

# **SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2016**

## **INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL GOSPEL CHURCH – EDMONTON LOVE TEMPLE**



### **PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK ONE**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

## *A Message from the Shepherd*

July is SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH in ICGC. It is a month of PRAYER AND FASTING. I encourage you to be part of these thirty (30) days of prayer and fasting from Friday, July 1, 2016 to Saturday, July 30, 2016. Let's journey together in faith!

I pray that the LORD will enable you to make the most out of this spiritual journey of CLEANSING, CONSECRATION and YIELDING TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **Expect burdens to be lifted, bondages to be broken, battles to be won, and the floodgates of heaven to be opened in your life.**

*Isaiah 40:28-31* Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. <sup>31</sup> But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

I encourage you to be part of all scheduled meetings. The venue and times are as follows:

- **Mondays to Thursdays** – Prayer teleconference from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Fridays** – Church service in the auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays** - Prayer teleconference from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- **Sundays** - Church service in the auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Note:** All ICGC Love Temple members are encouraged to check their personal emails for the teleconference call-in details.

*By: Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate*

### ***Day 1 - Friday, July 1, 2016***

Come before God with a repentant heart because He is merciful.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

**Hebrews 12:1-2; 12-15** Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: <sup>15</sup> looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

**1 John 1:8-9** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PRAYER POINTS:**

1) Ask God for the grace to turn away from what you know to be wrong (apathy, backbiting, bitterness, disobedience, prayerlessness, selfish motivation, ignoring the needs of the poor and needy, discrimination, treating people as being less than yourself, etc.)

**2 Chronicles 7:14** if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

2) Confess all sins and ask God for forgiveness - **Isaiah 59:1-2.**

3) Ask the Lord to open your heart and fill it with the knowledge of His Will.

4) Pray and dedicate this month of July unto the Lord. Commit this month of prayer and fasting to Him and ask Him to manifest His power in your life.

5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Church Service @ 7:00 -8:30 PM</b> <b>Venue: Church Auditorium</b></p>
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## ***Day 2 - Saturday, July 2, 2016***

Consecrate your life to God; ask Him to renew you spiritually as you wait on Him.

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**PRAYER POINTS:**

1) Totally yield yourself to the Lord. Ask Him to strengthen your faith and help you overcome your weaknesses.

- 2) Claim victory over every temptation that draws you away from God.
- 3) Ask God to open your heart and fill it with the knowledge of His Will.
- 4) Pray that the Lord will cause you to experience fruitfulness as you trust and seek His Will this month. Ask God to show Himself strong in every area your life.
- 5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer Teleconference @ 5:00 – 6:00 AM  
(All Love Temple Members)**

**Prayer Retreat @ 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
(All Church Workers)**

### ***Day 3 - Sunday, July 3, 2016***

Come before God with a heart of gratitude. Consider all the blessings He has showered on you. Take time to thank Him for your life and that of your family. Don't ask for anything. Just raise your voice in praise and worship to the merciful, faithful, longsuffering, forgiving, patient Yahweh whose love has kept your life intact despite all the odds against you. Don't take any blessing for granted. Let everything that has breathe praise the Lord!

**Psalm 103:1-5** Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, <sup>5</sup> Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's

#### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Praise God for seeing you through the first half of 2016. Thank the Lord for His grace, mercies, forgiveness, healing, goodness, provision, protection, guidance and also for all the victories you have won - **Psalm 149**
- 2) Praise God for the lessons He taught you and the opportunities He provided.
- 3) Praise God for the peace and prosperity of Edmonton, Alberta and Canada. Praise Him also for granting wisdom for governance to those in authority at both the Provincial and Federal level - **Isaiah 60:18**
- 4) Praise God in anticipation of all the blessings coming our way as a church – overflow of His goodness and mercies, anointing to influence, protection, financial prosperity, career advancement, healthy marriages, healthy family relationships, babies, higher paying jobs, God-fearing spouses, creative business ideas, etc.
- 5) As directed by the Spirit of God.

**Church Service @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON  
Venue: Church Auditorium**