

INSPIRE Conference and Congress

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

May 28-July 6



40 Days of Prayer for INSPIRE Conference and Congress 2023

June 26-July 2

Westin Harbour Castle and Massey Hall, Toronto

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are [kin] better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.
—Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)



This prayer calendar will provide you with a Scripture reading and an INSPIRE-directed prayer topic. Together we will forge golden chains that will strengthen our territory and call on the Spirit to revive us again. All Scripture references from the Holy Bible, *New International Version—UK*.

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Day 1 Sunday, May 28, 2023

FRESH— —WIND

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones ... Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' " So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army....

Prayer Points

- Prepare our hearts for the Holy Spirit's transformation
- Spirit, breathe new life into our expectant Army
- Mobilize us to renew God's life-giving mission through us to our territory
- May the Spirit awaken the whosoever, to hear and receive the good news

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love
And do what thou wouldst do. (SASB 294)



Prayer

Inspiring and transforming God, we bow before you today and wait in expectation for your love to be poured into our lives through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. As we advance towards this INSPIRE Conference and Congress, we ask you to renew your work in your Salvation Army. May the Spirit's breath transform us again into the people that you have called us to be. May the Spirit's breath give us boldness to engage in your mission in the world. May the Spirit's breath strangely warm the hearts of those we come into relationship with and prepare them to receive the abundant life that you make available to all who come to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Day 2 Monday, May 29, 2023

FRESH— —FIRE

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Prayer Points

- Letting go of the world and clinging to Christ
- The fire to refine your people and your Army, so they may be molded more and more into the image of Christ
- The Spirit's fire to descend on our gathered Army at the INSPIRE Conference and Congress
- Sealing and enabling of the Spirit to engage in God's mission in the world

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

God of Elijah, hear our cry:
Send the fire!
To make us fit to live or die,
Send the fire!
To burn up every trace of sin,
To bring the light and glory in,
The revolution now begin,
Send the fire! (SASB 326)



Prayer

Dear Lord and caregiver of all humanity, we humbly bow before you in reverence and fear. You are the one true God who hears and answers our prayers. We confess as individuals and members of your Salvation Army that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We come in repentance and seek your forgiveness. By your grace we seek once again to be actively engaged in your mission in the word. It is only by your Spirit's breath, who comes by fire, that will inspire us and your Army to abide in you as you abide in us, giving us the power to invite others into your love and salvation. May it be so. Amen.

Day 3 Tuesday, May 30, 2023

REVIVAL

Psalm 86:5

*You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.*



Prayer Points

- Revival of prayer
- Revival of justice
- Revival of mercy
- Revival of God's mission for The Salvation Army

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

My God, I am thine;
What a comfort divine,
What a blessing to know that my Jesus is mine!

Hallelujah, send the glory!
Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, send the glory!
Revive us again. (SASB [1987] 355)

Prayer

We bow before you, holy Trinity, placing our whole lives before you. We, your people, want to enter your divine dance with your creation. When we look around us, we see your creation, your people and your Army in great need of revival. We hope in your promise that you are making all things new; however, we ask, O Lord, how long? How long before there is justice? How long before there is mercy? How long before the evil around us is conquered by your all-surpassing love? How long before all receive the full life that you promised us in your Word, the Bible? We believe in your promises, blessed Trinity, and we will wait expectantly on your fresh wind, your fresh fire, your revival to capture the spirit of your Salvation Army. Praise be to God. Amen.

Day 4 Wednesday, May 31, 2023

GENERAL —BRIAN PEDDLE—

Ephesians 6:19

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

Prayer Points

- The General's preparation
- The General's health
- The General's travel plans
- The General's Spirit-INSPIRED messages to the people of Canada and Bermuda

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

O thou God of every nation,
We now for thy blessing call;
Fit us for full consecration,
Let the fire from heaven fall.
Bless our Army! Bless our Army!
With thy power baptize us all.

Bless our General, bless our leaders,
Bless our officers as well.
Bless our converts, bless our soldiers;
Speed the war 'gainst sin and hell.
Bless our Army! Bless our Army!
We will all thy goodness tell. (SASB 926)



Prayer

Our Jesus, our Saviour, Lord, there is none like you. It is a great privilege of all believers to pray for our shepherds as they lead us in your way. As we pray on behalf of General Brian Peddle, we thank you for the many years he has faithfully followed you, inviting others into your magnificent and healing presence. As the General prepares for this INSPIRE Conference and Congress, we know you will be inspiring him to powerfully deliver your message to your people. May the words you give General Peddle convict, inspire, mobilize and provide what we need just now. Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Day 5 Thursday, June 1, 2023

MOBILIZED —FOR MISSION—



Prayer Point

Praying the Vision statement—We are an innovative partner, mobilized to share hope wherever there is hardship, building communities that are just and know the love of Jesus.

Prayer

Holy one, you are awesome in our sight, and we are privileged that you have called us to participate in your mission: in our families, our closest relationships, our churches, our communities and our countries. Make us fit for your mission, where we seek out, through your guidance, innovative relationships and partnerships that bring hope of kingdom-living where you have placed us. Most especially, we pray, where there is darkness, let us forge forward with the light of Christ Jesus. Holy one, you are building a people of power and you are building a people of praise. Let this be our desire as we realize your creative activity in communities centred in you that are just and know the love of Jesus. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Isaiah 43:19

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? I am making a way in
the wilderness and streams in the
wasteland.*

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Thou hast called me from the byway
To proclaim thy wondrous love;
Thou hast placed me on the highway
That to all men I may prove
There is mission in my living,
There is meaning in my word;
Savior, in my daily striving
May this message yet be heard.

Chorus:
For thy mission make me holy,
For thy glory make me thine,
Sanctify each moment fully,
Fill my life with love divine.

Have I lost the sense of mission
That inspired my early zeal,
When the fire of thy commission
Did my dedication seal?
Let me hear thy tender pleading,
Let me see thy beckoning hand,
Let me feel thee gently leading
As I bow to thy command.

