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"Lord Transform Me"

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PRAYER: THE HAND THAT MOVES GOD



On two occasions within the last month, when I offered to pray for the individuals with whom I was counseling, they expressed

appreciation for my prayers, stating that they simply were unable to pray for themselves due to the emotional state of being. As I reflect on these persons' inability to pray, a state that others may be facing, I wish to share that though our experiences may differ and the intensity of our problems may vary, God cares and loves to be a part of our lives through prayer. So, talk to Him!

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God says, "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I would hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land." It is absolutely amazing that the great God of this universe is very much interested in speaking with us. He desires that we have an intimate relationship with Him. His desire is that we never stray too far away.

E. M. Bounds, in his book on prayer, reminds us that "God can do every and anything, but He will do nothing unless we pray." Also, in her powerful book "Steps to Christ," Ellen G. White states, "Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children."

Here are a few suggestions for cultivating a meaningful prayer life:

1. Be willing to give up everything that is not in harmony with God.
2. Mingle praise, gratitude, and thanksgiving in all your prayers.
3. Be willing to be led into oneness with the mind of Christ.
4. Find a quiet place to commune with Him.
5. Pray aloud where only God can hear you.
6. Record God's answers and rehearse His blessings.

As we stay connected to Him, transformation of character and lifestyle will follow. Let us pray much, for prayer is the hand that moves God. -Pastor Leonardo Rahming, Johnson Park and Gambier Seventh-day Adventist Churches

WEEK OF PRAYER READING -MISSION ACCOMPLISHED-

Centuries have passed since the apostles rested from their labors, but the history of their toils and sacrifices for Christ's sake is still among the most precious treasures of the church. This history, written under the direction of the Holy Spirit, was recorded in order that by it the followers of Christ in every age might be impelled to greater zeal and earnestness in the cause of the Savior.

First-Generation Witnesses

The commission that Christ gave to the disciples, they fulfilled. As these messengers of the cross went forth to proclaim the gospel, there was such a revelation of the glory of God as had never before been witnessed by mortal man. By the cooperation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was the gospel carried in a single generation.

Glorious were the results that attended the ministry of the chosen apostles of Christ. At the beginning of their ministry some of them were unlearned men, but their consecration to the cause of their Master was unreserved, and under His instruction they gained a preparation for the great work committed to them. . . . Their lives were hid with Christ in God, and self was lost sight of, submerged in the depths of infinite love.

The disciples were men who knew how to speak and pray sincerely, men who could take hold of the might of the Strength of Israel. How closely they stood by the side of God, and bound their personal honor to His throne! Jehovah was their God. His honor was their honor. His truth was their truth. Any attack made upon the gospel was as if cutting deep into their souls, and with every power of their being they battled for the cause of Christ. They could hold forth the Word of life because they had received the heavenly anointing.

They expected much, and therefore they attempted much. Christ had revealed Himself to them, and to Him they looked for guidance. Their understanding of truth and their power to withstand opposition were proportionate to their conformity to God's will. 8.5 As they proclaimed the completeness of Christ, the risen Savior, their words moved hearts, and men and women were won to the gospel. . . . Not in their own power did the apostles accomplish their mission, but in the power of the living God. Their work was not easy. The opening labors of the Christian church were attended by hardship and bitter grief. In their work the disciples constantly encountered privation, calumny, and persecution; but they counted not their lives dear unto themselves and

rejoiced that they were called to suffer for Christ. . . .

A Firm Foundation

Upon the foundation that Christ Himself had laid, the apostles built the church of God. In the Scriptures the figure of the erection of a temple is frequently used to illustrate the building of the church. . . . Writing of the building of this temple, Peter says, "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:4, 5).*

In the quarry of the Jewish and the Gentile world the apostles labored, bringing out stones to lay upon the foundation. In his letter to the believers at Ephesus, Paul said, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22). . . .

The apostles built upon a sure foundation, even the Rock of Ages. To this foundation they brought the stones that they quarried from the world. Not without hindrance did the builders labor. Their work was made exceedingly difficult by the opposition of the enemies of Christ. . . .

Fierce Persecution

One after another the foremost of the builders fell by the hand of the enemy. Stephen was stoned; James was slain by the sword; Paul was beheaded; Peter was crucified; John was exiled. Yet the church grew.

Centuries of fierce persecution followed the establishment of the Christian church, but there were never wanting men who counted the work of building God's temple dearer than life itself. . . . The enemy of righteousness left nothing undone in his effort to stop the work committed to the Lord's builders. . . . (Excerpt) By Ellen G. White
Kindly refer to the conference's website for the continuation of today's Week of Prayer Reading.

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for November 13 - 19, 2016 is: **Tarpum Bay and Rock Sound Churches in the South Bahamas Conference.** Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

ASI TO RELAUNCH

The South Bahamas Conference will relaunch the Adventist Services and Laymen's Institute (ASI) at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. We encourage all our businesspersons and other interested members to attend this most important revival. Pastor Leon Wellington, Vice President of the Inter-American Division will be in attendance. - *Pastor Paul Scavella, President*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

1. The South Bahamas Conference's *State of the Conference* weekend will be held during the visit of the world famous Aeolians, of Oakwood University. The *State of the Conference* will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. The first of three workshops will begin after the service.

