting gospel with the world.

Questions for Reflection

1. Are there areas of my life that I have not fully surrendered to God?
2. Am I seeking the Holy Spirit to transform my character or only to bless my plans?
3. How can I cultivate a deeper life of prayer, repentance, and obedience each day?



Day 5 – One in Christ

Unity Prepares God's People for Power

Key Text:

"That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." — John 17:21 (NKJV)

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" — Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

Unity Is Heaven's Preparation for Power

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed His longest recorded prayer—not for miracles, wealth, or earthly success, but for unity among His followers.

Jesus knew that the greatest obstacle to the gospel would not be persecution from outside the church, but division within it.

The unity for which Jesus prayed is not based on personal preferences, culture, or human agreement. It is a unity grounded in truth, love, humility, and complete surrender to God.

Before God pours out the latter rain in its fullness, He desires a people whose hearts are united in Christ and in His mission.

Bible Story

The Early Church: United Before Empowered

(Acts 1–2)

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples gathered in the upper room. Their group was made up of people with very different personalities and backgrounds—fishermen, a former tax collector, political zealots, and others who had once argued over who would be the greatest. Yet something changed.

As they prayed together, they confessed their faults, forgave one another, and laid aside pride and selfish ambition. Their greatest desire became the glory of God rather than personal recognition.

Luke records:

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." (Acts 1:14)

When their hearts became united, the Holy Spirit was poured out with power on the Day of Pentecost.

Unity did not produce the Holy Spirit, but it prepared the disciples to receive Him.

The Prayer of Jesus

In John 17, Jesus prayed repeatedly that His followers would be one.

Why?

Because unity reveals God's love to the world.

Jesus declared:

"That the world may believe that You sent Me." (John 17:21)

The world is convinced of the gospel not only by powerful sermons but also by believers who genuinely love one another despite their differences.

The greatest evidence that Christ lives in His people is a spirit of humility, forgiveness, and selfless love.

Ellen G. White Insight

"When the people of God are one in the unity of the Spirit, all Pharisaism, all self-righteousness... will be taken away."

— Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 386

She also wrote:

"The success of the gospel message does not depend upon learned speeches, eloquent testimonies, or profound arguments, but upon its simplicity and its adaptation to the souls that are hungering for the bread of life."

— Gospel Workers, p. 149

True unity is not created by human effort but by the Holy Spirit working in hearts that are surrendered to Christ.

Reflection

We often pray for revival and the latter rain, but Jesus reminds us that revival begins with restored relationships.

Is there someone I need to forgive?

Is there pride that needs to be surrendered?

Am I contributing to unity or to division?

Unity does not mean everyone thinks alike. It means everyone is centered on Christ, committed to His truth, and willing to love as He loved.

As God's people humble themselves, pray together, encourage one another, and place God's mission above personal preferences, they become vessels ready for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The unity of God's church is one of the clearest testimonies to the world that Jesus is alive and preparing a people for His soon return.



Day 6 – Let Your Light Break Fort

The Gospel Is Demonstrated Through Compassionate Service

Key Text:

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness... to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out... Then your light shall break forth like the morning." — Isaiah 58:6–8 (NKJV)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

The Light That Shines Through Love

Many people think that sharing the gospel means only preaching sermons or giving Bible studies. While these are essential, God's Word teaches that the gospel is also revealed through acts of compassion and selfless service.

Isaiah 58 describes the kind of worship that pleases God. The Israelites were faithfully observing religious ceremonies, yet they neglected the hungry, the poor, the oppressed, and the suffering. God reminded them that true religion is not merely outward devotion but a life that reflects His love.

When God's people minister to the needs of others, their light breaks forth like the dawn, and His character is revealed to the world.

Bible Story

The Good Samaritan

(Luke 10:25–37)

Jesus told the story of a man who was robbed, beaten, and left half dead on the roadside. A priest came by but passed on the other side.

A Levite also saw the injured man but continued his journey.

