

Precious Saviour

“That you might be filled with all the fullness of God”
Ephesians 3:19

“Precious Saviour, I implore Thee, all Thy fullness, now impart; Keep Thy love wings, hovered o’er me, Dwell Thyself within my heart. Precious Saviour, precious Saviour, All my treasure, Lord thou art”

“Let not sin again, defile me, Keep me holy, faithful pure; Never from Thy face exile me, Love me, keep me ever more. In Thy favor, in Thy favor, My poor longing, heart assure”

“Hide me from the world’s alluring, Buried with Thee into death; Let me all life’s ills enduring, Walk the holy way of faith. Precious Saviour, precious, Savior, Keep me in the narrow path.”

-C.P. Jones



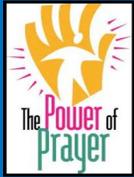
2018 NATIONAL PRAYER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

21 DAYS
“TO PRAY FOR HIS
ANOINTING, AND
PLEAD FOR HIS
PRESENCE”

JULY 5, 2018 - JULY 25, 2018

“When Solomon finished praying... the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord’s house...” 2 Chronicles 7:1-2





**Our 2018
National Prayer
& Devotional Guide**

General prayers tend to yield general results, but specific prayers are the bedrock of specific answers. The 2018 National Prayer & Devotional Guide is designed to enable you to do both – pray generally and specifically for the 2018 National Convention.

First, you will find daily “Prayer Points” to lift up to God and ask His anointing on this year’s National Convention. We thank National Prayer Coordinator, Bishop Dale L. Cudjoe for identifying our general and specific prayer targets.

Second, a new feature is daily “Devotional Nuggets” to encourage pleading to God for His fullness in your life and upon God’s people. We are thankful for seven (7) COCHUSA leaders who provided them. (Their respective initials appear at the end of devotional.) In addition to yours truly, our contributors are:

- Senior Bishop Vernon E. Kennebrew (VEK)
- Bishop Emery Lindsay (EL)
- Bishop Joseph R. Campbell (JRC)
- Bishop Maurice Nicholson (MN)
- Elder Benjamin J. Winn, Sr. (BJW)
- Missionary Jannie B. Johnson (JBJ)

The weekly themes are: “Importance of Prayer” (Week 1); “Spiritual Intimacy with God” (Week 2); and “Repentance, Cleansing and Forgiveness” (Week 3)

Thank you for joining us for “21 Days to Pray for the Anointing and Plead for His Presence”

“Now unto Him, who’s able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think!” – Ephesians 3:20

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Lindsay E. Jones
National President

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 1

Thursday, July 5, 2018

The Power of PRAYER: Don't Start Your Day Without It

Read: Luke 18:1-8

“And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” Luke 18:1

There was a commercial whose tagline was: “American Express: *Don't Leave Home Without It.*” In Jesus’ simple parable, He teaches his followers about the essentials of daily prayer. If we are to effectively walk with God in this world, we must have power. By its basic definition, power means the ability to act or the capacity to do. Nothing happens without power, including our effort to live a Christian life. It is in our private moments of **prayer** that we receive the necessary wisdom, strength, and grace to face the challenges of each day. Remember, when it comes to the power of prayer: don’t start your day without it! -VEK

*“Pray, pray, pray, Each and ev’ry day!
Pray, pray, pray, All along the way;
Trouble God upon His throne,
Trouble Him till He shall own,
Every seed of faith you’ve sown;
Pray, pray, pray!”* -C. P. Jones

Pray to God *for His Anointing*

Pray that God will send His Spirit upon the work of the:

- Board of Bishops Meetings
- National Parent Body Executive Board Meetings
- National Board and Auxiliaries Meetings
- Opening Session of the National Convention

DAY 2

Friday, July 6, 2018

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Prayer Works

Read: Acts 27:21-26

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:25

In Bishop C. P. Jones' song, "I Would Not Be Denied," verse 3 states *"Old Satan said my Lord was gone And would not hear my pray'r, But praise the Lord! the work is done, And Christ, the Lord is here."* We are so reminded that we can trust the God of heaven and know that He will see us through all of the challenges of life, if we will simply pray and commit those things to Him. We cannot be side tracked by others or doubts; but we must stand firmly on the Word of God and continuously profess that "I believe God." When we stand strong, we will be a source of

encouragement to others that they can believe that God hears and answers our prayers. In James 5:16B, the scripture clearly states that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much." For I Believe God! Don't you? - JRC

Prayer: *Thank you Lord, for perseverance in prayer.*

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that the power and presence of God will be in these Sessions:

- National Brotherhood Ministries
- United Christian Women's Ministries
- National Sunday School and Holiness Youth Ministries
- Daughters of Esther
- Deacons Ministries.

