

**Join us the 3rd Sunday of every month in the  
School of Prayer at the NEC Office**

**10 am - 1pm**

Prayer Leader's Section

November 7, 2015

45<sup>th</sup> Sabbath

Pray for Your Children

Samuel, the mighty man of God and Intercessor in Israel, was the product of his mother's prayers. Hannah is a memorable example of the nature and benefits of persistent praying.

Samuel came into this world and was given life in direct answer to prayer. He was born of a praying mother whose heart was full of earnest desire for a son. He came into life under prayer surroundings, and his first months in this world were spent in direct contact with a woman who knew how to pray. It was a prayer accompanied by a solemn vow that if he would be given he would be 'lent unto the Lord,' (1 Samuel 1:11).

Would you have one or more of your children called early into divine service and separated from the world unto God? Would you have them so situated that they will be called in childhood by the Spirit of God? Put them under prayer influences. Place them near to and directly under the influence of the person of God and in close touch with that house that is called the house of prayer. Do we want praying young people in our churches? We must have praying mothers to give them birth, praying homes to flavor their lives, and praying surroundings to impress their minds and to lay the foundations for praying lives. Praying Samuels come from praying Hannahs.

Prayer focus:

Pray for mothers, grandmothers, guardians and caregivers.

Sabbath Prayer Focus:

The Influence of the Mother

1 Samuel 1: 26,27

And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him.

Mother's Influence Reaches Into Eternity

The sphere of the mother may be humble; but her influence, united with the father's, is as abiding as eternity. Next to God, the mother's power for good is the strongest known on earth. Ellen G. White, *Adventist Home*, p. 240

The World's Debt to Mothers

The day of God will reveal how much the world owes to godly mothers for men who have been unflinching advocates of truth and reform—men who have been bold to do and dare, who have stood unshaken amid trials and temptations; men who chose the high and holy interests of truth and the glory of God before worldly honor or life itself. Ellen G. White, *Adventist Home*, p. 243



Moderator  
Sis. Ingrid Durham

**Join us tomorrow in the School of Prayer at  
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Prayer Leader's Section:

November 14, 2015

46<sup>th</sup> Sabbath

Holy Ground

Put off thy shoes from of thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:5

Most of us when we picture God's call, think of something dramatic, revolutionary, and startling. The scene on the road to Damascus at once comes up. We see the great light in the sky; we hear the voice from heaven; we picture the revolutionizing effect of it all upon the great Apostle to the Gentiles. But we forget the great number of men [and women] to whom God's call came when they stood upon the holy ground of their every-day life and service.

"Put off thy shoes from of thy feet"

What does that mean? Simply this. Cease treating the daily round of your life as a common thing. It is holy ground. Every day is aflame with the presence of God, even though your blinded eyes fail to recognize it. Every golden hour is a tiny square in the mosaic of God's beautiful pattern for your life. Every opportunity is a holy chance to win a soul from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love. Every distress and necessity is but a new lesson in the matchless school of patience, teaching you how to "stay under" the hand of the skilled Potter who is fashioning you as a vessel of honor and glory for all eternity. Every pang of suffering is a golden milestone which marks your progress from the doing of the desires of the flesh, into the broad and boundless place of the will of God, whose length, breadth, height, and depth it will take all time to reveal, and all eternity to fulfill to its uttermost.

Prayer focus:

Pray trusting it is the will of God to use us to win souls for Him today.

Sabbath Prayer Focus:

Women in Ministry

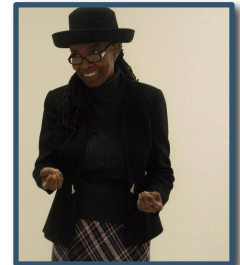
Acts 1: 13, 14

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

It is not right for you to suppose that I am striving to be first, striving for leadership.... I want it to be understood that I have no ambition to have the name of leader, or any other name that may be given me, except that of a messenger of God. I claim no other name or position. My life and works speak for themselves. Ellen G. White, 5 Manuscript Release, p. 439.

All who desire an opportunity for true ministry, and who will give themselves unreservedly to God, will find . . . opportunities to speak upon many things pertaining to the future, immortal life. The experience thus gained will be of the greatest value to those who are fitting themselves for the ministry. It is the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit of God that prepares workers, both men and women, to become pastors to the flock of God. Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 322.



Moderator and MM  
Sis. June Powell

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November 21, 2015

47<sup>th</sup> Sabbath

In Ho Oh

On the evening of April 25, 1958, In Ho Oh, a young Korean exchange student in Philadelphia, walked to the corner to post a letter to his family in Pusan. Turning from the mailbox, he stepped into the path of eleven leather-jacketed teens. The boys attacked him with a lead pipe, a pop bottle, and their fists. They wanted, they later said, 65 cents each to get into a dance. In Ho Oh had no money. When the police found him in the gutter, he was dead.

