

# **SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2017**

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



### **PRAYER FOCUS – DAY 10 TO DAY 16**

*Grace for Personal and Church Growth  
Galatians 4:1-2 ; 2 Peter 3:18*

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## A Message from the Shepherd

July is SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH in ICGC. It is a month of PRAYER AND FASTING. 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.

**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.

**Our focus from Day 10 to Day 16 is captured by the theme “Grace for Personal and Church Growth”.**

**Galatians 4:1-2** Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

**2 Peter 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

God is calling us to grow in every area of our lives. Growth is the process of developing or maturing physically, mentally and spiritually. Growth empowers us to stick with our convictions even under the most terrifying circumstances. It allows us to recognize and stay with the truth. The degree of love and unity in the church is affected by the level of spiritual growth of the members. Growth results in the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (**Galatians 5:22**).

I want us to pray that God will empower us to arise from where we are individually and as a church into a new level of growth mentally, spiritually, numerically, financially and influentially. Let's ask the Lord for the grace to break every limitation or barrier that stands between us and our next level of growth.

**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.**

I encourage you to 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 10 - Monday, July 10, 2017***

Growth calls for change and at times this process can be painful. For us to grow, we have to be willing to unlearn and relearn. We have to re-arrange our thinking and make sure it aligns with the will of God for lives.

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.

**2 Peter 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Pull down every stronghold of the enemy over your life and ask God to give you a strong desire for growth.
- 2) Pray for the grace to grow up spiritually. Ask God to help you to separate yourself completely to Him.
- 3) Ask God to help you to re-arrange your thinking and align it to His will. Boldly declare that you are plugged into His engrafted word.
- 4) Pray that the Holy Ghost will help you to reject any attitude and behaviour that will undermine our growth as a local assembly e.g. hypocrisy, bitterness, backbiting, jealousy, apathy, lack of commitment, poor leadership, pettiness (small or trivial mindedness), focus on fighting smaller battles, etc.
- 5) Pray that the Holy Ghost will help you to pursue the way of love and unity. United we stand, divided we fall. The blessings of God are released when there is unity.

***Psalm 133*** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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

## ***Day 11 - Tuesday, July 11, 2017***

Ask the Lord, who is the master builder to build His church.

**Matthew 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone, the primary foundation (**Ephesians 2:20**). He is the one who has promised to build His church. The church is characterized as....

1. The body of Christ - **Ephesians 1:22-23**
2. The household of God - **1 Timothy 3:15**
3. The temple of God - **Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5**
4. The kingdom of Christ - **Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9**
5. The bride of Christ – **2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19: 6-9; 21:2**

Each of these expressions emphasizes some blessing or responsibility we have as those who have been called out of the world into this spiritual Assembly of God's people.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Lift your voice and ask the Lord to build His church.
- 2) Pray that ICGC Love Temple shall withstand whatever "the gates of Hades" shall throw against it.
  - a. Mockery and discouragement - Nehemiah 4:1-3
  - b. Plots of violence and warfare - Nehemiah 4:7-9
  - c. Accusations.
- 3) Pray that the focus of LOVE TEMPLE shall be to be like JESUS CHRIST in this world.
- 4) Ask God to raise model new testament Christians through this local assembly. Pray that as a church, we will produce people who are born again, prayerful, knowledgeable in the word of God, Holy Spirit-controlled and committed to Christ-like living.
- 5) Pray for the grace to yield and submit completely to the leadership of the Holy Spirit at all times.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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

## **Day 12 - Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

Come boldly before the Lord and ask Him to bless ICGC Love Temple with numerical growth.

**Acts 2:42-47** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup>Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup>and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup>So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**Hebrews 10:25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Come boldly before the Lord and ask Him to bless ICGC Love Temple with numerical growth.
- 2) Pray that as a church we will continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- 3) Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir the heart of every member to participate fully in all church activities and programmes.
  - a. Sunday and Friday prayer and teaching services
  - b. Morning devotions
  - c. Naming Ceremonies / Baby Dedication
  - d. Community related projects i.e. Food Bank Drive
  - e. Spiritual Emphasis Month and Greater Works Conference
  - f. Church Picnic / Barbeque
  - g. Friends and Family Day, Gospel nights, Movie nights etc.
- 4) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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

## ***Day 13 - Thursday, July 13, 2017***

Ask God to cause the various ministry teams in the church to grow. Pray for the ability to push the boundaries of our love when dealing with people who may not like us or those we may not like.

