

## **Personal Need**

### **Day 31: All Our Needs**

All human beings have needs, whether they realize it or not. Maslow summarized human needs into five categories: Physiological (food, water, shelter etc.), Safety, Love and Belonging, Esteem, and Self-actualization. Even though this list reflects much of what many people believe are all human needs, only God can write a complete list of all the needs of humans at any given time in history. God created us, and He understands human needs better than any human being. Moreover, only God can satisfy our needs fully. In this last section of the 40 days of prayer, we will prayerfully discuss our needs and see what God says about them.

Scripture tells us, “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you,” (Mathew 6:31-33). It is very comforting that our heavenly Father knows that we need to eat, drink, and wear clothes, among other needs. If we trust Him, we should not worry about our needs like those who have no relationship with God.

Pray for grace to trust God and to put Him first in your life.

### **Day 32: Spiritual Needs**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23).

“He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name’s sake,” (Psalm 23:3).

Scripture is clear that all human beings have spiritual needs. We all need a Savior because we all “fall short of the glory of God.” Indeed, it is a blessing to realize that one needs God. The Holy Spirit reveals the need in each person’s heart to repent and to turn to God by His grace. Additionally, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know. If we love God and give our lives to the Lord, He satisfies all our spiritual needs. “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them,” (Hebrews 7:25). Pray that God meets all your spiritual needs.

### **Day 33: Need for Healing**

We live in a sick world. Our societies are sick to the core; consequently, we suffer from all sorts of sicknesses. Yet, we are not hopeless. We have a healer. “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed,” (1 Peter 2:24). Our greatest need for healing concerns our spiritual wellbeing. Nonetheless, God does not only care about our spiritual wellbeing. He cares about

every aspect of our being: Spiritual, physical, mental, psychological, etc. A question is asked, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven,” (James 5:14, 15). God’s healing cannot be more comprehensive than that. I love our God.

Let us surrender our lives fully to God. The Lord has the power to heal any disease, any disorder, any condition. Let us pray for grace to follow Bible principles and pray. Scripture is full of examples of people who were healed of tough diseases. And whenever we seek for human doctors, let us always remember that God is the greatest physician. He will heal us, according to His will. Always pray that God instructs your doctor on how to treat you. Pray for all round healing.

### **Day 34: Financial Needs**

“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 4:19). Financial need is a reality for many people in this life. We need money for so many things. And God knows it, and He has already made a way for our financial needs. He tells us to put Him first in our lives. Then He will take care of all our needs (Mathew 6:33).

“None who serve the Lord need fear that He will leave them uncared for. Those who seek first the kingdom of God will have all things needed added to them,” (*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, p.179).

Further, we are told,

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,  
That there may be food in My house,  
And try Me now in this,”  
Says the LORD of hosts,

“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven  
And pour out for you such blessing

That there will not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10). God is serious with us. Let us take Him at His Word and pay tithes faithfully. He will bless us in every sense. Pray for grace to put God first in your life and obey Him.

### **Day 35: Love and belonging Needs.**

Google defines love and belonging needs as “the first of social needs, involving the desire for interpersonal relationships and being part of a group.” Way before Maslow talked about love and belonging needs, God had handled the subject so well. The Lord provided for His created beings so adequately. Until sin entered the lives of humans, love and belonging was not a need. In other words, there was no deficiency before sin.

God Himself is love. He provides love for His own abundantly. Moreover, the Lord initiated family to ensure that there was company and love. Are you in need of a friend, wife, husband, or a community? Ask from the Lord. Pray for His guidance. Additionally, Scripture gives us guidelines on all forms of associations with others.

“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm,” (Proverbs 13:20).

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen,” (Ephesians 4:29).

Pray for your loving relationship with God. Whether you desire a friend, wife, husband, or a community, pray that God gives you the right people in your life. Our intimate relationship with God gives us the real meaning of love and belonging. It also makes it possible to create real loving relationships not only with God but also with others. Pray for fulfilment of love and belonging needs.

### **Day 36: Self-Esteem Needs**

How is your self-esteem? How much respect do you receive from yourself and from others? Anyone’s self-esteem can increase, by God’s grace. When we surrender ourselves fully to God, we can see our real value in God, who died for us. We start realizing that the king of the universe loves us, and He is ever on our side. Whatever the cause of our low self-esteem, we are highly esteemed by God. Each one of us is unique and very special.

Psalm 28:7 “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.”

Psalm 139:14 “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

When we realize that God loves us, and that He wants the best for us, we cease to listen to voices which demean our value. God helps us to accomplish His will for our lives. With Him in our lives, our confidence gets established because we depend on Him for everything. He never fails. With God, we go beyond attaining self-esteem to self-actualization. The most satisfying self-actualization takes place in God. Nothing is more fulfilling than having Christ in the heart, being filled with the Holy Spirit, experiencing the real power. Pray for God to enable you to attain your purpose in life and to understand your worth in Him.

### **Day 37: Safety Needs and The Real Safety**

Personal safety is a concern in many parts of the world. Thugs, terrorists, angry people, can cause harm anywhere any time. Poverty, unemployment, and lack of resources challenge security for many. But in God’s plan for our lives, it is all covered. We read,

“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;  
For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety,” (Proverbs 4:8).

“The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters,” (Psalm 23:1,2).

Our safety is in God’s hands. He also provides for all our security needs. Those who have a loving relationship with the Lord have all their needs covered. Through prayer, place all your safety and security needs in God’s hands. Also, make wise decisions, by His grace.

### **Day 38: Trusting God with Your Needs**

God is trustworthy beyond measure. Take Him at His Word. He tells us, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 4:6,7).

There is much peace in trusting that the God who called the universe into existence with everything in it, can create a way out of the worst looking situation. He gives us wisdom and understanding to know what to do and how to do it to get our needs met.

Trusting God to a level of remaining calm and hopeful when experiencing an unmet need or a problem portrays a mature trust in the Lord. This sounds easier said than done. Yet, Jesus said that “all things are possible to him who believes,” (Mark 9:23). God can do anything. He calls the dead back to life (John 11:43). Nothing is too hard for Him. Pray for grace to trust Him with all your needs and to follow His guidelines in every situation.

### **Day 39: Eyes on The Finish Line**

When all is said and done, let us focus on the finish line. Whatever our circumstances, whatever our needs in this life, we know the end story of the problems and all the unmet needs.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away,” (Revelation 21:4). In heaven there will be no unmet need. It is uncomfortable to live with unmet needs. We work hard to make sure that all our needs in this life are met. However, many times our plans fail. Let us always remember that this world is messed up by sin.

Let us always remember that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose,” (Romans 8:28). God can turn our disappointments of unmet needs into blessings. Pray for grace to fix your focus on Jesus and eternal life.

## **Day 40: Testifying of His Faithfulness**

God's past record is very encouraging. His faithfulness is beyond measure. Anything He ever promised anyone in the past, He provided. He promised to give the land of Canaan to the descendants of Abraham. If someone would have told Pharaoh and the Egyptians that the slaves would cross the Red Sea and take the land of Canaan for themselves, the Egyptians would have laughed to scorn. Yet, they would be so wrong.

Consider the way God took Jericho for the Israelites. "So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city," (Joshua 6:20). God fulfilled this promise after thousands of years. He never changes. He is the same faithful Lord we worship today. Trust Him with all your heart, in all situations. Pray for grace to trust God all the time.

Give testimonies of the answered prayers during the 40 days of prayer.