



Seventh-Day Adventist
Church- Crater

Prayer
MINISTRY



THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD

04 **JANUARY 2025**
Mark 19:29-30
**SABBATH
BULLETIN**

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THEME: PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Thought of the Week:

Many who bear the name of Christians are serving other gods besides the Lord. Our Creator demands our supreme devotion, our first allegiance. Anything which tends to abate our love for God, or to interfere with the service due Him, becomes thereby an idol. With some their lands, their houses, their merchandise, are the idols. Business enterprises are prosecuted with zeal and energy, while the service of God is made a secondary consideration. Family worship is neglected, secret prayer is forgotten. Many claim to deal justly with their fellow men, and seem to feel that in so doing they discharge their whole duty. But it is not enough to keep the last six commandments of the decalogue. We are to love the Lord our God with all the heart. Nothing short of obedience to every precept—nothing less than supreme love to God as well as equal love to our fellow man—can satisfy the claims of the divine law. 2BC 1011.7

There are many whose hearts have been so hardened by prosperity that they forget God, and forget the wants of their fellow man. Professed Christians adorn themselves with jewelry, laces, costly apparel, while the Lord's poor suffer for the necessaries of life. Men and women who claim redemption through a Saviour's blood will squander the means intrusted to them for the saving of other souls, and then grudgingly dole out their offerings for religion, giving liberally only when it will bring honor to themselves. These are idolaters - **EGW**
SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 2—Ellen G. White

Guiding Text(s): Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.— *Mark 12:29-30*

Components of Worship

Prayer

Devotion

Gratitude/Appreciation

Witness/Evangelism

Study His Laws/Statute

Action/Communion

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF WORSHIP

For Ellen White the meaning of true worship today should be marked by a biblical simplicity and some basic biblical principles.

First, **God alone should be the object of worship (Exodus 20:3-5; Spiritual Gifts, vol. 3, p. 269)**. In a world in which not only idols of wood and stone are worshiped, but in which human accomplishments, pride, and money are made gods, we are reminded that we are to “worship and serve the Lord God, and Him only. [...] Anything that is made the subject of undue thought and admiration, absorbing the mind, is a god chosen before the Lord” (Sons and Daughters of God, p. 56; see also Evangelism, p. 133).

A second biblical principle underlines **the futility of exterior forms of worship deprived of biblical meaning and foundation (Exodus 20:4-6, 23)**. Today, many are tempted to look upon “outward forms” and ceremonies as sufficient indicators of true worship (Ye Shall Receive Power, p. 48). For Ellen White, however, such “cannot be substituted for inward piety” and obedience to Christ (BE, June 1, 1887).

Jesus explained that **the spiritual renewal occasioned by the new birth experience is essential in true worship (John 3:5- 8; DA 189)**. True worship is thus the fruit of the work of the Holy Spirit upon a person’s life; it is the result of conversion and inspired by a “true knowledge of Jesus Christ” (John 17:3; Medical Ministry, p. 112).

A fourth biblical principle highlights **the close relationship between worship and obedience to God’s will**. Genuine worship cannot be separated from a genuine Christian life. “True worship consists in working together with Christ” (Matthew 25:34-40; James 1:27; RH, August 16, 1881).

Ellen White’s foremost concern which shaped her counsels on worship was to help Christians be ready to “appreciate a pure and holy heaven, and be prepared to join with the worshipers in the heavenly courts above, where all is purity and perfection, where every being has perfect reverence for God and His holiness” (5T 500).

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Day-Date	Theme	Objective Reference Text	Medium/Location Time	Moderator
Monday 30/12	Hallowed Be thy Name,	Act of Adoration	WhatsApp Voicechat 08:00 p.m.	Hellen John
Tuesday 31/12	Thy Kingdom Come on earth as it is in heaven	Act of Consecration	Physical/Livestream at the Church during the End-year prayer meeting 05:00pm	Pr. Joel Chepkwony
Wednesday 01/01 Vespers	Modern Day "Idol Worship" In God's Church	1 Corinthians 9:27	ZOOM; YouTube; Facebook 08:00pm	Pr. Daniel Sukuru Kerochi
Thursday	For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory; Forever and Ever	An act of exaltation	WhatsApp Voicechat 08:00 p.m.	Martha Mong'ina
Friday	God's good gifts that God's people turn into evil	Ezekiel 14:1-5	ZOOM; YouTube; Facebook 08:00pm	Tuvako Mbeche

