

Foundation of Faith

Faith: The essential believing trust in God that works by love to purify our souls.

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith**. . .” (2 Peter 1:5).

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4).

“The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Through the exercise of faith, the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 564).

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation” (Hebrews 11:1, 2, ESV).

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6-7).

“The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. . . . True faith rests on the promises contained in the word of God, and those only who obey that word can claim its glorious promises” (*Christian Experience & Teachings*, p. 126).

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Intercession Focus: Children, Families & Adventist Education

Let us pray with strong faith for our children and families. Specifically, pray for:

- Each person, especially children, to experience the love of God and their family
- Family members who are not currently active believers in Christ to be converted
- Children to desire a relationship with God and learn how to nurture that relationship
- Cross-generational relationships and ministries to be strong and effective
- Parents to have wisdom to disciple their children in the ways of God
- Adventist education to be amply supported and distinctly Seventh-day Adventist so that each young person leaves school on fire for God and committed to the Adventist Church