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 3

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Power of Intercessory Prayer

Read: 1 Kings 17:1-7

When building our church, there was a rainy season which prevented us from getting fill dirt to the job site. I remember working about ten miles west of the church. My wife worked eight miles east of the church. My friend who owned dump trucks lived about ten miles south of the church. When it began to rain, I had to stop the bricklayers from working and send them home.

I came to the church, praying and crying. But I thought about Elijah and how he prayed that it did not rain. I prayed and asked God to hold the rain long enough for us to get the dirt to the church. Afterwards, God allowed it to rain all around the church, but not where we retrieved the dirt nor where we had to take it. The moment I reached home and closed the door, the rain began to pour. There is power in prayer!

God answered Elijah's prayer. God answered my prayer. And God can and will answer your prayer! -MN

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that the following National Boards and their leaders would be open to a supernatural move of God in their midst:

- National Board of Pensions and Benefits
- National Church Evangelism and Mission Board
- National Publishing Board
- National World Mission Board
- National Evangelists
- National Missionaries

DAY 4

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Overcoming Spiritual 'Flats'

Read: James 4:6-10

"Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you" James 4:8

Recently I was about to leave home to run a errands. As I hastily departed, I raced to the garage and started the car. As I began to back out, I immediately knew something was wrong. I stopped the car, got out and walked around to the other side. There I discovered a flat tire. I was not going anywhere on that flat.

Later I began to ponder my prayer life in light of the flat tire. The Lord seemed to say, when our "spiritual tires" are flat, we cannot advance in our spiritual growth. Just as a flat tire can bring you to a complete stop, how much more is our spiritual life hindered as a result under-inflated "spiritual tires."

The good news is that earnest and fervent prayer lifts and inflate our souls with new joy, love, and commitment, as we move along the highway of holiness. Feeling rather flat in your spiritual journey? Allow God to revive your heart and stir your spirit through rejuvenating prayer. -EL

Pray to God *for His Anointing*

Pray that financial and spiritual miracles will be experienced throughout the National Convention:

- Budget Committee work
- Finance committee work
- Registration Committee work
- National Church Office work
- All offerings to all BAM'S
- All National Convention offerings.

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 5

Monday, July 9, 2018

Pray Until It Happens!

Read: Acts 12:1-10

"But prayer was made unceasingly unto God for him."

Acts 12:5

Here is a test whereby God separates the casual seeker from the serious seeker. Will we persist in prayer or grow weary and give up without an answer from God? Peter was in prison for a planned execution the next day. But prayer was made without ceasing unto God for Him. And God powerfully responded and sent His angel to unlock noisy doors and around sleeping soldiers... The power of prayer will release you while you leave your enemy behind your locked doors.

Persistent prayer stems from an honest awareness of one's weakness and helplessness apart from God's intervention. We must be stranded on His omnipotence. Jesus taught His disciples to "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). A literal translation might read: "Ask and *keep on* asking and you will receive; seek and *keep on* seeking and you will find; knock and *keep on* knocking and it will be opened to you." - BJW

Pray to God *for His Anointing*

Pray that the Holy Spirit will take charge during the following:

- Prayer Room Session
- Musician Rehearsals
- National Convention Choir rehearsals
- Praise Team Rehearsals
- Congress Music Ministry
- National Convention Music Ministry
- All Music/Choir Directors

DAY 6

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

We Need Vision to See

Read: Proverbs 29:16-20
"Where there is no vision, the people perish...."
Proverbs 29:18b

We are in a fix. We are trapped into silence by the new laws/policies and changed attitudes toward Biblical truth, God's Truth. We are trying to navigate between dangerous reefs of diversity and sexual harassment. We need God to steer us thru.

We are fearful, super sensitive, suspicious and defensive. We are allowing immorality to be mainstreamed, marriage marginalized, the atmosphere sexualized and your truth re-defined. Forgive us, Lord and give us vision to see that

we are perishing in a sea of god-less knowledge having not the power to rescue ourselves.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of prayer. Thank you for the power you have given us in prayer. You promised never to leave or forsake us. Thank you, Lord for this promise 'cause we need you close and we need you near every day.

