

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2016

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



PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK FOUR

Opening the Floodgates of Heaven

July 18th – 24th, 2016

A Message from the Shepherd

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. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹ 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.

July is SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH in ICGC. It is a month of PRAYER AND FASTING. Let's continue to journey together in faith as we enter week four (Day 18 to Day 25) of our thirty (30) days prayer and fasting.

As we step into the fourth week of this Spiritual Emphasis month, our focus will be captured by the theme “Opening the Floodgates of Heaven”. Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon your finance, marriage, spouse and children, ministry, career, business, education, immigration application and every other area of your life. Ask God to open the floodgates of Heaven upon ICGC Love Temple.

I sense that spectacular miracles and victories will be downloaded into our lives as we wait on the Lord this week. Burdens will be lifted, bondages will be broken and battles will be won. As you pray expect the floodgates of Heaven to be open over those who:

- Want a fresh anointing for ministry.
- Are facing spiritual drought and their lives have become very hard and almost like a rock.
- Are broke (have lost their job or their businesses are on the verge of collapse).
- Are facing challenges in their marriage (their marriage is on the rocks or has even headed off a cliff).
- Want the grace to spice up the romance in their marriage.
- Want God to bless them with a child
- Have kids who have wandered away from God.

God's rain produces new life. When God open His floodgates, the blessings are uncontainable. Just like it happened with Noah's Ark, God's blessing will lift you up and completely cover every circumstance you're facing today.

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.

Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate

Day 18 - Monday, July 18, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon your finance. Our tithe unlocks the floodgates of heaven. Pray that your tithe and offering will be according to the blessings God has given to you. Ask God for the grace to tithe regularly and faithfully.

Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) As we begin the fourth week of our prayer and fasting, ask God to send His rain upon your finances; in the name of Jesus, break every cycle of poverty in your life and ask God to make His will concerning finances clearer to you.
- 2) Pray for the grace to honour God faithfully with the firstfruits of all your increase. Ask Him to honour His word concerning tithing in your life. Remember, God rewards us according to the percentage that is left after we have given not according to the amount we give.

Mark 12:41-44 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

- 3) Ask the Lord to drop the right ideas and concepts into your mind; pray that your mind will be receptive to innovative ideas; ask God to make you a major problem solver.
- 4) By faith proclaim God’s blessings upon your investments; ask the Lord to order your steps into new fruitful fields; pray for divine favour over every work of your hands.
- 5) Thank God for fresh financial blessings; boldly affirm that because the Lord is your shepherd, you shall not want nor be anxious over the necessities of life.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM
(All Love Temple Members)**

Day 19 - Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon your marriage, spouse and children.

Psalms 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to fill your family with His love and unity; pray that no seed of bitterness shall take root in your family to poison the love you have for each other.
- 2) In the name of Jesus, break any chain of sin and bondage that holds any member of your family captive; tell the Lord to build a hedge of protection around you and your family; pray the covering of the blood of Jesus over every member of your family.
- 3) Ask the Lord to surround your family with His grace and mercy; mention each family member by name and pronounce God's blessing over each one of them.
- 4) Ask God to protect your children and siblings from their peers who are not believers; pray that the Lord will build a wall of fire around them at school, home, and on the streets.
- 5) Pray that each child in ICGC Love Temple will live life in Christ to the fullest; pray that each one will fulfill his or her divine assignment.
- 6) Intercede for a couple you know who are having challenges with child birth; ask God for the miracle of a child for them.
- 7) Pray for God's blessing on all widows, orphans and the abandoned; ask the Lord to be their unfailing shield and provider; pray that the blessings of heaven and the fatness of the earth will be downloaded into their lives.
- 8) Celebrate God's goodness to your family; thank God that His banner of love over your household will always remain.
- 9) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 20 - Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon your ministry. Ministry occurs when you use your time, resources (abilities, talents and gifts) and energy to serve God and men (both believers and unbelievers).

Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

Acts 20:24-28 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵“And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to help you to be committed to kingdom living; ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and give you the grace to fulfill the ministry God has given to you - **Colossians 4:17**.
- 2) Ask God to place a strong burden for the poor and needy upon every ICGC Love Temple member; pray that God will help you to open your heart and hands to the poor and needy.

