

United Week of Prayer

2027

**“For the glory of
God and the blessing
of His people”**



Alianza Evangélica
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Introduction:

Celebrating the United Week of Prayer in 2027 is, for the Spanish Evangelical Alliance, a deeply spiritual act and, at the same time, one that is historically conscious. We are not merely commemorating one hundred and fifty years of institutional existence; we give thanks to God for one hundred and fifty years of sustained faithfulness, grace poured out, and purpose preserved.

Since 1877, in a social, political, and religious context that was markedly adverse to the evangelical witness, the Spanish Evangelical Alliance was born with a clear conviction: that the people of God, even in their diversity, are called to walk together in unity to glorify Christ, defend the faith, uphold religious freedom, and bless the nation. Those first believers had neither power, nor recognition, nor spaces of influence; yet they had a firm faith, a clear sense of mission, and a deep dependence on prayer. That spiritual heritage is what we receive today and to which we are called to respond.

Throughout these 150 years, the Spanish Evangelical Alliance has witnessed persecution and tolerance, clandestinity and visibility, imposed silence and the necessary prophetic voice. It has accompanied generations of believers in times of scarcity and in times of openness, maintaining the same longing: to be salt and light in Spain, offering a faithful, relevant, and transforming evangelical witness. None of this has been the result of human strategy, but of the patient work of God in the midst of His people.

Therefore, as we look back, we humbly acknowledge: “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” Yet this remembrance does not lead us to nostalgia, but to responsibility. The same God who sustained us in the past calls us today to discern the challenges of the present and to prepare for the future with obedience, courage, and hope.

This United Week of Prayer is structured around three pillars that not only define the history of the Alliance, but also point to the path ahead:

- The unity of the people of God.
- A prophetic voice faithful to the Word.
- Service exercised with excellence and love.

These pillars are not theoretical concepts, but living expressions of a faith embodied in prayer, public witness, and commitment to society.

In this 150th anniversary, we pray that the Lord will renew our vision, purify our motivations, and strengthen our testimony. May we be a generation that honors the heritage we have received not by merely preserving it unchanged, but by faithfully multiplying it. And may it be happen that, united in prayer, we can say with confidence that the future of the Church in Spain does not depend on our own strength, but on the God who was faithful yesterday, is faithful today, and will be faithful until the end.



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DAY 1

The God Who Brought Us This Far (Introduction)

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’” — 1 Samuel 7:12

To celebrate is to remember, and to remember is to give thanks. This is the tripod of joy that characterized the Jewish feasts—celebrations that God Himself had instituted. Each celebration was a remembrance of God’s faithfulness to His people and, therefore, an act of worship.

With this same spirit of worship, today we are not celebrating merely the 150th anniversary of an institution, but the unchanging faithfulness of God who sustains His people through the generations. The occasion for the celebration is the anniversary, but the center is God. We remember and celebrate that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8).

Remembering and celebrating is important because understanding our own history is essential for understanding and defending our identity. Knowing where we come from allows us to know who we are. Historical awareness as the people of God is an integral part of faith.

This century and a half of the Evangelical Alliance in Spain is, above all, a recognition of God’s faithfulness. But it is also a lasting testimony to the courage, effort, and trust of contemporary heroes of the faith—the generations who have gone before us. Like the people in captivity, they were “like those who dream” (Psalm 126:1); their faithfulness and perseverance in “sowing with tears” have made it possible for us now to “reap with songs of joy.” We give glory to God and thanks to the men and women He has used.

Like the prophet Samuel, today we also declare: “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” Ebenezer. This is the confession of our gratitude and our confidence, because God’s faithfulness in the past is the foundation of our hope for the future.



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DAY 1

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

Father, we praise You because You are a faithful God, even when we are not.

We thank You because faithfulness is part of the very essence of Your divine character, because You “do not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17), and because “for no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” (2 Cor. 1:20).

We thank You for Your faithfulness reflected in Your Word, in our lives, our churches, and in the centennial ministry of the Alliance.

Thank You for the good examples we have known in Your Word and in our lives, in brothers and sisters who have gone before us, and above all in the perfect example of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

We thank You for Your provision in the past and in the present, which also gives us hope for the future.

Confession:

We confess that we do not respond to Your faithfulness with the same faithfulness we receive, and that we do not make the most of the opportunities we have to advance Your Kingdom.

We confess that the lies of the devil and the world influence us and often hold us back from living lives fully devoted to You.