Lord, release that latent passion
Which in me has dormant lain;
Recreate a deep compassion
That will care and care again.
Needy souls are still my mission,
Sinners yet demand my love;
This must be my life's ambition,
This alone my heart shall move.
(SASB 682)

Day 6 Friday, June 2, 2023

SALVATION — STORY

Romans 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Prayer Points

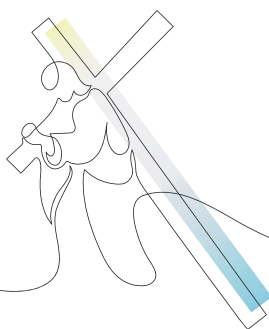
- God's equipping to introduce people to have an encounter with Jesus
- God's equipping to be messengers of salvation
- That salvation remains the rallying cry of God's Salvation Army
- That this INSPIRE Conference and Congress will be God's means of bringing more people into a saving relationship with Jesus

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Have you ever heard of Jesus
Who was buried in the tomb,
And was mourned by his disciples
In despair, defeat and gloom?
By the power of God eternal
He arose on Easter day,
And he lives for our salvation:
He is just the same today! (SASB 138)

Prayer

Jesus, our Saviour and redeemer, it is our delight to recognize your presence with us as we pray. We thank you for our own salvation story, where you took up residence in our lives, to bring us into a saving relationship with you. You have broken the chains of sin, death and darkness and have brought us into your marvellous light, where we now have life in all its fullness. We pray also for those who will call on your name, because of Holy Spirit's urging, personal witness and the INSPIRED Conference and Congress. May they acknowledge their need of you, may you spark belief and faith in your name, may we together confess our sins, and confess that you, Jesus, are Lord. This we pray. Amen.



Day 7 Saturday, June 3, 2023

TRUTH— —AND RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Prayer Points

- Confession of sins committed against the Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Help us all to understand the concerns of Indigenous people
- Restoration of relationship between the ancestors of settlers, newcomers and Indigenous Peoples
- Commitment to be an innovative partner with Indigenous people, to achieve the fullness of life that Jesus has promised



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

He came to give us life in all its fullness,
He came to make the blind to see,
He came to banish death and doubt and darkness,
He came to set his people free.
He liberating love imparted,
He taught men once again to smile;
He came to bind the brokenhearted,
And God and man to reconcile.
He came to give us life in all its fullness,
He came to make the blind to see,
He came to banish death and doubt and darkness,
He came to set His people free. (SASB 139)

Prayer

Creator God, we come with a heavy heart to confess the sins that have been committed against your children, the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. We have sinned, with sins of commission and omission. Many times the church has come to Indigenous people with a liberating, life-giving gospel and instead have left these proud people in bondage. Creator God, as we meet for this INSPIRE Conference and Congress on lands that were traditional lands of Indigenous Peoples, we ask you to INSPIRE us to be agents of reconciliation. Restore, O Lord, broken relationships and may new innovative partnerships thrive. Amen.

Day 8 Sunday, June 4, 2023

ADORATION_

Psalm 30:11-12

*You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and
clothed me with joy, that my heart may
sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you for ever.*



Prayer Points

- Praise God for salvation
- Praise God for creation
- Praise God for family, community and country
- Praise God for partnership in God's mission

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised! (SASB 204)



Prayer

Divine Lord, you are transcendent in your majesty. We pray that we will be inspired by the worship, witness and wonder of the INSPIRE Conference and Congress. We pray with anticipation that the singers, speakers, dancers, musicians, participants and gospel artists will sing out new songs that will usher us into your holy presence. Divine Lord, you are creator and you are to be praised. Divine Lord, you are the author of salvation and we are amazed that this salvation is for the whosoever. Divine Lord, we pray the words of Moses in Exodus and the words on the mercy seat at the former College for Officer Training at 2130 Bayview Avenue in Toronto: "Show us your glory." Yours is the power and the glory. May it be so. Amen.

Day 9 Monday, June 5, 2023



RENEWED ENERGY

Prayer Points

- Healing and renewal of strength
- Renewed receptivity to the Spirit's teaching and guiding
- A passion for God's mission in our lives and in the world
- Compassion for the tired and weary

Prayer

You, O Lord, are our good shepherd. Our world, country, communities and ourselves need restoration and renewal. We testify that in this weary season, where there are wars, pandemics, racism, economic disasters and oh so much more, you are there with us providing us with the encouragement to place one foot in front of the other. We confess that there are times when we wonder where you are. At those times we call to mind the poem that reminds us that during the most difficult times you were not only beside us, but you were also carrying us. Give us, we pray, a renewed sense of your presence, reminding us that you will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Yes, the Lord is my shepherd,
I have all that I need,
I rely on his kindness, I allow him to lead.
He gives rest, he gives quietness,
He restores me within,
And he strengthens me daily
If my life honors him.

When the way becomes darker,
I will not be afraid,
For my Lord, the Good Shepherd,
Will be there with his aid,
He will stay close beside me every step of the way,
He will guard me and guide me
To the end of the day.

He surrounds me with goodness,
Many blessings are mine,
I am rich in the knowledge of this
Shepherd divine,
All his unfailing kindness in my life I have known,
And I'll live with him always
In his beautiful Home. (SASB 562)

Day 10 Tuesday, June 6, 2023

MISSION —OF GOD

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Prayer Points

- That we would be a people of prayer
- That we would be a people of worship
- That we would be a people of the Word
- That we would be the representatives of your gospel in this world

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Tell them in the east and in the west,
Tell them of the one you love the best.
Tell them how to find the sweetest rest
Learning on the loving Saviour's breast,
Tell them all about the dear old Book,
Tell them there is life just for a look;
Let this banner be unfurled;
Christ for the whole wide world.
(SASB 930)



Prayer

Our heavenly Father, as we approach this great gathering of Salvationists and friends, let us be reminded of the disciples who tarried in the upper room in Jerusalem. They waited to receive the blessed gift of the Holy Spirit that inspired and enabled them to enter the mission of God. We are called to be your disciples in this, your world, and we, too, need a fresh touch of power to help and encourage us in the mission to which you have called us. This mission, God's own commission, is to tell them of your love. Dear Lord, let it be so. Amen.

Day 11 Wednesday, June 7, 2023

COMMISSIONER ROSALIE PEDDLE

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors."



Prayer Points

- Commissioner Rosalie Peddle's preparation
- Commissioner Rosalie Peddle's health
- Commissioner Rosalie Peddle's travel plans
- Commissioner Rosalie Peddle's INSPIRED messages to the people of Canada and Bermuda

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

There is a message, a simple message,
And it's a message for us all;
There is a Saviour, and what a Saviour!
There is a Saviour for us all.

