10 Days Prayer and Fasting

This fasting and prayer will last for 10 days, beginning July 21, 2013 and ending July 31, 2013. Each day we will fast for 8 consecutive hours. It would be great if we could all keep the same hours, however I do realize that we have different schedules and obligations, so this issue will be discussed.

It is imperative that we abstain from television, radio, magazines, internet searches which are unrelated to work, or God. (Certain researches on the NET are permissible, however, let it be Christ Centered) As well as ungodly communion, unhealthy foods, vices etc. It is important that we keep the health food laws so our minds can be sharper, and we are able to hear God’s voice. I do realize that we all fast and pray differently but in order to maintain communion with God even after the hours of fasting and prayers are done, we should remain in Godly thoughts and meditation.

Our GOAL is to be servants of GOD and to work in His vineyard, by educating the lambs which He has gifted us. This work is not for us alone, but includes the entire bodies of the different churches in Albany County and Neighboring Counties. There is a great work to be done in our Communities, and this work can begin in a school setting. We all have different talents which can be utilized for God’s glory, so during this time of fasting and praying, let us come in tune with our gifts, and ask our Maker how as individuals we can be utilized.

Please incorporate the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy as reading materials during these 10 days of fasting and praying.

Sunday/Monday-------forgiveness of sin

1. Confession of sins/brokenness (self and people of God)
2. Disclosing weakness /asking for strength
3. Asking for purification/sanctification (Self and people of God)
4. Asking strength to maintain a sanctified life/victory over sin (self and people of God)
5. A renewed heart and a new Spirit. (self and people of God)

**Reading Material**

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; (Ephesians 1:1-7 KJV)

And now, having spoken plainly of the fulfillment of familiar prophecies concerning the Messiah, Paul preached unto them repentance and the remission of sin through the merits of Jesus their Saviour. “Be it known unto you,” he said, “that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.” – {Acts of the Apostles 172.2} The Spirit of God accompanied the words that were spoken, and hearts were touched. The apostle’s appeal to Old Testament prophecies, and his declaration that these had been fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, carried conviction to many a soul longing for the advent of the promised Messiah. And the speaker’s words of assurance that the “glad tidings” of salvation were for Jew and Gentile alike, brought hope and joy to those who had not been numbered among the children of Abraham according to the flesh. – {Acts of the Apostles 172.3} “When the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.” The congregation having finally broken up, “many of the Jews and religious proselytes,” who had accepted the glad tidings borne to them that day, “followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.” – {Acts of the Apostles 173.1}

Tuesday/Wednesday--------Holy Spirit /Guidance

1. Asking for the Holy Spirit bountifully
2. Quieting the noise of daily life struggles
3. Asking for the ability to hear the Holy Spirit
4. Asking for ability to focus during this fast period
5. Asking to discern the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading
6. Asking for a humbling spirit

**Reading Material**

And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 11:1-13 KJV)

Keep cheerful. Do not forget that you have a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, which Christ has appointed. You are never alone. If you will listen to the voice that now speaks to you, if you will respond without delay to the knocking at the door of your heart, “Come in, Lord Jesus, that I may sup with Thee, and Thee with me,” the heavenly Guest will enter. When this element, which is all divine, abides with you, there is peace and rest. [3] – {The Adventist Home 350.3}

He who desires to rise to true greatness must walk humbly before God, not with a forced humility, but with a genuine sense of his own inefficiency and of God’s greatness. He is to strive earnestly to make the soul temple a place where God delights to dwell. – {A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education 46.4} He whose heart God touches is filled with a great love for those who have never heard the truth. Their condition impresses him with a sense of personal woe. Taking his life in his hand, he hurries away, a God-sent, God-inspired messenger, to do a work in which angels can co-operate.—Manuscript 73, 1901. – {A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education 46.5}

Thursday/Friday---------Petition/goal

1. Presenting our concern for lack of Seventh Day Adventist Educational Institution in our community
2. Stating the lack of motivation on (our) part {which includes Adventist parents in our community refusing/ unable to partake in Seventh Day Adventist Christian Education for our children}
3. Asking for the Holy Spirit to prepare (our) (Adventist parents in our community) heart to receive the truth/relevance of Christian Education, and to remove all resistance/stumbling block from our life’s and heart.

**Reading Material**

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; (Proverbs 2:6-12 KJV)

Provide Schools for Small Churches—Many families, who, for the purpose of educating their children, move to places where our large schools are established, would do better service for the Master by remaining where they are. They should encourage the church of which they are members to establish a church school where the children within their borders could receive an all-round, practical Christian education. It would be vastly better for their children, for themselves, and for the cause of God, if they would remain in the smaller churches, where their help is needed, instead of going to the larger churches, where, because they are not needed, there is a constant temptation to fall into spiritual inactivity. – {Child Guidance 307.1} Wherever there are a few Sabbathkeepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries. Let teachers be employed who will give a thorough education in the common branches, the Bible being made the foundation and the life of all study. [9] – {Child Guidance 307.2}

Saturday/Sunday------------Petition/Goal

1. Presenting Greater Albany SDA and School/ our purpose for the school
2. Asking for guidance on how to revive the school and use it to God’s benefit
3. If Greater Albany SDA School is not available, where should we go, or how should we establish a school building for our children.
4. Should we just focus on an establishment or homeschooling our children

**Reading Material**

For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death. (Psalms 48:14 KJV)

A knowledge of the truth depends not so much upon strength of intellect as upon pureness of purpose, the simplicity of an earnest, dependent faith. To those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance, angels of God draw near. The Holy Spirit is given to open to them the rich treasures of the truth. – {Christ Object Lessons 59.3}

Monday/Tuesday------------Standing on God’s Promises/Thanksgiving

1. Presenting the promises found in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy concerning our children’s education
2. Asking God for Faith to believe in obtaining his promises
3. Thanking God for the work he has began in us and others whom He shall put in our path to lead us to His Purpose and Goal
4. Asking for courage and Strength to overcome all obstacles
5. Asking for order/ discipline/wisdom/understanding and motivation
6. The ability to continue to petition in prayer
7. Asking God to remove SELF and PASSION.

**Reading Material**

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:18-26 KJV)

Let all things be done decently and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:40 KJV)

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, He sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. (Hebrews 6:10-15 KJV)

By His humanity, Christ touched humanity; by His divinity, He lays hold upon the throne of God. As the Son of man, He gave us an example of obedience; as the Son of God, He gives us power to obey. It was Christ who from the bush on Mount Horeb spoke to Moses saying, “I AM THAT I AM.... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” Exodus 3:14. This was the pledge of Israel’s deliverance. So when He came “in the likeness of men,” He declared Himself the I AM. The Child of Bethlehem, the meek and lowly Saviour, is God “manifest in the flesh.” 1 Timothy 3:16. And to us He says: “I AM the Good Shepherd.” “I AM the living Bread.” “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.” John 10:11; 6:51; 14:6; Matthew 28:18. I AM the assurance of every promise. I AM; be not afraid. “God with us” is the surety of our deliverance from sin, the assurance of our power to obey the law of heaven. – {The Desire of Ages 24.3}

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