We confess that we have prioritized our comfort instead of living lives of faith-filled risk, and our own way of building instead of carefully listening to Your Word that challenges our assumptions.

Forgive our divisions caused by our pride and selfishness, which hinder the advance of Your Kingdom.

Petition:

- Help us, Father. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to perceive Your great faithfulness, to marvel at it, and to respond with faithfulness and sincere devotion to Christ.
- Deliver us from the distractions that extinguish our passion for You, for Your Word, and for souls.
- Revive us so that we may burn with passion for You. May we cultivate our relationship with You in the secret place and as a united body.

- Strengthen us to be faithful until death and to be willing to lay down our lives at Your feet, whether through martyrdom or by dying daily to ourselves in selfless service.
- We intercede before You so that the Evangelical Alliance in Spain may continue to be faithful to the purpose for which it was created: to unite the evangelical people in their diversity in order to fulfill a common mission—to be salt and light in our nation, proclaiming a relevant and transforming testimony of faith.



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DAY 2

One God, One People (Unity)

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were also called to one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” — Ephesians 4:3–6.

Believers have the responsibility to maintain unity in the Body of Christ. The seven aspects listed in these verses form the foundation upon which the Triune God creates the unity of the Church. The oneness of God defines the unity of the Church. This unity does not arise from consensus, but from shared truth and from the Spirit who dwells within us.

“There is one body and one Spirit...”

One of the things this passage teaches us is that the unity of the Church is not something we produce ourselves; rather, it is produced by the Holy Spirit as He dwells in all of us. Verse 3 calls it the unity of the Spirit. Our responsibility regarding unity is to preserve it. The unity that the Spirit produces is placed in our hands, in our mutual relationships. It is our relationships that will bear witness that the Father sent the Son. When a fragmented and often divided society sees the way we love one another, it will recognize the presence of the Spirit (v. 3; John 17:21, 23).

In each of verses 4 through 6 of this chapter, one of the persons of the Trinity appears. This indicates that the unity of the Church reflects the unity among the persons of the Godhead in the eternal relationship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Church is one because God is one. God has only one Church, and the churches of a city, a region, or a country should demonstrate the unity of the persons of the Trinity within the Godhead (vv. 4–6).

This unity is sustained by moral characteristics that reflect the Holy Spirit within us. If we read verse 2, we see that it speaks of five characteristics necessary to preserve unity. These are the character of Christ in us: humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, and love. This unity is not maintained through the creation of large organizations, but through relationships and transformed character. Our organizations make unity visible; they do not create it.

Finally, the unity of the Church is not uniformity. Verse 7, after the previous verses repeat nine times what is “one,” begins by saying, “But to each one of us...” in order to speak about diversity. The diverse unity of the Church is based on the different gifts we have been given to build up the Church.



Jaume Llenas

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DAY 2

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

- * Thank you, Father, for creating a people made up of such diverse individuals and cultures, for your glory and for the salvation of many.
- * Thank you, Son, because you are the head of the Church. Only by remaining close to you can we experience and show the world your character.
- * Thank you, Holy Spirit, because you are in all your sons and daughters, and you work through local churches that submit to your guidance.

Confession:

- * Lord, we acknowledge that our lack of understanding of your essence as the Triune God often leads us to have a limited vision of your Body, the Church.
- * Forgive us for the many times when our lack of love, gentleness, or humility has led us to clash with other members of your Body.

Petition:

- * We ask that unity would not be an end in itself, but a starting point for working together to clearly show the good news that Jesus Christ brings to a society without hope or peace.
- * We ask that we would become more aware of the body we form together with other churches in our community, and thus carry out the mission by displaying your manifold grace.



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DAY 3

Better on Our Knees Than in Agreement (Unity)

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” — Acts 1:14

We live in an era of endless negotiation. We assume that unity is achieved at round tables, by giving ground and seeking the lowest common denominator. Yet, the birth of the Church reveals a radically different reality: true Christian unity is not the result of human consensus, but of collective submission before the throne of Grace.

The text in Acts presents a diverse group—men and women, fishermen and former tax collectors, Jesus’ family and His disciples—who had every sociological reason to be divided. Yet, they “devoted themselves with one accord.” What was the secret? They were not looking at one another for approval; they were looking upward together. Unity was not forged by debating opinions, but by crying out to the Sovereign God.