Let's look at Jesus, for he's the Saviour,
And he will answer when we call;
Let's look at Jesus, for he's the Saviour,
Yes, he's the Saviour for us all. (SASB 439)

Prayer

You are worthy. O Lord, to receive blessings and honour. We thank you for the life of your servant Commissioner Rosalie Peddle. We ask you to consecrate the messages that she has prepared for INSPIRE. We offer up to you prayers for the commissioner, knowing that you have begun a good work in her and will carry it unto completion in Christ Jesus. It is amazing all that you can do in the lives of your faithful servants when they submit their whole lives to you. We also pray for those who will be receiving these messages. Prepare our hearts to receive your words through the commissioner and after receiving them may we act on them to further your kingdom and your glory in our lives and the world around us. Amen.

Day 12 Thursday, June 8, 2023

BREAKING OF BARRIERS



Matthew 19:26

*Jesus looked at them and said,
"With man this is impossible, but
with God all things are possible."*

Prayer Points

- Help us identify and surrender our own inhibitions
- Help us have open conversations that welcome all people
- Help us imagine new ideas and missional actions
- Help us be like Jesus who willingly went to the margins
- Help these prayers be active, not just passive

Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for your boldness as we encounter barriers to your mission in the world. We are reminded of the challenge of Jesus' life, as he journeyed to the margins inviting the whosoever into your life-giving presence. Our Salvation Army endeavours to minister to others without discrimination. Forgive us when we have been less than faithful to this ideal. Help us to break out of the boxes that keep us from your mission, when we say: "We have never done it like this before." Remove any other barriers (real or imagined) that might prevent us from expanding your mission. So may it be. Amen.

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Devastated human spirits,
Disillusioned with the world,
Daily from their lives withdrawing,
Loneliness their only shield.

All creation slowly dying,
Choking in the grip of sin,
Evil strongholds ever growing,
Unrestrained by fallen men.

Healing Christ, descend with power,
Fortify our fragile hearts.
Every stronghold now destroying,
Come, begin your rule on earth.
(SASB 999)

Day 13 Friday, June 9, 2023

DISCIPLESHIP



2 Timothy 2:1-2

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Prayer Points

- Help us to prioritize prayer, worship, Bible study and simplicity
- Make us fit for kingdom living
- Let us be disciples that also disciple others
- May we not be so enticed by the new and novel that we take our eyes off you

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Sun of righteousness arising,
Cheer us while we bear the cross,
Living, dying, sacrificing,
Purify from sinful dross
Thy disciples, thy disciples;
Teach us how to gain by loss. (SASB 51)

Prayer

O Thou God of full salvation, listen to us as we offer you our prayers. We fervently want a deeper relationship with you, where we grow in holiness and Christlikeness. This cannot be accomplished by simply following a checklist on how to be a disciple. However, we consciously place ourselves in your presence in the thin place of life, through prayer, worship, Bible reading and simple living. May you transform us into the image of your Son and make us true disciples, so we can then lay claim to the great commission of making disciple in all the world. Humbly we offer you this our prayer. Amen.

Day 14 Saturday, June 10, 2023

—JUSTICE

Amos 5:24

*But let justice roll on like
a river, righteousness like
a never-failing stream!*

Prayer Points

- Open us up to justice thinking
- Open us up to justice living
- May we walk in mercy and not in judgment
- Break our hearts with what breaks your heart,
O God

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love. (SASB 37)



Prayer

O Lord, inspire our world with a change of view that changes our hearts and creates a new day for humanity. Heal its peoples. Comfort the millions who mourn. Help us to see differently as we emerge from this calamity and be captured by a new vision for our lives. May we see each other through your eyes of loving-kindness and respond to your call to love God and to love each other as our first priorities. Despite all our differences, give us hearts of courage to reach out and embrace each other as one. May the world be as one. Amen.—Rucker's Hill Prayer, Major Peter McGuigan, 2020

Day 15 Sunday, June 11, 2023



CONFESSION_

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer Points

- Holy Spirit, convict us of our sin
- Holy Spirit, lead us into repentance
- Holy Spirit, convict us of our communal sins
- O triune God, may your forgiveness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Kneeling in penitence I make my prayer,
Owning my weaknesses and my despair;
Failure I cannot hide,
Broken my selfish pride,
Pardon thou dost provide,
Pardon declare.

Nothing can I achieve, nothing attain;
He that without thee builds, labours in vain;
Shatter my own design,
Shaping a plan divine,
Come to this heart of mine,
Saviour, again.

Though few the gifts I have that thou canst
use,
Make they demands on me; I'll not refuse;
Take all there is of me,
Take what I hope to be;
Thy way at last I see,
Thy way I choose. (SASB 600)

Prayer

O God our heavenly Father, we humbly bow at your throne of grace. In our time we hear little of sin from our pulpits and world. We wonder what has changed. When we examine our lives and the world around us, we so readily see the sin that leads us away from you and has become a destructive agent in this world. We come, we confess our personal wrongs and the communal wrongs of our world. Bring healing and, most importantly, bring your salvation. We know that you are faithful and just and will forgive our confessed sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. Help us, dear God, to move on from forgiveness in your power, creating in your strength communities that are just and know the love of Jesus. Amen.

Day 16 Monday, June 12, 2023

DELEGATES

Ephesians 6:18-20

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Prayer Points

- Fill to overflowing the INSPIRE Conference and Congress
- May there be a spirit of expectation
- May many in attendance awaken and seek a life-transforming relationship with Jesus
- May the delegates grow in their leadership, considering new methods as they go back to the mission field
- May the delegates travelling from other countries to INSPIRE travel safely

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Give us a day of wonders,
Jehovah, bare thine arm;
Pour out thy Holy Spirit,
Make known thy healing balm;
Give blessings without number,
Supply us from thy store;
Dear Saviour, richly bless us,
Baptize us more and more.

