

## Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Daily Prayer Emphasis for Education — Week 2



For 30 days in September and October school communities across the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventist will participate in focused daily prayer. Specifically, through God’s provision we seek the means to sustainably fund Adventist Education in Pennsylvania, including retirement of all outstanding debt of our schools, and the resources to grow our schools and the ministry of education in Pennsylvania. The following collection of texts and reflections are meant to provide a common focus for our daily prayers. Even as seek God individually, we pray together. Thank you for your prayers. May God continue to bless you! May our schools continue to be a light that reflects the love of Jesus Christ!

### **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

#### **Reflection**

Here is a call to persistence — persistence in joy, persistence in prayer, persistence in thanksgiving. Google search renders a definition of persistence as “a firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.” As we pray today, bear in mind that it is “the will of God in Christ Jesus” that we rejoice, pray and give thanks in every circumstance, no matter how difficult.

### **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

*A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22*

#### **Reflection**

The ministry of education is for the children of this generation and for future generations. Pray that God will supply the means for our children and grandchildren to be able to perform God’s work without the burden of debt. May the light of God shine brightly through our schools across Pennsylvania forever until the coming of Christ.

### **Thursday, September 27, 2018**

*Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?. Luke 16:11*

#### **Reflection**

God calls us to be honest. We must be honest in our speech and we must be honest in our business dealings. We must be honest with God. Withholding tithe is stealing from God; it is dishonest. Refusal to give a sacrificial offering is denying God’s abundant provision for our needs and our wants; such a refusal is dishonest. The psalmist says, “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” In other words, our prayers may be hindered by our dishonesty. As we seek heavenly treasure from God, let us be honest with the means that he has so mercifully provided.

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23*

**Reflection**

It is a privilege to have life. It is a privilege to have tasks set before us. Our honesty extends to our labor in the work God has given to us. We must be diligent, using wisely the time and resources at our disposal. Time and talents are precious gifts. Let us use them in double measure today as we prepare to enter into the Sabbath rest.

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

**Reflection**

We understand that any truly good thing is from God. Every good gift is a trust from God. Let us give thanks for every blessing. Pray that God's good and perfect will be done in our lives and that His good and perfect gifts will be evident in our every word and deed.

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14*

**Reflection**

With regard to the children, the mission of church and school are one and the same, to cooperate with the Spirit of God to bring young souls to Christ. Ellen White writes that, "The Christian worker may be Christ's agent in drawing these children to the Saviour. By wisdom and tact he may bind them to his heart, he may give them courage and hope, and through the grace of Christ may see them transformed in character, so that of them it may be said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." (Desire of Ages, 517). Pray that we may be united and unhindered in our efforts to win children for the kingdom of God.

**Monday, October 1, 2018**

*For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:7-8*

**Reflection**

That old, familiar saying, "You can't take it with you" is so very true. None of the material possessions that we enjoy now will be of any benefit when we die or leave this world. God abundantly supplies all that is necessary for our lives. Pray a prayer of thanks today for God's provision. Let us rest assured that He will continue to take care of us.

\*Some texts and reflections adapted from "Unchained" devotional guide, First Baptist Church Lenoir City, Tennessee. 2014.