1 John 3:16-18 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Matthew 10:8 freely you have received, freely give.

- 3) Pray for the grace to know how to handle and treat people.
- 4) Ask God to give you a fresh passion for winning souls; intercede for people to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- 5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>

Day 21 - Thursday, July 21, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon your business, career and academic life.

Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask the Lord to drop the right ideas and concepts into your mind; pray that your mind will be receptive to innovative ideas; pray for depths of spiritual understanding.
- 2) Ask God to make you a major problem solver; ask Him to make you wiser beyond your age, education and experience.
- 3) Ask the Lord to bless your investments and order your steps into new fruitful fields; pray for divine favour over every work of your hands.
- 4) Pray for God's blessing of increase upon your life; ask God to make you a thousand times more in all areas.
- 5) Pray for the grace to take your place and be a voice in the land. Remember Isaac took over in a foreign land. It is not where you are but who is in you, and whose word you are acting on.
- 6) By faith receive the manifestation of God's blessing over your life; boldly declare that every word God has spoken concerning you shall come to pass.
- 7) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</p>

Day 22 - Friday, July 22, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon ICGC Love Temple. Pray for unity and love to prevail in the church. The local church is very crucial in the life of every believer. A proper relationship with the local church provides a unifying center and focus for all other responsibilities.

Psalms 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

John 17:20–23 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Ask God to fill ICGC Love Temple with His glory and make it a light to our community. Pray that the church will grow in influence and continue to be a beacon of hope in our society.
- 2) Ask the Lord to draw each member close to Himself. Pray that each member will know Christ personally and understand their role in the church.
- 3) Pray for unity and love to prevail in the church.
- 4) Pray that God through ICGC Love Temple will produce model new testament Christians (men and women who are born again, prayerful, knowledgeable in the word of God, Holy Spirit-controlled and committed to Christ-like living).
- 5) Commit Pastor Laate and the leaders of the church to the Lord; ask God to uphold them daily in righteousness and holiness and keep them together in love.
- 6) Pray for all church workers that the Holy Spirit will help them to strive to please God in all they do.
- 7) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Church Service @ 7:00 -8:30 PM Venue: Church Auditorium</p>
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Day 23 - Saturday, July 23, 2016

Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon every other area of your life.

Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

Isaiah 43:18–19 “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Cry out to God and ask Him to open the floodgates of Heaven and send His rain upon every other area of your life.
- 2) Ask the Lord to enlarge the boundaries of your life; break every limitation and barrier that has trapped you in a place of despair and discouragement; break free in Jesus' name.
- 3) Pray that God will do something new in your life; pray for new mercies, new anointing, new strength, new opportunities, new direction and new territories.
- 4) Ask the Holy Spirit to take control over every environment you operate in; pray that wherever you set your feet shall be God's possession; release the spirit of salvation and deliverance all around you.
- 5) In the name of Jesus, declare that no past failure shall be part of your future; boldly declare that you have stepped out from restriction to freedom; from scarcity to abundance; proclaim that in Christ Jesus, you are more than a conqueror. Thank God that your future is better than your past.
- 6) Thank the Lord for healing you from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. Proclaim healing in every cell, tissue and organ of the body. Boldly affirm that all is well with you and your family.
- 7) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p>Prayer Teleconference @ 5:00 – 6:00 AM (All Love Temple Members)</p>
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Day 24 - Sunday, July 24, 2016

Thank God for the past twenty four (24) days of prayer and fasting; praise Him for the spectacular victories He has given to you.

Psalm 102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Ezekiel 34:26 I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing.

Psalm 23:5-6 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) As we enter the final week of our prayer and fasting, lift up your heart and voice to the Lord and give Him thanks for bringing us this far; thank God for every prayer prayed so far; thank Him for answers.
- 2) Ask the Lord to set a table before you in the presence of your enemies; ask the Lord to turn your tests into testimonies; ask Him to anoint you for signs, wonders and miracles; pray for a supernatural overflow.
- 3) In the name of Jesus, declare that from now to the end of the year, each day shall be a day filled with God's glory.
- 4) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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