Lord, hear us while we pray!
Lord, hear us while we pray!
Now thy Spirit give, let the dying live,
And bless us here today. (SASB 334)

Prayer

Give us a day of wonders, pour out your holy Spirit and richly bless those who gather for the INSPIRE Conference and Congress. O Lord, we have prayed "How long?" How long do we have to go without meeting together? How long have we wished to gather as your Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda to be refreshed and renewed by worshipping you in Spirit and in truth? The time is now ripe for a fresh infusion of your Spirit in your Salvation Army. INSPIRE us to be your people. INSPIRE us to be the Army that you created us to be, an Army that saves souls, makes saints and serves suffering humanity. We anticipate your greatness will be in these events and pray even now, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Day 17 Tuesday, June 13, 2023

CREATIVE MISSION

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Prayer Points

- Fit us for your mission
- Position us for growth
- Grow our gratitude for being part of God's mission in the world
- Holy boldness to invite others into an encounter with the living God

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

God's soldier marches as to war,
A soldier on an alien shore,
A soldier true, a soldier who
Will keep the highest aims in view.
God's soldier goes where sin is found;
Where evil reigns, his battleground;
A cunning foe to overthrow
And strike for truth a telling blow.

We're going to fill, fill, fill the world with glory;
We're going to smile, smile, smile and not frown;
We're going to sing, sing, sing the gospel story;
We're going to turn the world upside down.
(SASB 954)



Prayer

Our gracious heavenly Father, we are ready to enter into the race that you have marked out for us. We know, heavenly Father, that the world is needing us, but how can we go if we do not love you with our whole being and love our neighbours as ourselves? May we be fit for your mission and positioned for growth. Lord, we thank you for the expansive history of your Salvation Army and how your people engaged in creative missions. Today is a new day and we ask you to inspire us with new thinking, for new expressions of your mission in the world. May we hold on to what is working and may we explore new methods to fulfil your calling of gospel liberation in this, your creation. Amen.

Day 18 Wednesday, June 14, 2023

COMMISSIONER FLOYD _TIDD

Hebrews 13:17-18

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honourably in every way.



Prayer Points

- Commissioner Floyd Tidd's preparation
- Commissioner Floyd Tidd's health
- Commissioner Floyd Tidd's territorial leadership
- Commissioner Floyd Tidd's INSPIRED messages to the people of Canada and Bermuda

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Praise God for the harvest of conflict and love
For leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
To banish oppression, earth's plenty increase
And gather God's harvest of justice and peace. (SASB 54)

Prayer

You instruct us in your Word, O Lord, to pray for the people in positions of leadership. At your feet we fall and we pray for Commissioner Floyd Tidd, the shepherd of your people in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Thank you for fitting him for your mission. We await what you, O Lord, have prepared to share with us through your servant at this INPIRE Conference and Congress. May Commissioner Tidd boldly open your Word and through the Spirit convict us to be the people that you have called us, your Salvationists, to be. May your words, spoken by Commissioner Tidd, reverberate far beyond the confines of Massey Hall and the Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre. In all things may your name be glorified. And all God's people said, Amen.

Day 19 Thursday, June 15, 2023

LOVE _ OF _ JESUS

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Prayer Points

- To receive the love of Jesus
- To embody the love of Jesus
- To share the love of Jesus
- To build communities that are just and know the love of Jesus

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Like to a lamb who from the fold has strayed
Far on the mountain, of the dark afraid,
Seeking a shelter from the night's alarm,
Longing for comfort of the shepherd's arm,
So Jesus found me on sin's mountain drear,
Gathered me close and banished all my fear.

In the love of Jesus there is all I need,
While I follow closely where my Lord may lead;
By his grace forgiven, in his presence blest,
In the love of Jesus,
In the love of Jesus is perfect rest. (SASB 259)



Prayer

We just love the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus there is all we need and all we have to give. We have heard the Beatles of long ago sing "all you need is love," and we believe them. However, what is the love that they are singing about? Real love is the love that you, God, expressed by sending your own Son, Jesus, to earth, to live, to teach and to give his life as a ransom for many. You so loved us that Jesus died, so that we can live. Jesus' love is the light of all humankind. We want this love, we need this love and we are called to share this love. Help us go forth to bless and serve the Lord, spreading the love of Jesus wherever we may go. Amen.

Day 20 Friday, June 16, 2023

EXPLORING —SPIRITUAL —GIFTS



1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Prayer Points

- Spiritual discernment at identifying our Spirit-given gifts
- Spiritual help in developing these gifts
- The importance of utilizing our gifts in the spheres of our influence
- Encouraging others to fully engage with their own spiritual gifts

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

We thank you, Holy Spirit, for gifts of many kinds,
New life and love and power
That changes hearts and minds;
We praise you for the comfort and strength
You bring each day,
As one who stands beside us and helps us as we pray. (SASB 48)

Prayer

We thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for life and the beauty that we see all around us. Nevertheless, we are conscious that this world is not as you intended it. Sin and brokenness have entered this world and distorted its beauty and made it a place of disorder, instead of the place of peace that you created it to be. Even in this place of discord, your grace is breaking in, allowing us to see glimpses of your true creative plan. We are honoured that you have enlisted your people in your plans of restoration and recreation. As we discern our spiritual gifts and allow your Holy Spirit to awaken and develop these gifts, your people, whom you have called by your name, are becoming means of grace in this world. What a supreme privilege it is to exercise the spiritual gifts that you have given us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Day 21 Saturday, June 17, 2023

COMFORT

Revelation 21:4

[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.



Prayer Points

- Blessed are those who mourn
- Make us aware of places we can offer comfort
- Help us to practise holy listening
- May we be open to comfort from God and others

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

I've found a friend in Jesus,
He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The lily of the valley, in him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow he's my comfort,
In trouble he's my stay,
He tells me every care on him to roll.
He's the lily of the valley,
The bright and morning star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.
(SASB 868)

Prayer

Comfort, comfort your people, O God. You gave these words to your prophet long ago to tell your people Israel that light was coming into the world and that the darkness could not overcome it. We believe that your will for this world is liberating life and joyfulness. So often we are aware the world comes so short of this ideal and we see many instances where terror, scarcity, racism, hardship and mourning are the rule and not the exception. We ask you to use us as your Salvation Army, fit for mission to enter these underworlds of darkness, where people seldom hear your name and speak out your life-giving comforting gospel. As COVID has taught us, "your church has left the building." Let us be your church in the world comforting your people. Amen.

Day 22 Sunday, June 18, 2023

THANKSGIVING

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.