SABBATH CELEBRATIONS

Sabbath Sermon	The Lord ur God is one Lord	Mark 19:29-30	Physical/Livestream at the Church Ground 11:00am	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
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POWER HOUR

Sabbath Lunch Hour	Give us today our daily bread	An act of supplication	Physical in the Church Ground 12:40pm to 01:40pm	Olivia Kimani
	And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors	An act of Intercession		Eld. Vincent Moindi
	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil on	An act of protection		Anne Rakwach

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Afternoon Discussion	Worship In Truth and In Spirit	John 4:23-24	Physical/Livestream at the Church Ground 02:30pm to 04:00pm	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
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PROGRAMME

SABBATH SCHOOL		
Timing	Activities	Participants
0830hr	The Burning Lamp Series	Boaz Opama
0900hr	Prayer and Song	Haddasah Oliviah
	Devotion	Barrack Odero
	Mission Emphasis	Jemimah Odero
	Progressive Report	Barrack Odero
0920hr	Church-In-Study: L01Q01 – God Loves Freely	Action Units
CONGREGATIONAL SONGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
1020hr	Hymns, Songs and Special Items	Choristers/Congregation
	Announcements	Eld. Joshua Lang'at
CALL TO WORSHIP		
1040hr	A Moment At Jesus Feet Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Enos Otieno
WORSHIP SERVICES		
1050Hr	Introit	Choristers/Congregation
	Doxology	
	Invocation	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
	Welcome and Introduction	Eld. Joshua Lang'at
	Key Text: Joel 2:25-27 Song: SDAH 001 – Praise the Lord	Carolyne Ondimu
	Pastoral Prayer	Anne Omwenga
	Worship-In-Giving	Eld. Joshua Lang'at
	Children Sermon	Children Department
	Song Sermon	🕯 Church Crater
	ORDINATION OF ELDERS	
	Inviting the Elders and Family to Pulpit	Pr. Joel Chepkwony
	Ordination of New Elders Kefa Mokaya Evans Osoro Elisha Onyango Caleb Nyamwange	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
SERMON		
	The Lord God of Wasted Locust Years	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
DEDICATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP		
1230hr	Dedication and Re-launch of website www.sdacrater.org	Pr. Joel Chepkwony
	Prayers for the Back to School	Pr. Caesar Wamalika
	Hand of Fellowship for the Newly Ordained Elders	All Ordained Elders
1240hr	Closing song: SDAH 203 – This Is the Threefold Truth	Choristers/Congregation

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SABBATH AFTERNOON

Timing	Activity	Participant
2:00pm	Congregational Singing	Congregation
	Worship: In Truth and In Spirit	Pr. Caesar Wamaliika
4:00pm	Vote of Thanks	Sis. Anne Rakwach
	Closing Prayer	Sis. Hellen John

CHORISTER	
Soprano	Loise Maranga
Alto	Jerusha Momanyi
Tenor	James Omondi
Bass	Frankline Ombuki
Lead	James Omondi

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The week ending today was led by **Prayer Ministries**, we thank them for such a spiritually enriching week.
2. The coming begins the 10-Days of Prayer which shall be coordinated by the Prayer Ministries in conjunction with the Pastoral Council and the CRVC. From **Wednesday 08th January 2025** the “10-day of Prayer” begins. There shall be daily programs conducted from the church.
3. **Workers Seminar/ChurchBoard:** There will be a workers seminar on **Sunday 12th January 2025**. All outgoing and incoming board members are expected to attend. The same event shall also be the handing over for the new board. Head of various departments, ensure you have completed your reports and handed it over to the church clerk.
4. **The Welfare Caretaker Committee** cordially invites members to start registering for the church welfare. First time registration is **300/-** and subscription is **300/** for families and **200/-** or single individual. While e-Forms have already been disbursed, should you need to be assisted contact Bro Kepha Mokaya - 0725 247150

CARE AND CONCERN



It's with profound sadness that we announce the demise of Margaret Wangari Ndwiga, mother to our members Njoki and Murimi. She passed away on night of 1st January 2025. The body is laying at Kibugi Funeral home in Kutus Kirinyaga county. The funeral service will be held at her home in Ngariama Village, Gichugu, Kirinyaga county on Thursday 9th January 2025.

Kindly pray and condole with them. You can reach them @ 0722 311530.

*In case of a need for payers and visitation reach out to HD Frank Osoro
0721677004*

FORTHCOMING WEEKS

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

January 8–18, 2025

Readings by
Pavel Goia

But When You Pray . . .

"But when you pray . . . pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

MATTHEW 6:6, ESV

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