This fundamental truth—that one body must have one voice directed to the Father—has vital implications for our church life today:

Unanimity is a miracle, not human management. Humanity, in its natural state, seeks its own glory and agenda. That a group of redeemed sinners can have “one mind” is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. As evangelicals, we recognize that our depravity tends toward division; therefore, united prayer is not merely a pious option, but an act of holy desperation. Without the Spirit binding us together, we are nothing more than a social club with religious opinions.

The physical posture shapes the posture of the heart. The text says they “devoted themselves”—they persevered on their knees. True unity is forged in humility before God. It is impossible to maintain denominational or personal pride while prostrate before God’s holiness. Corporate prayer is the great equalizer: at the Cross, no one is greater than their brother. We often prefer to be right rather than at peace, but God calls us to surrender our reasoning to receive His power.

Corporate prayer is theology in action. We do not pray to the air; we pray to the Triune God who has revealed Himself in Scripture. Our unity is born of “shared truth.” A church that does not pray together is functionally a church that acts as if God were unnecessary for ministry. If we believe in God’s sovereignty, our most important collective agenda must be to plead for His action.

DAY 3

Better on Our Knees Than in Agreement (Unity)

The ultimate goal is doxology, not therapy. Sometimes we treat prayer meetings like a therapy group to share our struggles. While God does comfort us, the purpose of Acts 1:14 was preparation for mission and the glory of God. The prophetic voice of the Church is sharpened in the secret chamber of prayer. Only when the Church speaks to God in unanimity can it then speak to the world with authority.

As we celebrate these 150 years of the Alliance, let us remember: strategies change, programs pass, but dependence on God endures. We do not need more strategy meetings where everyone “agrees” on superficial matters; we need more prayer meetings where we are “of one accord” in what is essential.

May our unity be spiritual, not political; forged not in boardrooms, but in the prayer room.



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DAY 3

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

- * We thank you, Father, because true unity is the work of your Spirit and not the result of our human agreements.
- * We thank you, Jesus, because we are united by one faith, one Gospel, and one Lord.
- * We thank you, Lord, because when we kneel, our differences disappear, and we remember that we all depend on your grace.
- * We thank you, God, for your faithfulness throughout these years of alliance and joint witness.

Confession:

- * Forgive us, Lord, for our personal and denominational pride.
- * Forgive us, Father, when we have sought to be right rather than live in unity.
- * Forgive us, Lord, for trusting more in strategies than in persevering prayer.
- * Forgive us, Father, when our prayer has been secondary and not the center of our life and mission.

Petition:

- * Give us, Lord, one mind and heart, produced by your Spirit.
- * Teach us, Jesus, to persevere together in prayer, with humility and dependence.
- * Make, blessed Father, our unity grounded in the truth of your Word.
- * May our united prayer, Lord, prepare the way for a mission carried out with power and authority.
- * May we be known, Father, as a people who seek your glory above our own interests.



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DAY 4

God Places Us in the Gap (Prophetic Voice)

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.” — Ezekiel 33:7

One of the defining features of the Evangelical Alliance since its beginnings has been its prophetic voice: proclaiming the Word of God. When a believer preaches the Gospel to the lost, he is announcing Christ’s kingdom over all reality. And this is something we should proclaim, as Isaiah says in chapter 58, “with a loud voice” and “without stopping.”

Why does God encourage us not to cease? Because the environment around us will not make it easy. It was not easy in Isaiah’s time, nor for Peter and John when they were beaten and intimidated to stop proclaiming the name of Jesus (Acts 5:40). It will not be easy today either, when we are ridiculed or excluded from public debates. Yet, like the apostles, we must declare that we cannot be silent about what we have seen, heard, and believed (Acts 4:20). We are called to proclaim Christ, and God has placed us in the gap.

We live in a world that rejects the Word of God. When we present Jesus Christ as Lord over all reality, no sector will remain unaffected: Pharisees, Sadducees, conservatives, and progressives alike. The gospel of Jesus Christ always surpasses human culture and worldviews. The world has rejected Jesus, and we must explain, as Peter and John did, that the one they reject is the one God approves; that Christ is, as He declared, the only solution to sin and the way to life (Acts 4:11–12).

We are watchmen, as described in Ezekiel 33. We have a responsibility: to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations (Luke 24:47). If the watchman warns and people do not heed, the responsibility falls on those who ignored the message. May God help us, as a church, to be faithful watchmen—announcing that condemnation is severe, that the solution of the gospel is perfect, and that eternal life can be accessed in Christ through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).

We cannot relinquish this responsibility of being watchmen in this century, because God has placed us in the gap.

