Final newsletter of 2012! And I have to admit it's more like a News Alert than the usual newsletter, but as we look back on 2012 we can see God's hand. There have been the largest numbers of local church and wide area prayer events we've ever experienced. The all-night prayer calls started, and the momentum is growing - the first Thursday night each month. 712-432-0031 Access Code 435650#

The weekly prayer calls are changing lives, and we praise God for everyone, and for your faithfulness.

Now I'd like to repeat here the information I sent out today to the Conference Prayer Coordinators:

The two news alert items below are not really new, but as 2013 approaches we want to make sure everybody knows...everybody! So the very special favor I want to ask of you today is that you become part of an intense communication process. Here are two very important items we need to put on the front burner for our people for the New Year:

1. **The North American Division Day of Prayer** has huge potential for much intercession all across this Division and beyond. *January 5, 2013.* A fresh and encouraging sermon by Elder Dan Jackson is available that Sabbath morning on the Hope Channel and on 3ABN.

2. **The Prayer Calendar for 2013** - This new resource will tie the church family together in persistent prayer for one another.

   The possibilities are enormous because of the power of our God!

   Prayer Calendars are available for downloading on [www.NADPrayerMinistries.org](http://www.NADPrayerMinistries.org), so download them and print off as many as you need. (Incidentally, you can also go to the same website for stories of answered prayer that will bless your folks. The stories will be available after December 30. And we'd love to have you add your stories! Send your stories to NADprayerministries@gmail.com)

Thanks for your prayers, your support, and encouragement for every pastor and teacher.

This continued vision and dependence on Omnipotent power can make for an outstanding year ahead.

Blessings,

Ruthie

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Weekly Prayer Calls

No one can measure what God is doing as a result of His people who come together every week (by phone) to knock on the doors of heaven with their praises, worship, and requests. Our thanks to Karen, Kelly, and Marian for creating the climate for prayer and growth. God is working, and leaders are realizing that God is blessing as a result.

Monday—Friday 6:00 am to 7:00 am EST 1-760-569-7676  Access Code: 852448#
The group is led by the Fort Pierce, FL SDA Prayer Ministry who believes that we have a God who hears and answers prayers.

Tuesday at 7:00 AM- PDT – 641-715-3840 - access code 514343#
Karen Martell leads her prayer Coordinators in their powerful circle of intercession.

Wednesday at 6:30 AM – EDT - 712-451-6100 - - access code -3687072#
Kelly Veilleux and others hold a powerful prayer session.

Also on Wednesday – 7:30 AM – CDT – 712-432-0031 – access code-270973#
This group is led by Marian Parson, and her great group meets expecting God to hear and answer, and He does.

If you haven't formed the habit of joining one of these groups, be assured that they will add a deeper dimension to your spiritual journey. You'll learn from others, and your presence will encourage and strengthen the group. Thanks again to Karen, Marian, and Kelly for their powerful leadership.

Next All Night Prayer Call

Join the North American Division Prayer Ministry team on Thursday, January 3, 2013 for an all-night prayer call starting at 10:00 pm Eastern Time to 5:00 am Eastern Time.
Call 712-432-0031; access code is 435650#.
A Day of Prayer
Preparing a spiritual feast for January 5, 2013

Christian author and speaker Henry Blackaby was leading a Bible study with a group of business executives. Afterward, a young man came to him to complain. Blackaby had just been describing the vital place of prayer in the life of every Christian, and this bothered the young CEO.

“Dr. Blackaby, do you know who I am?” asked the young man. “If you did, you wouldn’t ask me to do something so demanding. I don’t have time to do the kind of thing you’re talking about. You said we should pray every morning and spend time in God’s Word. I can’t do that!”

Blackaby smiled, and asked, “Do you have any idea who it is you have the honor of meeting? Do you know who is with you when you pray?”

The young man was uneasy with the question, and that night he asked God to show him what Blackaby meant. The next morning the young man rose a little earlier than usual and spent his first quality “quiet time” with the Lord in many months. He was surprised at how close God seemed as he prayed; the next day his morning appointment with God was a little easier to keep.

Before many days passed, the young man found a new focus in his prayer time. He began talking to God about his day, about his appointments, and his employees. He was discovering that what God says is true! “Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it and he will” (Ps. 37:5, TLB).*

The businessman began to notice people at his office who needed prayer; he found himself taking a kinder approach when tough decisions had to be made. He even led one of his office friends to Christ. His new start to the day began to change everything he touched.

Excitedly, the man shared his new life with Blackaby at their next session together. Blackaby wasn’t surprised. He likes to ask, “Can God do that? He can do anything!”

When we spend time with God, He does change things: He changes our lives, our families, our churches, our communities. He wants us to know Him, to know whom we are meeting with. He invites us to pray; He knows it changes us.

Devoted to Prayer

Look ahead to Sabbath, January 5. Imagine a concert of praise ascending to God’s throne, ringing through heaven’s arches; a concert created when hundreds of thousands of God’s children join their hearts in prayer and praise on the same day. All heaven will pause and smile.

God listened as Paul and Silas prayed and sang in that Philippi jail; He listened, and He liked it (Acts 16:25). He has a table spread with everything we need, and He has hard-wired the universe so that our prayers trigger His celestial distribution system. No wonder He assures us that when we get to know Him intimately, He will make us strong and able to do bold and daring things for His glory (see Dan. 11:32). That’s an exciting Christian life.

So on January 5 how should we—in more than 5,000 Adventist churches across North America—come together before God’s throne to experience His presence and to know Him more intimately?
Here are a few suggestions:

1. Many churches may begin on Friday night with a time of focused intercession, stories of praise, and prayers of thanksgiving.

2. Sabbath school can also have a prayer emphasis, with extra class time for prayer for each member, each missing member, and the community. If the class is large, pray in twos or threes.

3. The Sabbath worship service can be a time of praise, testimony of answered prayer, and some earnest time of thanksgiving. The sermon can, of course, focus on the theme of prayer.

4. In the afternoon, many churches may choose to come back together for prayer walking in the community (and in the church). You may even wish to prayer-walk in your own home, going from room to room, inviting God’s presence to be real.

5. After prayer walking, plan a short evening meeting to report what God did during that time.

6. Some groups may choose to make this day a time of fasting and prayer. Others may plan a fellowship lunch with activities planned for the afternoon.

7. Quality prayer sermons have been prepared that can be viewed sometime during the weekend:
   - At the Pioneer Memorial church Web site, www.pmchurch.org, you’ll find helpful suggestions in the archived sermons of Dwight Nelson.
   - Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University church, has a five-sermon series on prayer at www.lluc.org.

Whatever you and your committee prayerfully decide, you will be strengthened in knowing that you are part of a huge chorus, coming to the Father in agreement, in expectancy, and in praise.

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