



Central States Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists®



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2018 eWeek of Prayer
PACKET & MANUAL

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2018 eWeek of prayer, a one of a kind week of prayer experience. This will be our last hurrah as we wrap up the year and close out our theme “Back 2 Basics.” The following packet will walk you through the eWeek of Prayer format and process. Also, included are five study guides for group discussion or personal reflection.

What is an eWeek of Prayer?

This is a week of prayer that is done via the Internet. It is intended to reach every church in the Central States Conference territory.

When will it take place?

The week of prayer is scheduled for Nov 11-17, 2018. We will begin every evening except for Thursday at 7pm CST. Those in the RMAY Federation or outside of the CST zone can start at seven their time using the playback. The week will culminate at the CAY Fall Federation on Sabbath morning and will tie the entire week together. All other churches/federations are welcomed to rebroadcast the Sabbath morning for AYM that evening. You can join at <https://www.csayya.org/projects-initiatives-1> or <http://linwoodtemple.churchonline.org/>

Who is the eWeek of Prayer for?

This week of prayer intended for all Central States youth and young adults, but is open to the entire church.

What’s the format?

The eWeek of Prayer is a combination of viewing and participation. It will be comprised of the following

Short Song Service – 7:00PM

You are welcomed to join in for the song service or to host your own. We recommend one song and the “Heart of Worship as the opening song.

Sermonette – 7:10PM

The preaching will start no later than 7:10. Please make sure that your stream is live by 7:07 the latest. The message will last about 15 minutes.

Discussion/Small Groups – 7:30PM

Right after the message you will move into a time of discussion. This is to be done at each location. You can choose how to divide up the room. It is strongly suggested that you do what you can to mix it up from night to night.

Prayer – 7:55PM

The time of prayer will be directed by the topic and conclusions reached that night through discussion. While specific prayers will be provided. You are welcome to adjust to fit your context.

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I am looking forward to a great week and a mighty move of God in the live of all of youth and young adults during this program. Please pray that we have optimum participation.

Note: this program is not meant to be done at home individually. If the church cannot facilitate the program please consider hosting a viewing and small group in your home or at a members home.



EXILED – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a situation in which you felt like an exile. How did you react to this feeling?
2. How does the idea of being an exile affect your thoughts about who you are or why you exist?
3. In your own words, what is “identity”?
4. What are some of the “false” identities that people around you cling to? Why is it important to know what your identity is?
5. What is dangerous about finding your identity in something that can change or be taken away?
6. How can you find your true identity in the middle of an exile experience?
7. List in your journal or in a note on your phone/tablet some ways that you can purpose in your heart like Daniel not to defile yourself or jeopardize experiencing God’s favor.

Prayer Focus – Pray that God will help you to find your identity in Him. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to help you combat the pressures of the world to define you.

Remember God made you in his image (Gen1:27) and has redeemed you to himself (Eph 1:5) so that you can be his child (John 1:12), Therefore, do not allow for the world around you to determine who you are. Find your identity in Christ!

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BREAK THE CYCLE – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some generational curses that you believe you have experienced or are experiencing in your personal life?
2. Read Romans 5: 18. How does Paul’s assertion here address the issue of generational curses?
3. What are some ways that we can say “yes” to God and “no” to the cycles that keep us bound?
4. Can churches experience generational curses? If so, do you recognize any in your church?
5. What can be done within the church to address the church’s “generational curses”?

Prayer Focus – Let’s pray for God to break the cycles in our lives and in the church.

Overcoming during exile means not only fighting the forces without, but also the forces within. The good news is that the power to overcome both is provided for us through Jesus Christ. The only thing left for us to do is say yes.

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GOD DREAMS FOR YOU – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever really thought about how God intricately knit you together before you were even born? How does that make you feel?
2. Do you honestly believe that God has a purpose for you? What is it like when His plans come into conflict with your own?
3. Is it hard for you to commit to following God's purpose for your life? Why or why not?
4. What does each individual person's purpose mean for the church? For the world?
5. What do you think is unhealthy or maybe healthy about comparing God's dream for your life with that of other believers?
6. How can you begin to follow God's purpose for your life if you don't know exactly what it is?

Prayer Focus - Pray about God's dreams for your life and his church. Pray that will be able to discern that dream(s) and fulfill them.

God has a dream for your life; a path for you to walk and a purpose to fulfill. He does not discriminate like others but regards all the same, as His children who He wants to save. Not only does He have dreams for us, but gives us what we need to make that dream come through. It is time to start dreaming God dreams.

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SEEK & FIND – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things that the world around us tells to do if we want to find our purpose? Have any of these worked for you?
2. When we are trying to understand God’s dreams for our lives it is important that we do not rely on others. How is this different from what Daniel does when he consults with his friends “the three Hebrew boys”?
3. What is it like when you can hear God’s voice clearly? What is it like when you cannot?
4. What are some things we can do to learn to trust God whether we hear him clearly or not?
5. In the story of the rich young ruler Jesus tells him to “follow him.” The idea of “Follow me” can be very abstract. What are some ways that we can follow?
6. In what area of life are you most tempted to settle for mediocrity when God is asking you to kick it up a notch and experience more of what he has planned for you

Prayer Focus – Lets pray for wisdom from God, for a spirit of discernment, and God to make himself real to us

God promises that those who seek Him will find Him. Pray each day about God’s purpose for your life. Ask that the Lord grant wisdom and understanding not only for the big dream, but also for the day-to-day decisions that need to be made!

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A DESIRED END – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When God gave Daniel the interpretation of the dream, what did Daniel do (Dan 2:19-23)? How is Daniel's reaction an example of how we should react when God answers our prayers?
2. Has God had to give you a reality check lately? How so?
3. When you consider that the world will actually end at some point, how does that make you feel?
4. Does the story of Daniel and his friends up to this point give us any clues on how we can be prepared for the second coming? What are they?
5. How does focusing on the end help us to stay on course? Give an example of where you have experienced this in your life.

Prayer Focus – Let's pray that God will help us to make the second coming of Christ our main focus, that we will be made ready, and that we will fulfill our part in bringing about the coming of Jesus.

It is easy to get caught up in a false reality; believing that the world around us is doing better than it really is. We should always remember that with all that we have accomplished as humans, there is but so much we can do to conquer the greatest obstacle of all; death. The good news is that the end of that story has already been scripted. And, God will bring about the His desired end.