In thy name we pray. Amen.
- JBJ

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that God's blessings will be upon all in attendance at the:

- Dr. Rainer B. Wilson
- Fellowship Dinner
- All Youth Activities
- Children's Banquet
- Children's Ministries

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 7

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Pray, First

Read: 2 Kings 19:8-19
"After Hezekiah received the letter and read it, he went up to the Lord's Temple and spread it before the Lord and prayed this prayer before the Lord..." 2 Kings 19:14

When facing crises, we tend to have one of four (4) approaches:

1. After all else fails, then we pray
2. Never pray, even after all else fails ...
3. Only pray, and never attempt anything else...
4. Pray first, before attempting anything else ...

Hezekiah had a crisis on his hands. He needed God's intervention. So the first Person he gets in contact with is God. He must have thought that God could do something about His problem. I agree with the one who said, "We can do more than pray *after* we've prayed. But we cannot do anything but pray, *until* we've prayed!"

Prayer should be our *first* response, rather than our *last* response when facing a problem. If you want God to be the *first* One to respond to your crisis, make Him your *first* response in your crisis. -LEJ

"Father, strengthen our resolve to prioritize prayer in our daily walk with You."

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that God's presence would be experienced as people give and support the:

- Kerry J. Allen Bowling for Scholarship
- K.J Allen Scholarship Board Appeal & Offering

Pray that physical health and bodily stewardship will be enhanced in those participating in the:

- COCHUSA Exercise Class, directed by Brother Joshua Bradley

DAY 8

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Thursday, July 12, 2018

I Thirst

Read: Psalm 42:1-5
"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Psalms 42:1-2

Pray to God *for His Anointing*

Pray that God will show up in a special way in the:

- Morning Prayer and Praise Services
- Morning Healing Service

Pray that:

- Individuals will be delivered
- Strongholds will be broken
- Physical, Mental, Emotional, Psychological and Financial Healings will take place
- Protection and travel safety to and from the National Convention
- Maintaining of health of all in attendance.

How are your thirst and appetite for God? Are you craving and desiring to be in His presence? To be more like God, we must desire more of God in our daily lives. This craving is cultivated in our prayers, in the study of His Word and in our worship. This should be our constant and daily pursuit as a believer, to hunger and thirst for our God, who is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent! -VEK

*"My soul,
O Lord doth thirst for Thee,
Nor can be satisfied,
With temporal felicity,
Whilst Thou art it denied;
Whilst Thou Art denied, O Lord,
My soul's unsatisfied
Nothing will joy my life afford, If
Thou art it denied"* -C.P. Jones

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 9

Friday, July 13, 2018

FOCUSING ON THE GOAL

Read: Philippians 3:7-14
"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

In the *God's Word* translation, Philippians 3:12 states in part "But I run to win that which Jesus Christ has already won for me." Sometimes you, like me, can become distracted by detractors and naysayers and may lose sight of our work for Jesus Christ. However, we should be reminded that because we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, thus having our hearts (minds) changed, we are working for that which Christ has already won for us. It is up to us to overcome possible stumbling blocks and do the will of our God. It would appear that many of our man-made rules and permissions appear to be in conflict with the Word of God. In spite of this, if we would study and obey God's Word, we are assured that we can successfully navigate our life's journey and meet our Savior in peace. I am focused on the goal of living a life pleasing to God! How about you?

Prayer: "Lord, help us to focus on You and your Presence and let nothing or no one distract us." - JRC

Pray to God *for His Anointing*

Pray that God's anointing and presence will be experienced as the following address the Body or speak during the National Convention and that they speak of Him and not themselves:

- Elder Jevon Scott
- Elder Jeremy Anderson
- Minister Daniel Kennebrew
- Elder Perry Waddell
- Bishop Vernon E. Kennebrew
- Bishop Lindsay E. Jones
- Minister Geoffrey Golden
- Sis. Portia Waynick
- Elder David Kennebrew
- Bishop Robert Winn
- Elder Darrell Robinson
- Others

DAY 10

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Cultivating Spiritual Intimacy

Read: Genesis 3:4-7

We must go after, pursue an intimate relationship with God as we walk with Him. Adam had this walk with God in

the beginning and things were well. It was important to God for Adam to walk closely with Him. They would meet early in the morning for fellowship as they built their relationship. God appreciated the intimacy Adam had with Him. We need that degree of intimacy as we walk with God.