Then a Samaritan—someone despised by the Jews—stopped. He bandaged the man's wounds, placed him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and paid for his care.

The Samaritan did not ask whether the injured man deserved help. He simply showed mercy.

Jesus concluded with these words:

"Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)

The Samaritan demonstrated the gospel through compassionate service. His actions reflected the heart of God.

Jesus' Ministry: Preaching and Healing

Throughout His ministry, Jesus combined the proclamation of truth with acts of mercy.

He fed the hungry.

He healed the sick.

He comforted the brokenhearted.

He welcomed the outcasts.

Every act of kindness revealed the Father's character.

Jesus did not separate compassion from truth. He ministered to people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, showing that the kingdom of God transforms the whole person.

Ellen G. White Insight

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"

— *The Ministry of Healing, p. 143*

This timeless counsel reminds us that the everlasting gospel is most effective when it is lived out through genuine love and practical service.

Reflection

Isaiah 58 challenges us to examine our faith.

Do our prayers lead us to serve others?

Do our Bible studies inspire us to show kindness?

Do our worship services move us to care for those in need?

The latter rain will not simply empower God's people to speak—it will empower them to love as Jesus loved.

Every visit to the sick, every meal shared with the hungry, every encouraging word to the discouraged, every act of forgiveness, and every sacrifice made for another becomes a ray of God's light in a dark world.

The world is waiting not only to hear the gospel but also to see it lived.

As we serve with compassion, the promise of Isaiah 58 becomes ours:

"Then your light shall break forth like the morning."



Day 7 – The Character That Receives the Seal

Christ's Character Prepares Us for His Coming

Key Text:

*"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
— Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)*

*"Till we all come to the unity of the faith... to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the
fullness of Christ." — Ephesians 4:13 (NKJV)*

The Seal of God Is Connected to Christlike Character

As we prepare for Christ's soon return, many people wonder what it means to receive the Seal of God. The Bible teaches that God's seal is closely connected with our relationship with Him and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Ephesians 4 reminds us that believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit, yet in the same chapter Paul describes the character that reflects those who belong to Christ.

God is preparing a people who not only profess His truth but also reveal His character.

The seal is not merely about what we know—it is about who we become through the grace of Christ.

Bible Story

Stephen: A Life That Reflected Christ

(Acts 6–7)

Stephen was chosen as one of the first deacons because he was known to be "full of faith and the Holy Spirit."

When he was falsely accused and brought before the Jewish council, his enemies noticed something remarkable:

"They saw his face as the face of an angel." (Acts 6:15)

Stephen boldly proclaimed the truth, yet his greatest testimony came at the end of his life. As angry men threw stones at him, he did not respond with hatred or revenge. Instead, like Jesus on the cross, he prayed:

"Lord, do not charge them with this sin." (Acts 7:60)

Stephen's final words revealed that Christ's character had become his own.

His enemies could take his life, but they could not destroy the love of Jesus shining through him.

Putting Off the Old Life

In Ephesians 4, Paul calls believers to lay aside the old way of living.

He writes:

- Put away falsehood and speak truth.
- Replace anger with forgiveness.
- Stop stealing and become generous.
- Speak words that build others up.
- Put away bitterness, wrath, and malice.
- Be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving.

He concludes:

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

These qualities are the fruit of a heart transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Ellen G. White Insight

"The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character."

— *The SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 970*

She also wrote:

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."

— *Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69*

God's final work is not merely to inform His people but to transform them into the likeness of Jesus.

Reflection

It is possible to know Bible prophecy, understand doctrine, and faithfully attend church while still allowing pride, bitterness, impatience, or selfishness to remain in the heart.

Jesus desires something deeper.

He wants His love to shape our thoughts.

His humility to guide our actions.

His forgiveness to soften our hearts.

His kindness to flow through our words.

Every day the Holy Spirit is preparing a people who reflect the character of Christ. This transformation is not accomplished by human effort but by daily surrender, continual dependence on God's grace, and obedience through faith.