Prayer Points

Thank you, O God, for:

- The joy of living
- The wonder of your creation
- The privilege of giving unto others
- The freedom and liberation of salvation

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise. (SASB 14)

Prayer

Jehovah Jira, you are our provider and we lift up our hands with joy, gladness and thanksgiving for all you have provided us. In just over one week you will gift your Salvation Army with the INSPIRE Conference and Congress. As our territory gathers let our thanksgiving to you resound from the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia to the sandy beaches of Bermuda, from the top of Gros Morne Mountain in Newfoundland and Labrador to the Northern Lights in the Northwest Territories, from the never-ending skies on the Prairies to Confederation Bridge and the safe harbours of the Maritimes, from the mighty Saint Lawrence in Quebec to the rich natural resources in Alberta and Ontario. As you have so graciously poured so much into our lives, may we bless the lives of others. Amen.

Day 23 Monday, June 19, 2023

—PRAYER FOR THE— PRESENTERS

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Prayer Points

- That the presenters at the conference will look to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- That the presenters will speak with holy boldness
- That they may listen to the voice of God, so they can speak the words of God (Bonhoeffer)
- That our hearts may be prepared to listen and that are hands our fitted for action

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

I want to tell you what the Lord has done,
What the Lord has done for me;
He lifted me from the miry clay;
O what a happy day!
I want to tell you what the Lord can do,
What the Lord can do for you:
He can take your life as he did mine
And make it anew. (SASB 852)

Prayer

Oh God, we crave your life-giving Spirit. The anticipation of the INSPIRE Conference is growing within us each day. There has been so much to do in preparation for this event, including the invitations and responses to speak words of inspiration to those of us that will be gathered. We intercede to you on behalf of the presenters. May they prepare by following the leading of your Holy Spirit. May you fit them with holy boldness so that your messages through them may be clearly heard, understood and acted upon. We ask you to hear our prayer. Amen.



Day 24 Tuesday, June 20, 2023

PRAYER — FOR — CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Prayer Points

- God guide their practice and preparation
- Pray that their contribution is God honouring
- Pray that their offering is well received by the delegates
- May their gift of worship be worship in our own souls
- That the technology will allow for clear communications and visuals
- Peace for the people giving their skills to operate the technology on our behalf
- For the technology to be in service to the worship and message and not the message itself

Prayer

We ask you, O Lord, to enter right into our hearts. Many of us who will attend the congress portion of INSPIRE remember with "Blood and Fire" conviction the many occasions and Salvation Army Generals who have graced the hallowed platform of Massey Hall, the worship of songsters and bands, and messages of full salvation that have echoed in our lives over the years. We are grateful that bands and songsters will continue to be a part of congress, but there are also new voices and new participants. May we be inspired by the music and worship and convicted by the words so that not only Massey Hall is filled with music, but that our whole territory will hear the shout that God is still on the throne and our God stills saves. Fire a volley. Amen.



Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Saviour, if my feet have faltered
On the pathway of the cross,
If my purposes have altered
Or my gold be mixed with dross,
O forbid me not thy service,
Keep me yet in thy employ,
Pass me through a sterner cleansing
If I may but give thee joy!

All my work is for the Master,
He is all my heart's desire;
O that he may count me faithful
In the day that tries by fire!
(SASB 672)

Day 25 Wednesday, June 21, 2023

COMMISSIONER TRACEY TIDD

Psalm 119:105

*Your word is a lamp
for my feet, a light on
my path.*



Prayer Points

- Commissioner Tracey Tidd's preparation
- Commissioner Tracey Tidd's health
- Commissioner Tracey Tidd's holy boldness in presenting the gospel
- Hearts that are receptive to hear the message

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.
(SASB 943)

Prayer

We bow down and lift our voices to you, Jesus, the living word. We give you great thanks with love in our hearts for your written Word, the most holy Bible. We now wait and look forward to your proclaimed word that will come from your servant Commissioner Tracey Tidd. You are our faithful heavenly Father and we acknowledge that your words will never return void. As we pray, we ask you to bless Commissioner Tracey Tidd, and with your Holy Spirit's direction, that she will embody your words that she will speak to us. Let it be so. Amen.

Day 26 Thursday, June 22, 2023

CREATION CONSERVATION

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Prayer Points

- A renewed sense of creation conservation and stewardship
- To embody Christ's healing hands to others and the created world
- Commitment to environmental goals, for a sustainable future
- Community involvement to care for the environment

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.
(SASB 14)



Prayer

"Eternal God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life; by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people. Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus Christ, your living Word, in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed. Amen."—Right Reverend Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby, United Kingdom; churchofengland.org

Day 27 Friday, June 23, 2023

TRAVELLING MERCIES



Psalm 121:7-8

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

Prayer Points

- Arrivals and departures will be timely
- Travelling mercies
- That all will be able to afford the transportation that they need
- Safe arrival of all items necessary for INSPIRE Conference and Congress

Prayer

Protector God, we thank you for the benevolence that you show us and all your creation. It is so difficult for us to comprehend how intimately you know us. You know our wants and desires and even the number of hairs on our heads. We are on the cusp of the INSPIRE Conference and Congress. We shall come from the north and the south and the east and the west. We will travel by trains, planes, automobiles, buses, bicycles and by foot. Whatever our mode of travel we pray for your journeying mercies. May our departures and arrivals be timely. We also pray for the safe arrival of items that are necessary for the various aspects of this grand event. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God;
Both the rich and the poor,
The despised, the distressed,
They'll sit down in the kingdom of God.
And none will ask what they have been
Provided that their robes are clean;
They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God.

They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God;
To be met by their Father
And welcomed and blessed,
And sit down in the kingdom of God.
The black, the white, the dark, the fair,
Your colour will not matter there;
They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God.

They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God;
Out of great tribulation to triumph and rest
They'll sit down in the kingdom of God.
From every tribe and every race,
All men as brothers shall embrace;
They shall come from the east,
They shall come from the west,
And sit down in the kingdom of God.
(SASB 1011)

Day 28 Saturday, June 24, 2023

SERVICE

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

Prayer Points

- Find where God is meeting a need and join him
- The Salvation Army's social services
- For volunteers and workers to join the mission of service
- That our eyes will be open to the needs that God wants us to address

Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

How can I better serve thee, Lord,
Thou who hast done so much for me?
Faltering and weak my labour has been;
O that my life may tell for thee!

Here at the cross in this sacred hour,
Here at the source of reviving power,
Helpless indeed, I come with my need;
Lord, for thy service, fit me I plead.

