All Things New: Hope Starts Here

DAY 10—ALL THINGS NEW

"'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.' Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful'" (Rev. 21:4, 5).

All Things New—Someday Soon

Someday soon all the troubles and trials of this life will be a distant memory as we experience the light, glory, and ecstatic joy of seeing Jesus face to face. We will be transformed "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52) to immortality, eternal vigor, and the boundless opportunities eternity will present. Truly, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9). Even the glimpses we may now receive through the Holy Spirit's enlightenment could never possibly enable us to grasp what eternity offers.

All Things New—Today, by Faith

Nevertheless, we have already "tasted of the heavenly gift . . . and the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6:4, 5, KJV) through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We know by experience what it is to be a "new creature," a totally new person in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, KJV). Forgiven. Cleansed. Risen. Alive—truly alive in union with Christ. We need not wait to understand and experience "all things new" when Jesus comes. We can experience that today and every day—till He comes! Best of all, it can affect everything we desire, plan, think, and do. Our will, when surrendered to the God who knows and can plan far better than we can, opens up a fountain of blessings and growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus that only those who have experienced it can know. To such believers no explanation is necessary, and to those who don't know it yet, no explanation is possible that would enable them to understand it, because it comes only by faith.

Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9:29, KJV). Not coincidentally, it was spoken to two blind men who came to Jesus to see. And Jesus says the same thing to the spiritually blind today. All we need to do is cry out, as they did, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" (Matt. 9:27). It's a prayer that will never go unanswered. Jesus waits and knocks at our heart's door every day, longing to spend the day with us, longing to help and guide us. Let's pray the experience of "all things new" will be ours today and every day—till He comes. Let's pray together.

Prayer Time (30–45 Minutes)

Every prayer group has its own way of praying together. We invite you to spend the next 30–45 minutes in united prayer, following the leading of the Holy Spirit. We encourage short conversational prayers (1–3 sentences), allowing more people to participate and pray multiple times. Below are a few examples of praying through Scripture based on today's theme. You may also pray through other Bible passages and include additional prayer topics during your time together. For more prayer ideas, please refer to the Leader's Guide and the World Church Prayer Requests.

Praying God's Word — Revelation 21:4, 5

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"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"

Father, thank You for the promise of a world with no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain. Comfort all who weep today, and fix our hope on the day when Your own hand will wipe away every tear. Carry us faithfully until that day.

"Behold, I make all things new"

Lord, make all things new—beginning now, in us. Make us new creatures in Christ today: forgiven, cleansed, risen, and alive in You. And finish the work by making all things new when Jesus comes.

"Write, for these words are true and faithful"

Father, Your word is true and faithful, and the world needs to hear it. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to share this sure hope of all things new, that many may believe and be ready before Jesus comes.

More Prayer Suggestions

Thanks and Praise: Give thanks for specific blessings and praise God for His goodness.
Confession: Take a few minutes for private confession and thank God for His forgiveness.
Guidance: Ask God to grant wisdom for current challenges and decisions.
Our Church: Pray for regional and world church needs (see separate sheet with requests).
OneVoice27: Pray for the OneVoice27 evangelistic emphasis culminating this September—that today's prayers become bold proclamation and that many will hear of Jesus before He comes.
Local Requests: Pray for current needs of church members, family, and neighbors.
Listen and Respond: Take time to listen for God's voice and respond in praise or song.

Song Suggestions

SDA Hymnal: Face to Face (#206); I Shall See the King (#426); When We All Get to Heaven (#633)
Other Songs: All Things New; Soon and Very Soon; Is He Worthy?