There was a need for cultivating or disturbing and awaking the character in him that it would be alive and vibrant to do those things that please God. There is some good in every person. When there is slack, slothfulness and procrastination in one's life, there is a need for cultivation. This process will break up the fallow ground of our hearts and allow the Word of God to take residence deep down in the heart and strengthen one's relationship with God.

Let each of us have the mind to follow hard after God and build spiritual intimacy with Him as we walk with Him. -MN

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that God's presence will be sensed during:

- The Children's Convention and Director, Sis. Angela Hancock-Bryant
- The Youth Convention and Director, Sis. Jill Gilbert;
- The COCHUSA Family Day Activities and Outings
- The C.P. Jones Music Contest and Director, Sis. Jessica Gant
- The Choral Festival and Director, Bro. Franklin Turner
- All other Music Presentations during the National Convention

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 11

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Contentment: God's Antidote For Envy

Read: Romans 12:1-2

"And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is good and perfect will of God." Romans 12: 2

Sometimes I find myself looking at others and thinking -- however briefly -- it might be nice to walk in their shoes. For they seem to have it all or have it all together in ways I do not. It's called the monster of envy. Envy can easily fill up our lives and cause us to question God's goodness toward us.

Envy is also self-righteous and very forgetful of the numberless blessings we already possess that we do not deserve. There are moments when complaining and grumbling can fill our spirits and destroy the contentment that Christ promises to those who trust Him. We must remember that God knows what is best for us.

His will is always good and perfect. And we will never have second best when we leave life's choices in His hand. -EL

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that all workshops and their presenters and attendees will experience God's blessings from both the information received and the Inspiration imparted:

- "Technology: Fight Or Use It"
- "Teaching But Not Reaching"
- "Get Ready, Get set for Community Grant Opportunities"
- "Youth Ministry Without Parental Support"
- "Serving Multi-Generations in the Church Today"
- "How to Minister to the Under-aged but OVER Exposed Generation?"

DAY 12

Monday, July 16, 2018

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Lord, I Want to Qualify

Read: Psalm 51:1-13

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Psalms 51: 10-13

We have all been blessed with courageous folks God put in our life. They taught us God's way before we knew that there was a way. Thank you, Lord!

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the:

- Young Adult Concert and all performers
- Saturday Evening Worship Service and that it will be blessed and God will be praised.

Pray for the:

- Pre-National Convention Evangelistic Crusade at the site of Higher Calling Ministries Church of Christ (Holiness) USA, Decatur, GA

We now need to be courageous, too. We should want to qualify to teach others and transgressors God's ways and cause sinners to be converted. But we need to be willing to tell the truth on ourselves, first. If I'm carrying old hurts, grudges and unforgiveness, I know it and God knows it too. We need to pray "fix me, fix my heart, Lord." We should want to qualify to be used by God.

Lord, I want to love you more than I love my image and pride. I want to be available for your service. Sanctify me and fill me with your free Spirit. In thy name I pray. Amen. -JB

Plead to God

for His Presence

DAY 13

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

After The Prayer

Read: 2 Chronicles 7:1-6

"When Solomon had finished praying fire fell ... the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had-filled the Lord's house..." 2 Chronicles 7:1-2

Shortly into a Worship Service, the organ stopped working. An electrician happened to be immediately available. While the service continued, he investigated the problem. After a while he sent the following note to the pulpit: "After the Prayer, the power will be on." No doubt, he meant that after the Prayer segment in the Order of Service the organ should be working again.

It was after Solomon's intense pleading to God in prayer, that the fire fell and God's powerful presence inundated the place. God still manifests His presence after focused seasons of prayer and repentance by His people.

Please pray -- and plead to God -- for a special visitation and outpouring of His presence in your life and during the 121st National Convention. -LEJ

A hunger for holiness should lead to a hunger For God's Holy presence!

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray that all National Contests will be conducted with excellence and that all those in attendance would be blessed:

- National M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest
- National C.C. Carhee Bible Quiz
- National Dr. Maurice Bingham College and Youth of the Year Presentation
- National Arts and Crafts Presentation
- National Silent Auction

DAY 14

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Living Room Intimacy

Read: Luke 10:38-42
"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the better part..." Luke 10:42

Mary and Martha had a different perspectives about what was important. Martha was in the kitchen working, and Mary was in the living room worshipping – the better thing!