As we behold Jesus, we become more like Him.

And as His character is reproduced in us, we are prepared for His glorious return.



Day 8 – Revival Before the Loud Cry

Revival Begins in the Heart Before It Reaches the World

Key Text:

"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory." — Revelation 18:1 (NKJV)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." — Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)

Revival Begins Within

Many Christians long to see the Loud Cry of Revelation 18—the final proclamation of the everlasting gospel that will illuminate the earth with God's glory. We pray for powerful preaching, miraculous conversions, and the outpouring of the latter rain.

Yet before God sends a worldwide revival, He begins with a personal revival. The Loud Cry is not merely a louder message—it is a message proclaimed by a people whose hearts have been transformed by the Holy Spirit. Before the world is awakened, God's people must first be awakened.

Revival always begins with repentance, surrender, and a renewed love for Jesus.

Bible Story

King Josiah: A Nation Revived Through One Surrendered Heart

(2 Kings 22–23; 2 Chronicles 34–35)

King Josiah became king while still a young man. During his reign, the Book of the Law was discovered in the temple after years of neglect.

When Josiah heard God's Word read, he did not make excuses or ignore it. Instead, he tore his clothes in humility and recognized how far the nation had drifted from God.

His personal repentance became the beginning of a national revival.

Josiah removed idols, restored true worship, renewed the covenant with God, and called the people back to obedience. Revival spread because one leader first allowed God's Word to transform his own heart.

The work of renewal did not begin in the streets—it began in the heart of a surrendered king.

The Loud Cry and God's Glory

Revelation 18 describes an angel whose glory fills the earth. This glory is the character of God revealed through His people.

But before they can proclaim that final message with power, they must experience revival themselves.

The Holy Spirit does not simply empower our voices—He transforms our hearts.
When pride becomes humility...

When selfishness becomes love...

When prayer becomes a daily delight...

When obedience flows from love...

Then God's people become living witnesses of His grace.

The Loud Cry is carried not only by words but by lives that reflect Jesus.

Ellen G. White Insight

*"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs.
To seek this should be our first work."*

— Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 121

She also wrote:

*"The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a
revelation of His character of love."*

— Christ's Object Lessons, p. 415

Before the world sees God's glory, His people must first reflect it.

Reflection

It is easy to pray for revival in the church, our community, or our nation.

But God gently asks each of us:

"Will you allow Me to revive your heart first?"

Revival begins when we spend time with Jesus each day.

It grows as we confess our sins, forgive others, study God's Word, and surrender every area of our lives to His will.

A revived heart becomes a light in the home.

Revived homes strengthen the church.

A revived church carries the Loud Cry to the world.

God's greatest work begins quietly—in one surrendered heart at a time.



Day 9 – Endued with Power

The Holy Spirit Empowers Christlike Witnesses

Key Text:

"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 (NKJV)

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. — Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)

The Power God Promises

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave His disciples a worldwide mission. Yet He knew they could never accomplish it by their own wisdom, education, or strength. Therefore, He told them to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

The power Jesus promised in Acts 1:8 was not political influence, military strength, or worldly success. It was the power of the Holy Spirit to transform ordinary people into faithful witnesses of Christ.

God's greatest work is not simply empowering people to perform miracles—it is empowering them to live like Jesus and share His love with boldness.

Bible Story

Peter: From Fearful Disciple to Fearless Witness

(Luke 22; Acts 2–4)

On the night Jesus was arrested, Peter was overcome with fear. Three times he denied even knowing his Lord. He depended on his own confidence, and when the test came, he failed. After Christ's resurrection, Jesus lovingly restored Peter by the Sea of Galilee, asking him three times, "Do you love Me?" Peter was humbled, forgiven, and recommissioned to feed Christ's sheep.

