



Day 1

Earnest Intercession / Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:14-15).

“Therefore He [Jesus] is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us” (Romans 8:26, 27).

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication” (Zechariah 12:10).

“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... And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:23, 28-29).

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

Near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest “in the time of the latter rain.” In response, “the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.” “He will cause to come down ... the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain,” (Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:23; *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 55).

Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power. As they go forth to the day’s duties, they have the assurance that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit enables them to be “laborers together with God” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 56).

Intercession Focus – *Outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the following people:

- church leaders
- parents
- children/youth
- teachers
- pastors
- missionaries



Leader's Guide

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Suggested Plan for *Earnest Intercession / Outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

- **Introduction - 10 Minutes:**
 - Explain general guidelines for united prayer based on suggestions found in United Prayer Guidelines (available on www.revivalandreformation.org).
 - Introduce the day's prayer topic of earnest intercession and the latter rain.

United Prayer Time

- **Praise - 10 Minutes (based on first three scriptures):**
 - Praise God for being a prayer answering God. Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
 - Praise Jesus for interceding for us.
 - Praise the Holy Spirit for making our prayers acceptable to God
- **Confession –5 Minutes:**
 - Have people spend 3 minutes in silent prayer and confession. Have them specifically ask God what they need to confess and how their lack of prayer has hurt their faith.
 - Spend two minutes of corporate confession asking forgiveness for our corporate sins such as lack of prayer, grieving the Holy Spirit, pride.
- **Supplication – 30 Minutes:**
 - Pray for God to **teach us how to pray** for the Holy Spirit.
 - Plead for God to **reveal Himself to your church** through this 10-days of prayer.
 - Claim the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit** promised in God's Word, especially praying for the individuals/groups listed below:
 - Church leaders
 - Parents
 - Children/Youth
 - Teachers
 - Pastors
 - Missionaries
- **Praise - 5 Minutes:**
 - Thank God for what He is doing and how He is teaching us to pray.

Intercession Cards: Give each person five 3x5 cards at the end of the program. Ask them to take them home and pray about which five people God wants them to specifically intercede for during the ten days of prayer. Have them write each person's name on a 3x5 card, along with a short description of the prayer need, and bring the cards to tomorrow's prayer time. They may write their own names on the cards too if they like.

Suggested Songs to Use: Come, Holy Spirit, I need you; Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me (*SDA Hymnal* p. 672); Father, I Adore You; Breathe on Me, Breath of God, (*SDA Hymnal* p. 265); Sweet, Sweet Spirit (*SDA Hymnal* p. 262).