Charles Hummel says, "We live in a constant tension between the urgent and the important." Talking with Him in Prayer and letting Him talk through unhurried time in His Word -- can seem a lesser thing, but Jesus says it's the better thing.

I have a church to run, sermons to develop, Bible Studies to prepare, hospital visits to make; community meetings to attend; a wife to love, children to nurture, and somewhere get some sleep! The hours are just packed full. But how much more do I need to be in the living room with Him, before I leave home to do these other responsibilities.

It's not that Martha's clean house and signature mac and cheese weren't impressive. But she missed something very significant that Mary was enjoying: intimacy in the living room with Christ – the better part. -BJW

Prayer: Help us Lord to review and renew our commitment to "know" You – intimately!

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the :

- Host Diocese Convention Coordination & Hosting Team
- National Convention Coordinators and Coordination Team

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 15

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Restored

Read: Psalm 51:1-13
"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Psalms 51:12,13

How do we bounce back when we have fallen? King David models an ideal process of spiritual restoration as is outlined in Psalms 51. He acknowledges his sin (vs. 3). He pleads for cleansing (vs. 2, 7 and 10). He appeals for restoration (vs. 12). And he commits to live the life (vs. 13-19). No matter who you are or what you have done, our God can restore you. -VEK

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and
set me free."*

-J. Edwin Orr

Pray to God

for His Anointing

*Pray for all Official Business Sessions
and that they will be executed
decently, in order and to God's Glory:*

- National Sunday School & HYM Business Session
- United Christian Women's Ministry Business Session
- National Brotherhood Ministry Business Session
- National Parent Body Business Session

DAY 16

Friday, July 20, 2018

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Tried In The Fire

Read: Psalm 27:11-14

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, say, on the LORD. Psalm 27:13,14

Many years ago, I worked with a very difficult manager who was simply contrary and deceitful. As I struggled with the work environment, the Lord led me to Psalm 27. As I read, reread and prayed over this passage, I was granted a

great deal of peace. While I was not immediately transferred from the manager, I learned that because I trusted in the Lord, I would be able to thrive because of His goodness. Moreover, I learned that as I waited on Him and stood strong for Him, He would eventually bring me out victorious. As I look back, I now realize that what appeared to be a hardship was actually God's way of tempering me and preparing me for a role as servant leader for His people. If we stand strong where God has placed us and seek to simply serve with courage, God will grant us a bold testimony as He uses us to lead His people. -JRC

Prayer: Dear Lord, we praise you for shaping and molding us on the anvil of life's trials, as we become more like you. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for all Sunday School Classes, each Teacher and all attendees.

Pray that the learning and time in God's Word will be 'transformational' as well as 'informational'

- Adult Men's Class
- Adult Women's Class
- Young Adult Class
- High School Class
- Juniors Class
- Primary Class
- Beginners Class

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 17

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Repentance: The Forgotten Word

Read: Mark 1:4-15

"Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

A well-known preacher has said that repentance is a forgotten word today. We often fail to call people to repentance. Therefore we are not seeing changed lives as we ought. This message of repentance is crucial and is at the heart of the gospel. The Bible says Jesus came preaching repentance. He also urged his disciples to deliver the message of repentance.

To repent means to turn. I recall in my military training an 'about-face.' The soldier is going east, but turns and immediately pivots in the opposite direction. Repentance is turning around. Once you were going away from God with all your might, but now you are running toward God with that same passion.

Sometimes we are willing to re-dedicate and resolve. But repentance is the way to acknowledge our sin and to enter into a changed life. Repentance is the word that changes attitudes and behaviors, as well as brings us into alignment with the Word of God. -EL

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the work and impact of these ministries:

- Bishops
- Bishops Wives
- National Executive Board
- District Chairmen
- Elders, Ministers and Evangelists
- Deacons, Deaconess Missionaries

DAY 18

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Plead to God *for His Presence*

Lord, Forgive; We Confess

Read 1 John 1:5-9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

Lord, we come to you at this time to ask for forgiveness. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have yielded to the temptation to compromise to what's acceptable, expedient or everybody else is doing it.

Lord, forgive us for lying to ourselves about the truth. We lie in words, deeds and motives. We call lies by

different names but lies are lies. They kill relationships; make solutions impossible, defeat justice, make contracts, wills and documents worthless and business deals invalid.

