

Coming Back to the Altar

Testimonies of Spiritual Growth from 100 Days of Prayer



My name is Chironge, and for most of my life, I wandered. I drifted without purpose, chasing fleeting pleasures and filling a void I didn't understand. I knew of Jesus, but I didn't know Jesus. I knew the stories, but they felt distant and irrelevant to my daily life. I was caught up in the world, and it left me feeling empty and restless.

Then, I heard about this 'altar' – not just a physical place, but a place of surrender, a place of meeting God. At first, I was hesitant. I had a lot of baggage: mistakes I'd made, shame I carried, and doubts that whispered in my ear. It felt scary to confront all of that.

But something pulled me. A deep longing for something more. So, I went. I didn't know what to expect. I just knelt, closed my eyes, and tried to talk to God. I confessed all the junk I was carrying – the bad decisions, the hurts I'd caused, the emptiness inside.

It was messy. I cried a lot. I felt exposed and vulnerable. But as I poured out my heart, something incredible happened.

It felt like a weight lifted off my shoulders. A warmth spread through me. A sense of peace I'd never known before washed over me.

I realized in that moment that Jesus wasn't just a story; He was real, and He was right there with me. He wasn't judging me; He was loving me, accepting me, and forgiving me. It was like He was saying, "Welcome home, Chironge. I've been waiting for you."

That was my "back to the altar" moment. It wasn't a one-time thing; it was the start of a journey. Now, I understand that "back to the altar" means constantly surrendering my will to His, bringing my burdens to Him, and seeking His guidance in all things.

Since then, life hasn't been perfect, but it's been different. I still struggle, I still make mistakes, but now I have a Helper, a Comforter, a Friend who walks alongside me. I have a purpose, a hope, and a love that fills that void I used to feel.

Returning to the altar brought me to Jesus, and He has given me a new life. I'm still learning and growing, but I know I'm on the right path, and I'm so grateful for His grace and His love. - **Chironge JMagai**, Tanzania

Back to the Altar has taken my prayer life to a whole new level. I am so thankful to God the Back to the Altar principles. I've also learned to memorize Scripture and internalize God's Word each day by claiming the daily verses each day in prayer. God has started waking me up miraculously every day without my setting any alarm. I pray that nothing hinders my prayer life and that God helps me to continue this BTTA lifestyle until His coming.
- **Barbara**, Australia

World Church Prayer Requests

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- **World Church:** Pray for our new General Conference President, Erton Köhler, and our new Executive Secretary, Rick McEdward. Pray also for our General Conference Treasurer, Paul Douglas. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide these men as they lead our church over these next five years. Pray for the many other newly elected leaders.
- **Venezuela:** Pray for the El Dorado Central Adventist Church in Venezuela. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give guidance and empower the preaching and missionary activities, as well as the community services and children's Bible School. Pray for the souls choosing to be baptized. Pray also for protection from violence in the area.
- **Philippines:** Pray for a special care group for newly baptized children that has started in the Philippines. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the church members/care groups that they will be able to nurture the 32 newly baptized children. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to touch the heart of these children to sustain their interest in being part of God's church.
- **Haiti:** Please pray for the Seventh-day Adventist Pastors in Haiti who are working under very difficult conditions. Pray for the faith of the members, mostly the youth, that they keep their eyes on Jesus even in the midst of many trials.
- **United Kingdom:** Pray for the Peterborough Central Church - Stanground Group. Stanground is a new group worshipping in a rented school auditorium. It was started in 2024 and they are starting their first evangelism cycle in the community of Stanground. Please pray for the group and pastor to receive wisdom and spiritual power to know how to connect with the community and share the gospel of Christ with them.
- **Philippines:** Pray for the franchise and license of AWR radio Butuan, that the congress will accept the renewal and the radio ministries will continue to spread the Gospel.
- **Argentina:** Pray for the "Iglesia de General Paz y del Centro" in Argentina. Pray that the Lord will provide the human assistance, material, and financial resources to build the church in the Center and to finish the construction of the General Paz church in the city of Córdoba. Pray for church members to be able to open the Center of Influence and a Life and Health Club. Pray that the Lord will revive and reform the churches and that ministries of intercessory prayer will be established in each church.