Dull are my ears to hear thy voice,
Slow are my hands to work for thee,
Loath are my feet to conquer the steeps
That lead me to my Calvary.

Strength for my weakness, Lord, impart;
Sight for my blindness give to me;
Faith for my doubtings, Lord, I would crave,
That I may serve thee worthily. (SASB 646)



Prayer

On these social justice Saturdays, we ask you to tune our ears to hear the voices of those who are in need of hope. Lord, as a territory we have pledged that wherever there is hardship we will be there. For this to become a reality we need to find strength and courage in your name, to confront the "forts of darkness" and with your power bring them down. We are so grateful that your Salvation Army cares about the needs of others, from our campaigns against human trafficking to newcomer services to home and shelter security, and so much more. Guide us to the areas that you have called us. Give us the courage to run with new ideas, the creativity to customize concepts for our settings and adequate resources to initiate new ideas at our home churches and corps. O God, we want to make a kingdom difference. Strengthen us we pray. Amen.

Day 29 Sunday, June 25, 2023

SUPPLICATION

© **Philippians 4:6**

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.*

Prayer Points

- For INSPIRE that begins tomorrow
- The readiness of the accommodations
- The banquets
- The children and youth programs
- March of Witness



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

Do you sometimes feel
That no one truly knows you,
And that no one understands or really cares?
Through his people,
God himself is close beside you,
And through them he plans
To answer all your prayers.

Someone cares, someone cares,
Someone knows your deepest need,
Your burden shares;
Someone cares, someone cares,
God himself will hear the whisper of your
prayers. (SASB 10)

Prayer

We pray to you, compassionate God of all people. We have been led through adoration, confession and thanksgiving, and now we come to supplication. Already during these 40 Days of Prayer you have heard us praise your name and lift our voices to ask for your intercession in our affairs. We have done this because we know that you are a God who cares. You have demonstrated this in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born, died, was resurrected and ascended to give us life in all its fullness. We pray further that the accommodations are ready for the wonderful INSPIRE meetings. We look forward to the celebration banquet featuring *Skeleton Army*. We also pray for the children and youth programs at INSPIRE. May our children and youth know safety and the love of Jesus. Lord, listen to your people praying. Amen.

Day 30 Monday, June 26, 2023

CONFERENCE OPENING

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Prayer Points

- God's blessings over the opening celebrations
- May the INSPIRE Conference give fresh inspiration for missions
- That the delegates will bless the community around them at the INSPIRE Conference: the staff, the hotel employees, the shops they visit, the restaurant staff where they go to eat and the people they meet
- May The Salvation Army be inspired by this INSPIRE Conference to have a renewed focus on the unsaved

Prayer

Holy Trinity, may your glory penetrate our souls. We have come to the commencement of the INSPIRE Conference. What a wonderful day and opportunity that this will be for your Salvation Army. We pray for renewed energy and passion to engage with the learnings that you have prepared for us. Bless those who are able to attend and also those who are at home, praying for INSPIRE to be a life transforming event. From this first day of the conference, may we become a different people. A people with renewed focus on you and a deep desire to spread your gospel to the whosoever. Let this begin today as we interact with those outside the conference. May we embody your gospel and love to all we meet and interact with. We love you Jesus. Amen.

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

The world is needing us,
Christ is leading us;
Comrades, let us be true.
His love constraining us,
Prayer sustaining us,
Faith will carry us through.
His service calling us,
None appalling us,
Deeds of valour we'll do;
For souls are needing us,
Christ is leading us;
Comrades, we will be true.
(SASB 934)

Day 31 Tuesday, June 27, 2023

OPEN OUR HEARTS FOR NEW METHODS

Luke 24:32

*They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts
burning within us while
he talked with us on the
road and opened the
Scriptures to us?"*

Prayer Points

- Wisdom and deep conviction for presenters as they share their experience and knowledge
- Open hearts to explore new methods
- Courage to try new ideas
- Discovery of new gifts and talents for ministry

Prayer

"Gracious and loving God, we acknowledge you as the source of our best counsel and guidance, believing that you always direct us in ways that are best for us. We pray for your Salvation Army to continually develop its sensitivity to your voice by making time to be in your presence. Fill the Army with your wisdom as they listen for you in the quiet spaces. Surround the Army also with people who will offer sound advice and encouragement and fill it with a spirit of humility to accept the collective wisdom of these. Please keep the Army strong against any voices that would seek to discourage or undermine, and tune its ears to words that provide guidance and direction towards Christlike, fruitful leadership. Thank you for your generosity to pour out your wisdom upon our leaders, giving them the ability to discern your ways and make decisions aligned with your purposes for The Salvation Army today and into the future. Amen."—A prayer from The Salvation Army in Sri Lanka

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Burning, burning, brightly burning,
Brightly burning fire divine,
Satisfy my spirit's yearning.
Fill this empty soul of mine.

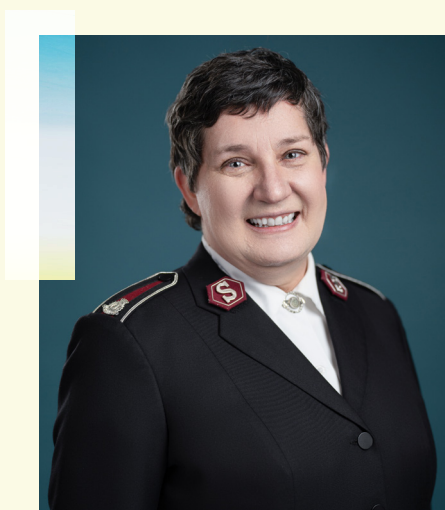
Burning, burning, always burning,
Holy Spirit, stay with me;
To your will my will is turning,
What you will I want to be.

Burning, burning, deeply burning,
Deeply burning holy fire,
Now, your perfect plan discerning,
Your design is my desire.