DAY 4

God Places Us in the Gap (Prophetic Voice)

In a society so individualistic, narcissistic and estranged from God, we think, like Elijah, that we are the only ones left (1 Kings 19:10, 14). And the temptation is to remain silent or make excuses, like Jeremiah. But God says to the prophet:

“Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord” (Jeremiah 1:18–19).

And in the same way, God has placed us in this society with His strength and His calling. He has promised us His presence and His Spirit, who will give us the right words and the courage needed to proclaim the name of Jesus. For God has set us in the gap.

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DAY 4

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

- We thank you, good Father, for every person who obeyed your command and was used by you to bring us the Good News of the gospel.
- We also thank you because we can rely on your guidance, wisdom, and power through the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Confession:

- It hurts us, O God, to see how you are rejected in our nation and society today.
- We also confess that many times we act trying to please people around us more than you, our Creator and Savior.

Petition:

- Lord, we ask for courage, encouragement, and perseverance in our work as watchmen, proclaiming the precious Savior, Jesus Christ, who can deliver from eternal condemnation.
- Please help us springs out from the Gospel your gospel to those around us with consistency—in both our actions and our words.



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DAY 5

Justice That springs out from the Gospel (A Prophetic Voice)

“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” — Micah 6:8

The Word of God is the foundation of the moral principles of true justice. This declaration, which has echoed through generations, is one of the central messages of the prophet Micah to a generation that had forgotten how to “do justice.” Chapter six of the book of the prophet Micah opens before us like the scene of a courtroom where the people of Israel sit in the defendant’s seat and the mountains and hills are called as witnesses. God, as the supreme judge of the universe, addresses a people who were faithful in outward form but unfaithful in heart, calling them to listen to God (v.1), remember His works (vv.4–5), and therefore know the righteous acts of the Lord (v.5), which they were despising. These were the charges brought against Israel.

But, as in every trial, the argument of the defense is expected. Micah speaks on behalf of the people of God and introduces his moving argument with a rhetorical question: “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?” The prophet explains that the multitude of sacrifices does not cancel out the multitude of sins. Enough of appearing to be something without truly being it. God had already declared to His people what He required of them through Moses (Deut. 10:12–13), and everything revolved around the heart and love for God. Now Micah presses the point again, declaring what is fundamental for God: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

These three aspects go hand in hand and revolve around the heart, yet we are struck by Micah’s emphasis in placing the practice of justice first. This expression was already familiar to the Hebrew people. King Lemuel remembered that judging with justice meant defending the cause of the poor and the needy (Prov. 31:8–9), and the prophet Isaiah likewise called the people to learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression, defend the fatherless, and plead the widow’s cause (Isa. 1:16–17).

To do justice is to live out faith through concrete actions, not merely through words or religious rituals. But it is impossible to practice justice with a heart that despises the righteous acts of God. Like the people of Israel, we cannot reflect the justice of a God against whom we continually rebel.

DAY 5

Justice That Springs from the Gospel (A Prophetic Voice)

Yet here is the good news: the gospel reveals the righteousness of God, testified to by the Law and the Prophets—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe (Rom. 3:21–22). Because of our perfect Advocate, Christ, we have been declared innocent in the court of God. There is therefore no condemnation for us.

Even more, we have been clothed with His perfect righteousness—by grace alone, through faith alone. This righteousness transforms us into His likeness so that we may now truly practice justice. Vertical righteousness transforms horizontal justice.

Jesus shows us that doing justice means actively loving our neighbor (John 13:34–35), a love that ultimately led Him to the cross. In this way, Christ stands as the supreme example of justice, leading us to practice it ourselves.

Therefore, we do not proclaim a socialized gospel, nor do we embrace a privatized faith. Only the gospel has the power to transform hearts and, from there, to impact society. Let us be heralds of Christ's justice until the day when our King establishes it over all the earth.



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DAY 5

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

Father, we are deeply grateful because we find righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. He is our perfect Advocate, in whom we find peace between God and ourselves. We worship You as we pause to reflect, contemplate, and fill our hearts with the truth that we have been clothed in righteousness by grace alone.

Confession:

We acknowledge our failure in not always being mindful of the value of the vertical righteousness we have received through the love and sacrifice of Jesus for us. Forgive us for the ways we resemble the people of Israel; we often keep the outward forms while remaining unfaithful in heart. Forgive us, Lord.