Then came Pentecost.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter stood before the very people who had crucified Jesus and boldly proclaimed the gospel. About three thousand people accepted Christ that day. Later, when commanded by the religious leaders to stop preaching, Peter courageously declared: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)

The difference was not Peter's personality—it was the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Power for Witness, Not Self-Exaltation

Acts 1:8 reminds us that the Holy Spirit is given so that we may be witnesses.

A witness does not draw attention to himself. A witness points others to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to:

- Live lives that reflect Christ's character.
- Speak the truth with love and courage.
- Share the gospel across every culture and nation.
- Serve others with humility and compassion.
- Persevere through trials with faith and hope.

The Spirit's power is seen most clearly in lives surrendered to Christ.

Ellen G. White Insight

"The measure of the Holy Spirit we receive will be proportioned to the measure of our desire and the faith exercised for it, and the use we shall make of the light and knowledge that shall be given to us."

— *The Review and Herald*, May 5, 1896

She also wrote:

"Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples."

— *The Desire of Ages*, p. 672

The same Spirit who empowered the apostles is available to every believer today.

Reflection

Many people ask God for power, but the greater question is:

"Am I willing to be the kind of person God can trust with His power?"

The Holy Spirit does not merely strengthen our abilities; He transforms our hearts.

When we surrender pride, He gives humility.

When we surrender fear, He gives courage.

When we surrender selfishness, He fills us with Christ's love.

As we abide daily in Jesus through prayer, Bible study, and obedience, the Holy Spirit equips us to be faithful witnesses in our homes, churches, communities, and to the ends of the earth.

The greatest testimony is not an extraordinary miracle—it is an ordinary life completely surrendered to an extraordinary God.



Day 10 – The Earth Lightened with His Glory

The Mission Is Finished When Christ Is Fully Reflected in His People

Key Text:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." — Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory." — Revelation 18:1 (NKJV)

The Final Work of God

Jesus declared that the gospel would be preached to every nation before the end comes. Revelation 18 expands this promise by showing an angel whose glory illuminates the entire earth.

What is this glory?

Throughout Scripture, God's glory is revealed as His character—His love, mercy, justice, holiness, and truth (Exodus 34:6–7). Before Jesus returns, the world will see His character reflected through a people transformed by the Holy Spirit.

The final work of God is not simply to spread information but to reveal the beauty of Christ through lives that have been changed by His grace.

Bible Story

Bible Story

The Early Church Turned the World Upside Down

(Acts 16–17)

After receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles traveled from city to city proclaiming the gospel. They preached Christ with boldness, cared for the needy, endured persecution with joy, and loved even their enemies.

When Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica, their opponents complained:

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." (Acts 17:6)

The early Christians had no wealth, political influence, or military power. Yet they changed the world because they reflected the life of Christ.

Their message carried authority because their lives demonstrated the transforming power of the gospel.

The Glory That Lights the Earth

Revelation 18 does not say that the earth is illuminated by human wisdom or organizational strength.

It is illuminated by God's glory.

When believers reflect Christ's humility instead of pride...

His purity instead of compromise...

His compassion instead of indifference...

His truth instead of deception...

His love instead of selfishness...

The world catches a glimpse of Jesus.

This is the Loud Cry—the final message proclaimed through Spirit-filled words and Christlike lives.

Ellen G. White Insight

"The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love."

— Christ's Object Lessons, p. 415

She also wrote:

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."

— Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69

These statements remind us that God's final work is deeply connected to the transformation of His people. As they reflect Christ's character, the gospel reaches the world with convincing power.

Reflection

We often think the mission will be finished through better technology, larger churches, or greater resources. While these are valuable tools, they are not the source of God's power.

The greatest witness to the world is a life transformed by Jesus.

Every act of forgiveness reflects His mercy.

Every sacrifice made in love reflects His compassion.

Every word spoken in truth reflects His holiness.

Every humble act of service reflects His heart.

When God's people live in complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Christ's character shines through them. Then the earth is lightened with His glory, and the world receives its final invitation to follow the Lamb.