Philadelphia cried out for vengeance. The district attorney secured legal authority to try the boys as adults so they'd qualify for the death penalty. Then a letter arrived from Korea that changed everything. It was signed by the parents and 20 other relatives of the murdered boy. It read in part: "Our family has met together and we have decided to petition that the most generous treatment possible within the laws of your government be given to those who have committed this criminal action. . . . In order to give evidence of our sincere hope contained in this petition, we have decided to save money to start a fund to be used for the religious, educational, vocational, and social guidance of the boys when they are released. . . . We have dared to express our hope with a spirit received from the gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ who died for our sins."

The epitaph on In Ho Oh's tombstone in a Philadelphia cemetery, composed by his family, reads, "To turn sorrow into Christian purpose."

What tremendous power there is in forgiveness!

Prayer focus:

For all of God's children to commit to practicing forgiveness of old grievances, and the healing of old wounds.

Adapted from: Loren Seibold, "The Power of Forgiveness." Signs of the Times, November, 2008.

Sabbath Prayer Focus:

Forgiveness

Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

That prayer of Christ for His enemies embraced the world. It took in every sinner that had lived or should live, from the beginning of the world to the end of time. Upon all rests the guilt of crucifying the Son of God. To all, forgiveness is freely offered. "Whosoever will" may have peace with God, and inherit eternal life. Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 745.

After completing the Lord's Prayer, Jesus added: "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." He who is unforgiving cuts off the very channel through which alone he can receive mercy from God. We should not think that unless those who have injured us confess the wrong we are justified in withholding from them our forgiveness. It is their part, no doubt, to humble their hearts by repentance and confession; but we are to have a spirit of compassion toward those who have trespassed against us, whether or not they confess their faults. However sorely they may have wounded us, we are not to cherish our grievances and sympathize with ourselves over our injuries; but as we hope to be pardoned for our offenses against God we are to pardon all who have done evil to us. Ellen G. White, *Prayer*, p. 297.



Singing Evangelist Eld. Earl Edwards

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Prayer Leader's Section:

November 28, 2015

**48<sup>th</sup> Sabbath**

### Abraham's Example In Prayer

Abraham, the friend of God and father of the faithful, was a prince and a priest in prayer. he had remarkable influence with God. God stays His vengeance while Abraham prays. His mercy is suspended and conditioned on Abraham's praying. His visitations of wrath are removed by the praying of this ruler in Israel.

The movements of God are influenced by the prayers of Abraham. Abraham's righteous prayerfulness permits him to share the secrets of God's counsels, while the knowledge of these secrets draws out and intensifies his praying. With Abraham, the altar of sacrifice is hard by the altar of prayer. With him the altar of prayer sanctifies the altar of sacrifice. To Abimelech God said [Abraham] is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live." (Genesis 20:7).

Prayer [then], is the medium of divine revelation. It is through prayer that God reveals Himself to the spiritual soul today - just as in the Old Testament days He made His revelations known to the people who prayed. God shows Himself to the person who prays. "God is with thee in all that thou doest," (Genesis 21: 22). This was the clear conviction with those who would gladly make a covenant with Abraham. The reason for this tribute was the belief commonly held concerning the patriarch. They believed that he was not only a man of prayer, but a man whose prayers God would answer.

Prayer focus:

That we would develop a consistent prayer life as did Abraham.

E.M. Bounds, The Classic Collection on Prayer, p. 429-430

### Sabbath Prayer Focus:

Genesis 12:4,8

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. . . . And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

### Becoming A Friend of God

The man who is fully sensible that he is in the service of Jesus Christ, will aspire for the friendship of God. He will lie low before God, that he may be nothing, and God everything. Such a man is a copartner with Christ . . . . If he proves himself circumspect, he is prepared for any position, according to his experience and qualifications. Let the churches understand that such a man is to be trusted and sustained. Ellen G. White, Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 328.



C.D. and Walterene Brooks soon  
after  
their wedding in 1952

Abraham, "the friend of God," set us a worthy example. His was a life of prayer. Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was set up his altar, calling all within his encampment to the morning and evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. In following years, there were those among the roving Canaanites who received instruction from Abraham; and whenever one of these came to that altar, he knew who had been there before him; and when he had pitched his tent, he repaired the altar, and there worshiped the living God. Ellen G. White, Patriarch's and Prophets 128.