Petition:

Lord, give us courage so that when we proclaim the gospel, it will not come merely from a human perspective or outward form, but as a message that truly transforms hearts. We ask that You grant us wisdom to understand that being heralds of the gospel is the greater purpose of our time on earth: to share the divine righteousness revealed at the cross so that it may impact society.



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DAY 6

Servants Approved by God (Serving with Excellence)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” — 2 Timothy 2:15

The Western society in which we live is highly competitive, centered on performance and results, encouraging individual effort in order to stand out and surpass others. As children of God and as His people, we can easily become trapped in that same vision of life. Such a perspective can affect not only the way we approach education and work, but even how we view our service and Christian ministry.

Having been purchased by the work and blood of Christ, our position is now that of servants of God (“You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness” — Romans 6:18). Therefore, our greatest desire should be to obtain His approval in the way we guide and use our lives, so that we may not be ashamed before Him in His evaluation.

Although we are called to maintain our integrity and a good testimony before those around us (“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the sight of man” — 2 Corinthians 8:21), we must not forget that the final evaluation belongs to the One to whom we belong and whom we serve (“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... It is the Lord Christ you are serving” — Colossians 3:23–24).

To obtain that approval as servants, Paul reminds us that the foundation is the knowledge and proper use of God’s Word. Through the reading of Scripture we come to know the great Servant, taking Him as our example for service. Through the Word of God we understand His eternal purposes, which shape and direct our vision. And in the Word we find the instructions of our Creator and Lord for building our lives with wisdom. Without knowledge, reverence, and obedience to the Word, there is no possibility of being approved as workers.

Yet our Lord does not evaluate us by the results we achieve or pursue, for those belong entirely to His sovereign administration. What He requires from us is a diligent commitment to serve Him with excellence, remembering that everything we are and everything we have comes from Him and has been given for the edification and benefit of others (1 Corinthians 12:7)

DAY 6

Servants Approved by God (Serving with Excellence)

Our service to God deserves our diligent excellence because it is part of the manifestation of His grace and ultimately aims at His glory. He uses us—imperfect instruments—to display His power. For this reason we are exhorted (1 Peter 4:11) to serve according to the power God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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DAY 6

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

Lord, thank You because what truly matters is not what others say about us, but that You—the just and sovereign God—are the One who evaluates our work. Thank You for being a good and merciful God, for giving us access to Your Word in our own language, and for providing the church with tools to learn from it. Thank You that, in a world full of lies and confusion, we can hold firmly to Your Word with confidence as the guide for our decisions.

Confession:

We confess that our pride often leads us to trust more in our own efforts or strategies than in the power of God working through His Word. We also confess that our laziness and negligence draw us away from Your Word, instead of allowing it to transform us and motivate us in Your mission.

Petition:

Lord, help us to love Your Word more than our ministries or gifts, so that we may serve You in the way You desire. Guard us from being blinded by efficiency or by the results of our work, and teach us to seek above all to please You.



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DAY 7

Serving from the Heart to the World (Serving with Excellence)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” — Matthew 25:40

When Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important, He answered without hesitation: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37, 39). Jesus exemplified these commandments every day of His life on earth, up to His final breath. He loved His heavenly Father, and His love for others flowed from that intimate relationship. This love reached His disciples, friends, enemies, those who came near Him, and the needy people He encountered, and it manifested in practical, concrete actions: teaching, correcting, healing, feeding, casting out demons, interceding, forgiving, and much more.

We too are direct recipients of God’s love, magnificently demonstrated in the giving of His own Son on the cross for us. Therefore, the life of Jesus serves as our frame of reference and our greatest motivation to become givers of this received love to others through a service of excellence.

Love for others is not merely a principle, a feeling, or a nice, romantic idea. Nor should it be fleeting or temporary. It must permeate all our actions. Otherwise, we risk being driven by personal ambitions, power struggles, and pride, serving only those we like, those easy to serve, or those who can benefit us in return. Or we might serve others only if we have free time, energy, or inclination.

Our loving service is practical, generous, kind, selfless, sacrificial, and faithful. It requires self-forgetfulness in order to see our neighbor and act his/her their benefit above our own. It is a service that aids everyone around us, regardless of their needs, status, or the timing of those needs. It is a service that goes even beyond whether the person is a brother or sister in faith.

DAY 7

Serving from the Heart to the World (Serving with Excellence)

A service that begins in the heart and extends to the world: to our local church, to our community, to those who suffer oppression, and to those who endure persecution for the sake of Christ. This loving service, expressed through concrete actions, demonstrates that our faith is alive and not dead.