**Nehemiah 2:17-20** Then I said to them, “You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. **Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.**” 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. **So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to this good work.** 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?” 20 **So I answered them, and said to them, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.”**

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Pray for the pastor and all departmental team leads to set a good example and be willing to sacrifice more.
- 2) Pray that every leader will receive the grace for motivating people.
- 3) Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to develop a team spirit and to work as a team.
- 4) Pray that the members of the various departments will understand their expected roles and strive to please God in all they do.
- 5) Pray that every worker in the church will be committed to the philosophy of the church - Practical Christianity, Human Dignity and Excellence.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM (All Love Temple Members)</b></p>
--

## ***Day 14 - Friday, July 14, 2017***

Ask God to give you the mind of Christ. When we receive the mind of Christ, we are equipped to follow God's plan for our lives. We are empowered us to add value to other people's lives through service.

**Nehemiah 4:6** So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

**Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

**Colossians 3:23** And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to give you a mind to work for Him. Pray for the grace to become more diligent in your work.
- 2) Pray that the Holy Ghost will help every member to relate well with the Pastor and all the other leaders.
- 3) Ask God to help you to be honest and trustworthy in all matters. Pray for the grace to avoid any activity, whether connected with your position or otherwise, which would compromise your integrity, and/or bring your message, the people you work with, your colleagues or the wider Church community into disrepute.
- 4) Pray that God will empower you to add value to other people's lives through service.
- 5) Pray that as a church, we will not shrink from being a beacon of hope to the needy and those who sit in darkness.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Church Service @ 7:00 -8:30 PM</b> <b>Venue: Church Auditorium</b></p>
--

## ***Day 15 - Saturday, July 15, 2017***

Come before God with deep intercessory prayers for your family, church, and nation.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Destroy all the plans of the devil against the family, church, and the nation.

**Matthew 16:19** And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- 2) Pray that the light of the Gospel will shine in Edmonton, Alberta and Canada. That the Spirit of God will burn like fire to consume the blinding darkness of unbelief and rebellion, and that people will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Pray for the Premier of Alberta and all in leadership position in government. Pray that the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge will rest upon their lives so they can govern well.
- 4) Intercede for the Universal Church. Pray for unity in the Church; ask Christ, the Head of the Church, to quicken His Body with the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that in the face of persecution, the Church will grow from victory to victory under the banner of Christ.
- 5) Pray for the General Overseer of International Central Gospel Church, Dr. Mensa Otabil and all ICGC pastors and members worldwide. Pray that God will cause all ICGC churches to grow and become a voice in land wherever they are planted.
- 6) Ask God to help every ICGC church leader to set a good example and be willing to sacrifice more. Ask Him to give them grace to break every negative habit that constantly undermines their effectiveness; decree freedom from every addiction and claim God's promise of blessing over their lives.
- 7) Ask God to show Himself strong in every area your life. Boldly affirm that you are experiencing fruitfulness in every area of your life.
- 8) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Prayer Teleconference @ 5:00 – 6:00 AM (All Love Temple Members)</b></p>
--



## ***Day 16 - Sunday, July 16, 2017***

Ask God for financial growth. Money is not the root of all evil; the love of it is. The problem with wealth is not in having it; it is in how we get it, how we guard it and how we use it.

**3 John 1:2** Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

**Deuteronomy 8: 18** And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

**1 Timothy 6:17** Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Pray for the release of God's financial overflow in your life.
- 2) Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir your heart to give bountifully so that the church will grow financially.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

- 3) Pray that God will give you a heart that is always obedient to His word (a heart for saying "Yes Lord" at His call to give).
- 4) Thank God for opening your heart and giving you the grace to become an example in your giving.
- 5) Commit your prayer and fasting from tomorrow Monday July 17th to Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> to God and ask Him open the floodgates of heaven and rain in your life. Pray for the release of His overflow – the blessing of a brand new season of favour, unprecedented growth, restoration of wasted years and opportunities and amazing signs and wonders.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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