Lord, you know our hearts. We have strayed afar but we are too proud to admit that we've sinned. Convict us and forgive us, Lord we pray. Restore our joy, strength and courage. Let us again experience freedom in the truth; thy word is truth.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.
-JBj

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the all Officers, Department leaders, Ministry Facilitators and/or Regional Vice Presidents of the:

- National United Christian Women's Ministries
- National Brotherhood Ministries
- National Sunday School & HYM Ministries
- Pray that the *UCWM Devotional* sales will be successful and that it will be a blessing to all who read it.

Plead to God *for His Presence*

DAY 19

Monday, July 23, 2018

Experiencing Cleansing, Repentance and Forgiveness

Read: John 15:1-4

Experience is an active participation in events or activities through the senses or mind. (Webster's II University Dictionary). It's when one is involved to the extent that a situation is concealed in the mind. We have heard, "experience is the best teacher," but I submit, it doesn't have to always be our own experience. We can learn from the experience of others.

Cleansing (in John 15:3) affirms "Now we are clean through the Word that Jesus has spoken unto us. Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." (II Cor. 6:17). When the believer is actively participating in repentance, he puts himself in a position where God can and does clean him from sins. (I John 1:9).

Repentance is what the believer does, and forgiveness is what God does for us. As believers, we are forgiven and cleansed by God once repentance is done. We can experience the cleansing power of God through repentance and forgiveness. - MN

Pray: "Father, forgive me and cleanse me of all my sin."

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the Presence of God and the praise from His people as we worship Him during the:

- Friday Evening Service
- Saturday Evening Service
- Sunday Morning Service
- Sunday Evening Service
- Monday Evening Service

Plead to God

for His Presence

DAY 20

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Experienced In Repentance

Read: 2 Chronicles 7:12-18

"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 Chronicles 7:14

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray for the work and ministry of the:

- National Vision 2020 Task Force
- Budget Revision Task Force
- Program Restructuring Task Force
- "What Next For COCHUSA (Part II) Plenary Session
- Strategic Future Direction of the COCHUSA

Pray for all our Local churches nationwide:

- Local church attendance
- Local church finances
- Local church evangelistic efforts
- Local churches without pastors

I read that it was a February, two months before his assassination, that Dr. Martin Luther King appeared as a guest on *The Tonight Show*. Harry Belafonte, a close friend, was filling in as host. Dr. King mentioned he had flown up from Washington on a plane that had been delayed by "mechanical difficulties" and he was glad to land safely. "I don't want you to think that as a Baptist preacher, I don't have confidence in God in the air," he said. "It's just that I've had more experience with Him on the ground."

Flying is not the only are we as believers may not be as "experienced" with God as we should. Repenting and confessing our own need for cleansing is a key area we tend to ignore. Closely related is a difficulty in apologizing or asking others for forgiveness, when we know we have offended or wronged them.

Before we confront society's sins, let's humbly ask God to forgive us of our sins. -LEJ

Plead to God

for His Presence

DAY 21

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Prayer Checkpoint!

Read: Psalm 66:16-20

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."
Psalm 66:18

Was going through a TSA checkpoint one day and the lady behind me was losing her patience! I had taken off my hat, coat, shoes, belt, laptop, briefcase, cell phone, keys, change...! Two pans and three bowls full of stuff! But I knew that if I was to get through to catch my flight, I had to release everything in my pocket! God has scanned you and He knows what's in your pocket! You can't get through until you give up whatever iniquity is in your pocket! If there is any area in your life where God is not in charge, you must release it before you can get a prayer through.

Also, as I boarded a flight, the woman before me had a boarding pass problem. Rather than hearing a 'ding,' we heard a 'buzz.' Something was wrong. Her pass was not passing. Bring in the security dogs.... Turned out she accidentally had her husband's boarding pass from the previous week. She looked in her purse and found the proper boarding pass.

When praying, don't carry the wrong boarding pass. Such prayers buzz instead of ding. Make sure your prayers pass the cleansing test and repentance test! -BJW

Pray to God

for His Anointing

Pray there will be throughout the National Convention:

- Unity in the body of Christ in the midst of diversity in thought and ideas
- St. John 17 Spiritual Oneness for all Bishops, District Chairmen, Pastors, Ministers and Church leaders
- End result of celebration in God's eyes that His goodness was evident throughout the National Convention.