

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2017

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



PRAYER FOCUS – DAY 1 & DAY 2

July 1st – 2nd, 2017

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 Saturday, July 1, 2017 to Sunday, July 30, 2017. 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 renewing COVENANT with God. **As you pray and fast, 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 not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

I entreat you to give yourself enough rest if possible during the fasting period. Pray more, read the Bible and good books on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc. Listen to or watch video tapes on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare. Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc. Meditate on God's word and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

Abstain from strong stimulants such as coffee, etc. during the fast. Break with light food or beverages or fruits, etc.

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 - Saturday, July 1, 2017

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. ²But 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, ² 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. ¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ 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.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Confess all sins and ask God for forgiveness - **Isaiah 59:1-2.**
- 2) Ask God for the grace to turn away from what you know to be wrong (pride, envy, apathy, backbiting, bitterness, disobedience, prayerlessness, selfish motivation, ignoring the needs of the poor and needy, discrimination, etc.)

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

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.

- 3) Ask the Lord to strengthen your faith and help you overcome your weaknesses.
- 4) Pray and dedicate this month of July unto the Lord. Commit your prayer and fasting to Him and ask Him to manifest His power in your life.
- 5) Ask God to open your heart and fill it with the knowledge of His Will. 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.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer Retreat @ 3:00 – 6:00 PM
(All Church Workers)**

Day 2 - Sunday, July 2, 2017

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 breath praise the Lord!

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

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Worship the Lord for who He is; let your heart rejoice in His presence; bow before Him in humble adoration and declare that He is good and His mercies endure forever.
- 2) Praise God for seeing you through the first half of 2017. Thank the Lord for His grace, mercies, forgiveness, healing, goodness, provision, protection, guidance and also for all the victories you have won - **Psalm 149**
- 3) Offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving unto God for all the blessings He has prepared for you in this Spiritual Emphasis month.
- 4) Praise God in anticipation of all the blessings coming our way as a church. Thank Him for the overflow of His goodness and mercies, mantles of leadership, protection, financial prosperity, career advancement, healthy marriages and families, babies, higher paying jobs, God-fearing spouses, creative business ideas, etc.
- 5) 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**
- 6) Commit your prayer and fasting from tomorrow Monday July 3rd to Sunday July 9th to God and ask Him to help you renew your covenant with Him.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalm 89:34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

- 7) As directed by the Spirit of God.

<p>Church Service @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Venue: Church Auditorium</p>
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