The Aeolians choir will be featured in two concerts. The first one will be at the Balmoral Resort on Saturday evening, January 7, 2017. The second concert will be held at the Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomatic Centre on Sunday evening, January 8, 2017.

The proceeds from these concerts will go toward the new South Bahamas Conference multipurpose building and part proceeds to assist with ongoing efforts for victims of Hurricane Matthew.

The Saturday evening event will be limited to 200 persons, and the second event will accommodate over one thousand persons. Begin to put funds aside for this once in a lifetime event in our conference. Tickets will be available for sale by November 12, 2016.

Adventist businesspersons willing to further support this effort with an ad for the concert booklet may contact us at the conference office for further details.

2. The ingathering program is launched in our churches today (November 12, 2016). We pray for a rich harvest as we all put our hands to the plough.

3. Are you preparing your will or trust and would like to include God's church in the same? Give us a call and speak with Elder Anthony Burrows who will give guidance. He will also advise you on competent Adventist lawyers who are willing to assist you in this area of stewardship. Please call 341-4021. - *Pastor Paul Scavella, President*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The new numbers for Bahamas Academy are:
Early Learning Centre - 698-0190
Secondary Division - 361-0186
Elementary Division - 361-0125
Business Office - 361-7324
- *Office of Education*

RETIRES ONLY

The final meeting of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees Association will be held at the Conference Office on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The main items on the agenda will be the election of officers and amendments to the association's constitution. All members of SoBCRA are requested to attend this important meeting. - *Dr. John Carey, President of SoBCRA*

URGENT!!

The following persons are asked to make immediate contact with either Mrs. Charlisa Cash, Mr. Dwight Brown, or Mrs. Kimberly Bryan at the conference office:

1. Amy Gay
2. Willy Dorcil
3. Wendell R. McMillan
4. Edna Ijeoma
5. Erskine Oliver
6. Darren A. Evans
7. Brunette Fleuranvil
8. Jean- Robert Loudior
9. Rosemarie Ferrer
10. Beverley Armbrister
11. Florita Greene
12. Mizpah Wallace
13. Dolne Robinson
14. Donna Ash
15. Sheila Hepburn

UCHEE PINES WELLNESS SEMINAR- MARCH 2017

All persons interested in travelling to Uchee Pines in Seale, Alabama for a week of Wellness Seminar (at a nominal cost) may contact Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or Lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com. To reserve your accommodation, kindly submit your downpayment to the South Bahamas Conference office by Monday, November 28, 2016 at 4:59 p.m. Ask for Mr. Dwight Brown. - *Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix*

FUN, RUN, WALK

Join us on Sunday, November 13, at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. The route is: Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can. Let's keep moving! - *Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

HEALTH SYMPOSIUM AT BETHANY

Bethany Health Ministries Department will hold a health symposium, under the theme, "Faith in Wellness", on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, located in North Westridge. Join us as we share information that will help improve your health and wellbeing. - *Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix*

URGENT MEETING

All musicians in the South Bahamas Conference are asked to meet with Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright for an important meeting. The meeting will be held at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, November 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. - *Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright, Music Director*

MINI EXPO AT NEW PROVIDENCE

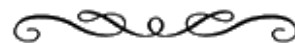
The New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold a mini expo on Sunday, November 13, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Kindly bring your family to the expo and have a great time as you view the work that the Lord has inspired His people to do. - *Sister Maureen Reid, Community Services Leader; New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The fourth quarter out-reach for Women's Ministries will concentrate its effort on the North Andros Community to help send relief to not just our members, but all those who were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Zone 4 is spearheading this initiative and the churches are: Grant's Town, Redemption, Maranatha, Ebenezer, Philadelphia, Adelaide, Exuma, San Salvador and Inagua.

Please feel free to contact the Women's Ministries local leader in any of these churches if you have items you wish to contribute. - *Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director*



YOUTH TIDBITS

Youth Ministries Calendar Dates

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming event from the Youth Ministries Department. **April 11 - 16, 2017:** Inter-American Division Pathfinder Camporee, Dominican Republic, Application forms are available at <http://www.southbahamasconference.org/youth.php>. - *Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director*

CHAM NOTES



CHAM Calendar for the Remainder of 2016

November 12: In the morning, CHAM Day will be celebrated in all churches.

November 12: In the afternoon at 4 o'clock, we will have our joint Children and Adolescent "Agape Praise" at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church. Parents are kindly asked to support the relief effort of our children to Lowe Sound, North Andros. Your CHAM leader will share more on this at your church. **Please bring the entire family out for the annual Agape Praise this afternoon.** Our moderator is Elder Curtis Bryan.

November 20: CHAM Fun Day at the Breath of Life Church Grounds from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.

November 28 - December 3: CHAM Stewardship Week. - *Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
NOVEMBER 19, 2016 AT 5:21 P.M.**

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>
Email: logos@sbcadventist.com
Have a blessed Sabbath!