Burning, burning, gently burning,
Gently burning fire within,
From your love my love is learning,
Now I feel your work begin.
(SASB 317)

Day 32 Wednesday, June 28, 2023

COLONEL EVIE DIAZ



Prayer Points

- Colonel Evie Diaz's preparation
- Colonel Evie Diaz's health
- Colonel Evie Diaz's uplifting support of the INSPIRE Conference and Congress
- Hearts that are receptive to hear the message

Prayer

Jesus, you are the great shepherd of the sheep. We are ever thankful to those who have undertaken a life of service in your name. We are grateful that Colonel Evie Diaz is the chief secretary of your Salvation Army in this territory. Her love for Jesus and her passion for sharing the gospel is a foundational part of who you have created her to be. May Colonel Diaz's participation in the INSPIRE Conference and Congress be undergirded by your powerful presence, so the words that she speaks will be to us as if we were hearing the very words of God. This we pray in the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

Philippians 1:4-6

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Shout aloud salvation,
And we'll have another song;
Sing it with a spirit
That will start the world along;
Sing it as our comrades sang it
Many a thousand strong,
As they were marching to glory.

March on, march on! we bring the jubilee;
Fight on, fight on! salvation makes us free;
We'll shout our Saviour's praises
Over every land and sea
As we go marching to glory.

So we'll make a thoroughfare
For Jesus and his train;
All the world shall hear us
As fresh converts still we gain;
Sin shall fly before us
For resistance is in vain,
As we go marching to glory. (SASB 973)

Day 33 Thursday, June 29, 2023

CORPS HEALTH

1 Peter 5:1-5

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble."

Prayer Points

- Repositioning of the corps/churches for health and spiritual growth
- The blessings of the innovation grants that have allowed corps to discover new ministry
- That every corps and every member of your Salvation Army is fit for mission and positioned for growth
- Resources needed to bring new health in the corps setting

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Now the fruit of the Spirit is patience,
And the fruit of the Spirit is peace,
The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness
And joy that will never cease.
The gift of the Spirit is healing,
And hope for the darkest hour,
The gift of the Spirit is love, yes, love
And power, and power. (SASB 305)



Prayer

Almighty God, Three in One, we lift to you our sacrifice of praise. May you once again bring us back to the ministry of Jesus, who audaciously proclaimed to Peter that on this rock you will build your church. We are well aware that your church in Canada and Bermuda is in need of loving care. Where in times past, the church seemed to be ever advancing, it now seems to be in a time of constant retreat. We do not believe that this is your will for the church. We believe that this INSPIRE Conference and Congress is your great reset for your Salvation Army. May we with your guidance and direction reposition our corps/churches for health and spiritual growth. May we see the fruit of our movement steadily advancing where your Salvation Army is a transforming influence in the communities it serves. So may it be. Amen.

Day 34 Friday, June 30, 2023



CONGRESS MEETINGS

Psalm 63:1

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

Prayer Points

- Spirit-directed worship in the congress meetings
- Souls saved at the congress meetings
- Reignited passion of Salvation Army mission
- Cadets and auxiliary-captains who will be ordained and commissioned on Saturday morning
- Reflection on Salvation Army covenants

Prayer

Inspiring and transforming God, the time has arrived, the doors of Massey Hall are opening, let the celebration begin. This is the day that the INSPIRE Congress meetings begin. We pray that your holy presence fills Massey Hall, so that all who are here feel their hearts strangely warmed and realize that the places that they are standing are on holy ground. We pray for the General and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle and all who will participate in making this a congress for the ages. May the worship here resound with a loud blast all around your creation. May what transpires this weekend enhance the God-given directory of your Salvation Army. As an innovative partner may it be said of your Army, that we exist to save souls, make saints and serve suffering humanity. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Joy! joy! joy! There is joy in The Salvation Army,
Joy! joy! joy! in the Army of the Lord.
Sing to God, sing to God,
With loud joyful songs of praise;
Beat the drums, beat the drums,
While salvation music plays.
Play the music, play, sing the happy song,
Loud hosannas shout
With the happy throng,
To the Happy Land we'll march along
And be joyful all the way.

Joy! joy! joy! There is joy in The Salvation Army,
Joy! joy! joy! in the Army of the Lord.

Joy! joy! joy! There is joy in The Salvation Army,
Joy! joy! joy! in the Army of the Lord.
Blood and Fire, Blood and Fire,
Is the Army soldier's might;
Blood and Fire, Blood and Fire,
Is our victory in the fight.
'Tis the Blood and Fire gives the battle cry,
'Tis the Blood and Fire makes the foe to fly,
'Tis the Blood and Fire gives the Army joy
And victory all the way.

Joy! joy! joy! There is joy in The Salvation Army,
Joy! joy! joy! in the Army of the Lord.
We will sing, we will sing,
Till the world is full of joy;
We will shout, we will shout,
Till glad voices rend the sky.
With a thousand bands and a thousand drums
We will praise the Lord
In bright, happy homes,
We will sing and shout till the Master comes,
We will ever praise the Lord. (SASB 963)

Day 35 Saturday, July 1, 2023

DIVERSITY



Prayer Points

- Understanding the diversity of the kingdom of God
- Collaboration with people that are different from us
- The awareness that we accomplish more when we are together
- Confess when we cause division and seek to form communities of reconciliation

Prayer

We pray to you, reconciling God, who gives us the ministry of reconciliation. In this beautiful world that you have created, we so readily observe the seeds of division that have been planted. Walls of injustice and intolerance are being built and there is no longer a desire to find common ground. We ask you allow us to be partners in breaking these walls down. Where there is hatred and judgment let there be love and peace. Help us walk together and journey towards your love. Help us, dear Lord, to remember that we are your people, all made in your image. Help us to recognize your created image in the people that you have placed on our common paths. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Matthew 8:11

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

When I needed a neighbour,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty,
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked,
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

When I needed a healer,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?

Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
I'll be there.
(SASB 1013)

Day 36 Sunday, July 2, 2023

SENDING FORTH_

Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Points

- New lieutenants sent out into your mission field
- For God to call more workers to the harvest fields
- March of Witness
- Spirit of joyfulness



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

The Lord's command to go into the world
And preach the gospel unto all,
Is just as true today as when his first
Disciples heard this mighty call;
So let us gird ourselves and go to battle
'Gainst the powers of sin and wrong,
Join the fight for the right,
In his everlasting might,
And sing our marching song:

On we march with the Blood and the Fire,
To the ends of the earth we will go;
And the Saviour's love
Will be the theme of our song
Because we love him so.
On we march with the Blood and the Fire,
To the ends of the earth we will go;
And the Saviour's love
Will be the theme of our song
Because we love him so. (SASB 932)

Prayer

We thank you, gracious Lord, for what you have done for your Salvation Army through this INSPIRE Conference and Congress. We have the opportunity today of being a people that are sent out. This will be demonstrated to us when on this morning the new lieutenants are sent out into your mission field. The fields are white to the harvest and we pray that you will remind them that you are with them and you have promised to enlarge their territory with new souls won for the kingdom. We also have an opportunity to be sent forth on a March of Witness in downtown Toronto. This is more than an event for bands and timbrel players, for flags and uniforms. It is a time to tell the world that Jesus makes a difference in our lives and Jesus can make a difference in the lives of those all around us. You have been faithful, gracious Lord, in inspiring us to be disciples. May we leave this place empowered to be disciple-makers. Amen.

