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10 Days of Prayer in Support of Candidates and Future Candidates

Call & Commitment Month
February 2025

Day 1

Centering Prayer-Uphold me in every endeavour

Abba:

Pour out your Spirit upon my seeking mind and illuminate my path with your wisdom. Seal into my cells the radiance of your love and uphold me in every endeavour, so that I might become the fullest expression of your abundant intention for human life. Your name is “I Am,” so that I might be.

I celebrate the gift of life given each moment in and through the living presence of Christ your Son, who will never leave me or forsake me. Whatever day it is, your Word says it is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. In you I live and move and have my being. *Amen.*

Day 2

Breath Prayer-Based upon Matthew 9:38

Breathe in: Lord of the harvest-

Breathe out: Bring more workers into your harvest field.

Day 3

Read Acts 14:19-20 (Passion Translation)

19 Some of the Jews who had opposed Paul and Barnabas in Antioch and Iconium arrived and stirred up the crowd against them. They

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stoned Paul and dragged his body outside the city and left him for dead. **20** When the believers encircled Paul's body, he miraculously stood up! Paul stood and immediately went back into the city.

In this account in Acts, Paul had been sharing the gospel with Gentiles in Lystra. Then, opposition potentially derailed his ministry. The support of believers made it possible for Paul to then get back to his God-directed ministry.

Likewise, there are people who have at one time in their lives felt a strong call from God to ministry. Then, circumstances of life, whether opposition or something else, waylaid them. Pray that God will stir up afresh His call in these people's hearts. Pray also that you and others will discern the Holy Spirit's call to rally around these people-to encircle them-and make it possible for them to respond to God's call and resume their journeys to ministry.

Day 4

Centering Prayer-The becoming of the world needs me

God Whose Name Is "I Am":

Help me see how the becoming of the world needs me. Tune my heart into the calling that I uniquely am here to receive and embody.

Give inspiration for the days when I feel lost and uncertain how to contribute from the center of my being, in union with the eternal "I Am" that you are. *Amen.*

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Day 5

Read Matthew 9:35-38 (First Nations Version New Testament)

35 Creator Sets Free (Jesus) continued to walk about and visit the villages. He taught in their gathering houses, helped people to understand about Creator's good road, and healed people from every kind of sickness and disease.

36 When he saw the great number of people needing help, he was moved in his spirit with great compassion for them. He knew they were pushed down with no one to help and scattered about like sheep without a shepherd to watch over them.

37 So he said to the ones who walked the road with him, "There is a great harvest in front of us, but only a few to gather it in. **38** Pray to the Great Spirit Chief of the harvest, so he will send out more helpers into the fields."

Considering your village/city and corps/gathering house:

Who would Creator Sets Free (Jesus) be helping right now to understand about God's good road/good news? What are the sicknesses and diseases he would be healing?

Who are the people in your village and gathering house that have spiritual gifts that God might be inviting to help him in these fields? Take opportunities to acknowledge these gifts, and to encourage them to use

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these gifts. Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct others to amplify one another's affirmations for these people.

Day 6

Pray for the local leadership in your corps/ministry unit. Thank God that we are blessed to be a priesthood of believers, and that each of us, whether called to full-time vocational ministry or to a volunteer or leadership role, are *all* called to love and serve others in some way, in Jesus' name, in response to God's great love for us.

Thank God for blessing you with the gifts and skills you have been given.

Might God be inviting you to join him in doing a new thing? Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive such an invitation. Ask for a revelation of this new harvest field in which to engage your gifts in Kingdom work.

Day 7

Pray for the children and young people in your corps and across the territory. Pray their young hearts will already be receptive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit's direction in their lives. Pray that even at a young age, they will begin to discern the spiritual gifts with which God has blessed them, and that the adults and leaders in their lives will also recognize them, and provide age-appropriate opportunities to express these gifts in their school, church, family, and neighbourhood. Pray that

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God will honour these endeavours and raise up a new generation of Officers that are passionate about loving God and loving and serving others.

Day 8

Read Psalm 86:8-12 (Good News Translation)

- 8 There is no god like you, O Lord,
not one has done what you have done.
- 9 All the nations that you have created
will come and bow down to you;
they will praise your greatness.
- 10 You are mighty and do wonderful things;
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do,
and I will obey you faithfully;
teach me to serve you with complete devotion.
- 12 I will praise you with all my heart, O Lord my God;
I will proclaim your greatness forever.

Recognizing that we are *all* created and called to love God and love others, and that some are called to full-time vocational ministry, pray that God keeps the hearts of *all* Christ-followers within our church sensitive to *and expectant of* a call. Pray that we will be obedient to these calls-especially if it is a call we neither expected nor for which we feel particularly well-equipped, and to serve God with complete devotion.

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Day 9

Pray for the Candidates across the territory that are journeying toward full-time vocation ministry. Holy Spirit, give them direction and give them peace and comfort on their way. Pray for the leaders who are supporting them, and for the College for Officer Training officers and staff who are providing the formation of current Cadets. Pray for the current Cadet session, that their joy for mission and ministry will inspire others to give a “yes” that they have not yet been ready to give.

Day 10

Listen to The Porter’s Gate sing *Do With It What You Will*:

https://youtu.be/Up6xGF3RzJ8?si=J1aC_wm7_O6A6z_I

Make these lyrics your prayer today:

*I will take my daily cross
Every step of the journey
I will bear it for your sake
Do with it what you will*

*I lift it up, I lay it down
At your table
Multiply my sacrifice
For you are able*

Take my laughter and my loss

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*Make them tools of your mercy
Anything my hands can make
Do with it what you will*

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