



**October**  
*Prayer & Fasting*  
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## Leader Guide (October 22-28)

### What We Are Praying For

During the month of October we will be praying for the following seven prayer topics on a rotating, cyclic basis:

1. That God will lead His people into true repentance for sin.
2. That our children may be prepared to stand alone for truth.
3. That our local churches may experience Biblical unity.
4. That God will lead truth seekers to our local churches.
5. That God will guide church leaders with discernment and wisdom.
6. That God will direct the decisions and actions of political leaders.
7. That God will prepare His people to receive the latter rain and the seal of God.

### This Week's Prayers and Scripture Readings

Date	Scripture Reading	Prayer Focus
October 22	2 Corinthians 6:2	Prayer for urgency in repenting of our sins.
October 23	Hebrews 11:17-19	Prayer that our children serve and obey God like Isaac.
October 24	Matthew 18:15-17	Prayer that sin and grievances will be dealt with in a Biblical way.
October 25	Jeremiah 3:14	Prayer for former Seventh-day Adventists.
October 26	Isaiah 55:8-9	Prayer for educational and health leaders.
October 27	Daniel 2:1-12	Prayer for leaders of world organizations.
October 28	Revelation 7:1-3	Prayer that God will seal His people.

*Complete schedules by date and by topic are available to view and download at [www.PrayFastNow.com](http://www.PrayFastNow.com).*

## October 22

- Prayer Topic** That God will lead His people into true repentance for sin.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer for urgency in repenting of our sins.
- Scripture Reading** “For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- Devotional Thought** The Bible consistently presents the urgency of confessing our sins and turning toward God. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah made the same point when he wrote, “Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near” (Isaiah 55:6). We are often painfully reminded of the fact that we are not guaranteed another day of life past the one we are living today. However, the devil would have us believe, or at least act, as if we have all of eternity to seek the Lord and surrender our life to Him. Pray today that God will give you, and all of God’s people, urgency in repenting of our sins and in seeking Him.
- Prayer Promise** “Prayer is the strength of the Christian. When alone, he is not alone; he feels the presence of the One who said, ‘Lo, I am with you always’” (*My Life Today*, p. 158).

## October 23

- Prayer Topic** That our children may be prepared to stand alone for truth.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer that our children serve and obey God like Isaac.
- Scripture Reading** “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure” (Hebrews 11:17-19).
- Devotional Thought** We often speak of Abraham’s great faith and obedience in offering his son Isaac to be killed as a sacrifice. However, Isaac shared in his father’s faith and obedience. This young man, in the prime of his physical strength, could have easily escaped from Abraham’s grip and saved himself from death. But Isaac had been raised to love and serve God, and when the time of test and trial came, Isaac was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in order for God to fulfill His purposes. Pray today that our children will share in Isaac’s spirit of faith and obedience. Pray today that we as parents, extended family members, and friends, will follow God’s leading to raise our children to love and serve God.
- Prayer Promise** “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” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 94).

## October 24

- Prayer Topic** That our local churches may experience Biblical unity.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer that sin and grievances will be dealt with in a Biblical way.
- Scripture Reading** “Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican” (Matthew 18:15-17).
- Devotional Thought** One of the great challenges facing Christians is to deal with conflicts and disagreements in a Biblical way. Unresolved disputes between Christian brothers and sisters can also come negatively affect our relationship with God. Jesus said, “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and to thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift” (Matthew 5:23-24). Pray today that God will remind you of unresolved conflicts that may need to be resolved, and that He will guide you to a Biblical resolution of those conflicts.
- Prayer Promise** “Prayer from a sincere heart ascends as incense before the Lord” (*S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 6, p. 1059).

## October 25

- Prayer Topic** That God will lead truth seekers to our local churches.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer for former Seventh-day Adventists.
- Scripture Reading** “Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion” (Jeremiah 3:14).
- Devotional Thought** Our prayer today is for former Seventh-day Adventists who have given up their faith, or who have stopped actively participating in the life of the church. Many factors and influences can draw people away from Christ and away from truth. However, only one Power can draw them back, and that is the Holy Spirit working in their lives. The Bible is full of beautiful promises expressing God’s desire to bring back those who have strayed from their love and allegiance to Him. The Old Testament closes with one of the most powerful of these promises: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6). Pray today that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully in the lives, hearts, and minds of former and inactive Seventh-day Adventists. Pray that they will renew their commitment to Christ through acceptance of, and obedience to, His truth.
- Prayer Promise** “If we keep the Lord ever before us, ...we shall have a continual freshness in our religious life. Our prayers will take the form of a conversation with God as we would talk with a friend” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 129).

## October 26

- Prayer Topic** That God will guide church leaders with discernment and wisdom.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer for educational and health leaders.
- Scripture Reading** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).
- Devotional Thought** Today we pray for leaders of our church’s educational and health institutions. Those in these positions carry heavy responsibilities as they deal with many challenging situations. Human nature inevitably leads us to find solutions and work in ways that rely on human wisdom and human strength. But the only hope of true success in God’s work comes from seeking God’s wisdom and relying on His power. “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6). Pray today that leaders of our church’s educational and health institutions will seek and follow God’s leading, and rely on His wisdom and power.
- Prayer Promise** “The way to the throne of God is always open. You cannot always be on your knees in prayer, but our silent petitions may constantly ascend to God for strength and guidance. When tempted, as you will be, you may flee to the secret place of the Most High. His everlasting arms will be underneath you” (*Counsels on Health*, p. 362).

## October 27

- Prayer Topic** That God will direct the decisions and actions of political leaders.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer for leaders of world organizations.
- Scripture Reading** “The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king’s matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh” (Daniel 2:10-11).
- Devotional Thought** The leaders of our world’s largest organizations often work closely with business, governmental, scientific, and religious entities to search for answers to the multiple crises that affect all nations. The Chaldeans in ancient Babylon finally admitted to King Nebuchadnezzar that they could not solve the challenge he had given them. In the same way, human leaders today often come to the conclusion that there is no solution to the issues and problems facing humanity. Pray today for the leaders of world organizations that they will recognize God’s existence, submit to His authority, and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s efforts to lead their decisions.
- Prayer Promise** “Pray in your closet, and as you go about your daily labor let your heart be often uplifted to God. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. These silent prayers rise like precious incense before the throne of grace. Satan cannot overcome him whose heart is thus stayed upon God” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 98).

## **October 28**

- Prayer Topic** That God will prepare His people to receive the latter rain and the seal of God.
- Prayer Focus** Prayer that God will seal His people.
- Scripture Reading** “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the tree, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” (Revelation 7:1-3).
- Devotional Thought** Shortly before He was arrested, Jesus prayed for God’s protection of the disciples. “I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil” (John 17:14). God does not promise to keep us from all trials and troubles, but He does assure us that He can sustain and preserve us through those trials. “Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming” (Manuscript 173, 1902; 4BC 1161.6). Pray today that God will settle you, your family, and your church into the truth, so that you cannot be shaken.
- Prayer Promise** “The simple prayers indited by the Holy Spirit will ascend through the gates ajar, the open door which Christ has declared; I have opened, and no man can shut. These prayers, mingled with the incense of the perfection of Christ, will ascend as fragrance to the Father, and answers will come” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6. p. 467).