Day 37 Monday, July 3, 2023

GOING —HOME

Prayer Points

- The General and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle as they return home
- The participants and presenters as they return home
- Journeying mercy for the delegates and others as they return home
- The people who receive those returning home

Prayer

With hearts full of gratitude, we pray to you, Lord God Almighty. Our whole being still resounds with the great things that you have done during this INSPIRE Conference and Congress. On this day we think and pray about homecomings. As the General and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle return to their home, we thank you that they were able to tarry with us. As the presenters and participants return home, we are grateful for their contributions. We pray that safety and journeying mercies shall follow all those who are returning home right across the street and also to those who are flying many hours to be reunited with loved ones left at home. May they feel your special care and your security. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mark 6:12

They went out and preached that people should repent.



Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

Travel along in the sunshine
On the king's highway;
Travel along, singing a song,
Follow Jesus day by day.
Never mind what lies before you,
Never mind what others do;
So travel along in the sunshine
On the king's highway.
(SASB 685)

Day 38 Tuesday, July 4, 2023

CALLED TO REMEMBER

Revelation 3:3

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Prayer Points

- Remember the INSPIRE Conference and Congress
- Remember the God-inspired worship
- Remember the Holy Spirit's convictions
- Remember our resolve to live as kingdom people



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

God is still on the throne
And he will remember his own;
Though trials may press us and burdens
distress us,
He never will leave us alone.
God is still on the throne,
And he will remember his own;
His promise is true, he will not forget you;
God is still on the throne.
(SASB 16)

Prayer

O thou God of burning cleansing flame, we ask you to keep the fire you ignited at INSPIRE burning. As we remember the INSPIRE Conference and Congress, we ask you, Lord, to remember us. We know that you do, but we pray that you will give us fresh insight in how you are with us each and every day, strengthening us to be the people that you have created us to be. INSPIRE was such a blessing and it needs to be more than a memory. There were so many extraordinary moments at INSPIRE that lifted our souls and brought us into your very presence. We will not neglect your messages, delivered through the General, that challenged us to be your loving and obedient children. We also ask you to continue to call to remembrance the resolves that we have made at the INSPIRE Conference and Congress to be different people. People that are sold out to your kingdom. This we pray, in your name. Amen.

Day 39 Wednesday, July 5, 2023

CALLED TO PRAY

Prayer Points

- For the lasting results of the congress on the delegates and the communities they live in
- For the salvation of souls
- For the committed disciples to become disciple-makers
- God's Salvation Army to be inspired for mission and positioned for growth

Praying The Song Book of The Salvation Army

As we come in prayer before you
We with gratitude would say:
Thank you, Father, for the family
Where each member learns to pray.
Even we, Lord, your dear children,
Know what family life can mean
When each one keeps close beside you,
And the love of Christ is seen.

For our special Army family
We would bring our thankful prayer
And we, humbly, Lord, would ask you
Now to keep us in your care.
As you guide and lead us forward
Help us every day to pray
For each other, and our leaders
Serving in your world today.

In our prayers we must remember
That our family is worldwide,
For all people are your children
And the ones for whom you died.
So no selfish prayer we offer
But to you we gladly bring
All who live here on this planet;
May we serve you as our king. (SASB 743)

Matthew 6:5-15

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Prayer

We bow before you, heavenly Father, and once again come to this sweet moment of prayer, where we simply bring to you our world of care. We pray that your people will be always considered a praying people. We pray that one of the foundational benefits of the INSPIRE Conference and Congress is a renewed sense of the foundational importance of prayer in the life of a believer. In Scripture we are asked to pray for our leaders and shepherds and this we do, asking them to be conformed to your will as your servants for the people. We pray for all who are in hardship and are in need of hope and comfort. May your Salvation Army not only be the place where that occurs, but also an Army that seeks to bring your hope and your comfort in places where it is needed. We ask all these things in and through the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Day 40 Thursday, July 6, 2023

CALLED — TO — ACTION

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Prayer Points

- Love God
- Love others
- Love your shepherds
- Love creation

Prayer

You, O God, are the mighty to save and it is your will that your saving message is proclaimed to the whosoever. A salvation from sin and a salvation (liberation) for all that is binding us to anything that is less than the abundant life that you have promised us. We take our charge from your words through Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. We are not saved by works, but by grace. In that we are saved we are "God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." This INSPIRE Conference and Congress has fitted us for these good works and we are prepared to inspire others in your name to do the same: to love God, to love others and to love your creation. May your rich blessing be upon us. God, bless your Salvation Army and us one and all. Amen.



Praying *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*

O boundless salvation! deep ocean of love,
O fullness of mercy, Christ brought from above,
The whole world redeeming, so rich and so free,
Now flowing for all men, come, roll over me!

My sins they are many, their stains are so deep,
And bitter the tears of remorse that I weep;
But useless is weeping; thou great crimson sea,
Thy waters can cleanse me, come, roll over me!

My tempers are fitful, my passions are strong,
They bind my poor soul
And they force me to wrong;
Beneath thy blest billows deliverance I see,
O come, mighty ocean, and roll over me!

Now tossed with temptation,
Then haunted with fears,
My life has been joyless and useless for years;
I feel something better most surely would be
If once thy pure waters would roll over me.

O ocean of mercy, oft longing I've stood
On the brink of thy wonderful, life giving flood!
Once more I have reached this soul cleansing sea,
I will not go back till it rolls over me.

The tide is now flowing, I'm touching the wave,
I hear the loud call of the mighty to save;
My faith's growing bolder, delivered I'll be;
I plunge 'neath the waters, they roll over me.

And now, hallelujah! the rest of my days
Shall gladly be spent in promoting his praise
Who opened his bosom to pour out this sea
Of boundless salvation for you and for me.
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