

JANUARY 10 - 20, 2024

THEME: FAITH IN EVERY FOOTSTEP

10 DAYS OF PRAYER



DAY 9 - GOD'S EVERY-WEEK BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR THE WORLD

You must not do what pleases yourselves on that holy day. You should call the Sabbath a joyful day...You should honor it by not doing whatever you please on that day...Then you will find joy in the Lord. (Isa. 58:13, 14, ICB)

God paused on the sixth day of creation to enjoy everything He had created. It had been amazing to make light shine, to create blue skies, and to sculpt the hills. He enjoyed planting delicate flowers, shady trees, and delicious fruits and vegetables. It was incredible to scatter stars on the sky. It was wonderful to see the fish swim and to hear the birds sing. He enjoyed creating the animals and watching the funny things they did together. And, best of all, He enjoyed creating Adam and Eve. Everything He had made was for their delight because He loved His precious children so much.

Tomorrow He would rest. Not because He was tired. But because He wanted to spend the day with His new children. He wanted to show them the wonderful things He had made: the delicious fruits, the beautiful flowers, and the friendly animals. And most of all, He wanted to show them how much He loved them, so they would learn how to love each other, too.

So God created Sabbath. An every-week birthday gift for this brand-new world. A day of delight where everyone could stop being busy and earning money. A day where everyone could pause and explore the gifts of creation. A day where everyone could enjoy and share the best gift of all, God's incredible love for every human being.



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LET'S DO THIS!

- Find a gift bag or box. Fill it with things that remind you of the gifts that God has packed into Sabbath: A candle - Sabbath brightens our week, a battery - Sabbath rest can give recharge our batteries, etc.
- Write "Happy Every-Week Birthday to the World" on the front of a blank card. Decorate it, and then write a Thank You letter to God for the Sabbath.
- Make a list of delightful things you can do on Sabbath to experience God's creation, show love to others, and learn more about His love for you.



LET'S PRAY

- Dear Father God, I praise You for the lovely gift of Sabbath every week, so that we can learn about Your love, share Your love with those in need, and be filled with wonder at Your amazing creation.
- I am sorry, God, for the times when I have seen Sabbath as a boring day and not as the delightful day You made it to be.
- Please help me and my family to plan and enjoy delightful Sabbaths that bring us closer to each other and to You.
- I pray that everyone in my church will make Sabbath a delight, so that others will want to share in the delightful day, too.