Even more wonderfully, and as our greatest joy, we know that when we serve others, we are truly serving Jesus: “Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).



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DAY 7

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

We thank You for Your love that surrounds us every day, going beyond what we can understand. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Thank You for giving us life without sparing the cost of Your Son. Thank You because with You we have joy and hope, and we can live in peace despite this broken world. Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy and for the new opportunities each day to learn to love You above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Confession:

We confess that, although with our lips we say we love You above all things, it is not always true. We confess our selfishness. We confess that we forget we are Your disciples and that we live within Your mission. We confess that we cling to the comfort of our bubble and find excuses to remain asleep in our fears.

Petition:

May You always be the center of our lives, and may we love our neighbor with the same devotion and sensitivity that You showed. May we always remember that our mission is to make disciples and carry forward the ministry of reconciliation in our surroundings. May we long for Your kingdom. We ask that You make us more like You, that we see others as You see them, and that compassion and generosity move us each day.



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DAY 8

Until the Earth Is Filled with His Glory (Conclusion)

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” — Habakkuk 2:14

Christians, followers of Christ. The term is used for the first time in Antioch (Acts 11:19–30). It defines a heterogeneous group of people united by their faith, “scattered because of the persecution” (v.19). Scattered, sown in Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, yet bearing fruit born from adversity. Believers from different backgrounds—whether from Cyprus or Cyrene—preached to both Jews and Greeks. They proclaimed “the gospel of the Lord Jesus” (v.20) and demonstrated “the grace of God” (v.23). Young believers in the faith were exhorted to remain “faithful to the Lord” by Barnabas, a good and experienced man “full of the Holy Spirit and faith” (vv.23–24), who also collaborated with Saul and incorporated him into the ministry (vv.25–26). These believers taught many (v.26) and gave according to their means to help their brothers and sisters in times of need (v.29). They multiplied for the glory of God (v.24).

Just as Christianity took root in Judea, Protestantism in Spain also germinated amid difficulty and persecution, yet the flame remained alive through the centuries. Likewise, the Spanish evangelical community has faced dark times more recently, but has witnessed God’s faithfulness throughout history and has reaped the fruit of perseverance, always keeping their eyes on Him. Like in Antioch, we come from different backgrounds, yet we are one body, united by a common foundation of faith and at the Father’s disposal for His work. We also share a desire to know and live by His Word, to share with others the good news that has transformed us and can change the world.

In the example of those first Christians, we dedicate ourselves to the Kingdom: to love others as He loved us, to serve our neighbors, to reflect God’s grace, and to make Jesus present in every small daily act—not only in what we say but in what we do. Like the early church, we do not settle for the here and now: we are scattered, sown, with our eyes on the horizon where heaven touches the earth.

Therefore, we echo the words of the early church: thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness past, present, and future; thank You that in every trial we can fix our eyes on You and trust in the coming joy. We pray as they did: Lord, may Your Kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, may the knowledge of Your glory reach the farthest corners of the

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earth, and may people of every language and nation praise You. And we ask: use us, Lord, giving us unity and love, a confident voice, and a heart for service. Amen.



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DAY 8

Prayer Topics

Thanksgiving:

Thank You, Lord, because throughout history You have preserved Your Church amid adversity, causing Your work to flourish even in difficult times, and demonstrating Your faithfulness generation after generation. We thank You for making us one body in Christ, calling us from different backgrounds and circumstances, and giving us the privilege to participate in Your mission with the gifts You Yourself have distributed.

Confession:

Lord, we confess that many times we have allowed our differences to distance us, that pride or distrust has weakened our fellowship, and that we have failed to reflect the unity and love that come from You. Forgive us when we have settled for the here and now, when we have lost zeal for Your Kingdom, and when we have not sown faithfully where You have placed us. Renew in us an obedient, humble, and willing heart to serve. Amen.

Petition:

Lord, strengthen Your Church in Spain and throughout Europe to remain faithful to You, with hearts steadfast and filled with the Holy Spirit, even amid opposition or indifference, bearing fruit that glorifies Your name. Father, make us instruments of Your grace, sown wherever You place us, to boldly proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus, serving generously and reflecting Your love in every word and action. Holy Spirit, preserve and deepen our unity amid diversity, so that, as one body, we may show the world that Christ lives in us and that Your Kingdom continues to extend to the ends of the earth. Amen.



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