

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
**105<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION**  
**11/40 PRAYER WALL**

**\*\*\*\*\**Prayer Guidebook*\*\*\*\*\***



**Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.**  
**Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle**

Call made: 11 Petitions/11 Minutes/40 Days  
(September 26, 2012 – November 4, 2012)  
*“Effectual, fervent prayers of [the righteous] availeth much!” (James 5:16)*

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## WHY ARE WE PRAYING?

*(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture quotations are from the King James Version of the Holy Bible).*

Our movement, the Church Of God In Christ, was birthed because (our founder) the late Bishop Charles Harrison Mason's lifelong goal was to "recapture and maintain the prayer traditions of the slaves."<sup>1</sup> Bishop Mason was infamous for his prayer life.

The Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., is a spiritual leader with the desire that our denomination maintains its legacy of being a church of prayer and fasting. For 2012, God has given Bishop Blake the theme, "Seeking God's Way for Us and Succeeding Generations through Obedience, Prayer, and the Word."

Bishop Blake's goal is that we experience a tremendous move of God in our 105<sup>th</sup> Annual International Holy Convocation. This can only occur through the power of prayer, fasting and seeking God. The power of prayer will impact our world for Christ.

The need for prayer today is greater than ever. Our world faces wars, along with an epidemic of broken homes, poverty, violence, sexual immorality and social strife. As the founding members of the Church Of God In Christ did in the past, we must again commit ourselves to prayer and seeking God. We must ask the Lord to bless us so that we will have the fortitude to overcome the challenges at hand.<sup>2</sup>

It is our goal YOU will participate in the 11/40 Prayer Wall (11 Petitions/11 Minutes/40 Days; September 26, 2012 – November 4, 2012). We pray that this event impacts your life, and that praying for our nation moves from a 40 day venture to a lifetime endeavor.

### What is the 40 Days of Prayer?

The 40 Days of Prayer was established by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., in 2011 to intercede on behalf of the Annual International Holy Convocation. The Holy Convocation is the highlight of our faith's liturgical year.

### International Prayer List

While we are praying for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation, the Presiding Bishop has expressed the desire to also cover the needs of the saints around the globe. Therefore, all saints and prayer leaders may feel free to leave their prayer requests at [PrayerRequests@cogic.com](mailto:PrayerRequests@cogic.com). These requests will be covered, collectively, by the 11/40 Prayer Wall Staff, during our weekly prayer meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Mason, "Tiny." Date unknown.

<sup>2</sup> <http://nationaldayofprayer.org/about/why-we-pray/>. (Accessed, July 26, 2012).

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## WHAT DO WE NEED YOU TO DO?

**We need your help!** Every bishop, every superintendent, every pastor, every department head; we need you to use your influence to encourage the people of the Lord to a time of seeking God. This year, the Lord has placed the theme upon our Bishop Blake's heart, "Seeking God's Way for Us and Succeeding Generations through Obedience, Prayer, and the Word." It is the joy of the Presiding Bishop to call the people of the Lord to seek God during the 40 days leading up to the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual International Holy Convocation in St. Louis, Missouri!

**What is every member of the Church Of God In Christ requested to do?** You are asked by the Presiding Bishop to take 11 minutes out of your day and cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer (prayer list with 11 petitions provided), every day, for the 40 days leading up to the Convocation.

- **What are the prayer needs?** There is a prayer list (of 11 petitions) provided with requests to be covered each of the 40 days and below is a suggested prayer as to keep us all WITH one accord.
- **Why 11 minutes?** This will make it more feasible for all of our 6 million members to participate; because everyone is not a seasoned prayer warrior and the Presiding Bishop requests that EVERY saint joins in the prayer. While many of us can handle long seasons of prayer; we want the youth, "baby saints," and everyone to join in this time of consecration.

### Suggested 11 Minute Prayer

- ✓ **1 minute of Adoration:** Honor God for Who He is and express gratefulness for your salvation through His Son: Jesus Christ.
- ✓ **2 minutes of Confession:** Ask for and receive forgiveness for sins known and unknown.
- ✓ **7 minutes of Petition:** Cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer (according to the 11 petitions).
- ✓ **1 minute of Thanksgiving:** Take a minute to praise Him for answering prayer!!!

(If you can do more or less than 11 minutes that's great; as long as everyone does something. EVERY PRAYER COUNTS!!!)

**You are requested to fast.** Tuesday and Friday are fast days in the Church Of God In Christ. The Presiding Bishop is asking that you use your Friday fast day to petition God's

throne on behalf of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. Our fast times are generally Midnight to 3pm; however, whatever time you are able to do within that period will be appreciated. The Office of the Presiding Bishop has provided information on how and why we fast in this guidebook. (If you have health conditions, please consult your physician prior to fasting).

**What is each Pastor requested to do?** Every Church Of God In Christ pastor, around the world, is requested to take 11 minutes out of your weekly prayer service (every week until the Convocation) and cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. Please pray according to the 11 petitions. (Note: if you have a daily prayer service, please take 11 minutes out of one of those days every week, up until the Convocation).

**What is each District Superintendent requested to do?** If you have a district event (for example a District Fellowship or District Meeting) during the 40 days preceding the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation you are requested to take 11 minutes out of that event and cover the Convocation in prayer (according to the 11 petitions).

**What is every jurisdictional prayer leader requested to do?** Since you most likely already have a monthly prayer service on your jurisdictional calendar, you are requested (with the permission of your Jurisdictional Bishop) to use your prayer service for October to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. If you do not have a prayer service scheduled for October, please kindly schedule one (with the permission of your Jurisdictional Bishop), for just one hour.

**What is every domestic and regional coordinator requested to do?** If it is feasible, you are requested (with the permission of the Jurisdictional Bishops) to schedule a “Regional Prayer Service,” where the prayer warriors are requested to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. If it is not feasible for everyone to come together in person consider the following: a prayer conference phone call, a prayer service using Skype™, etc.

**What is every church in the Church Of God In Christ requested to do?** On Sunday, November 4, 2012 we are requesting that every congregation of the Church Of God In Christ to take 11 minutes out of your Sunday morning worship service and use that time to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. Each church is asked to focus on the 11 petitions on the prayer list, so that we all may be with one accord and all praying the same thing. Imagine the wonderful manifestation of God’s presence that we will enjoy as the Church Of God In Christ, in all 50 states and many nations of the world, unites in prayer, with one accord! Once the prayer is completed the saints are requested to give God a praise; thanking Him for the outpouring that will occur in the Holy Convocation.

## PRAYER EVENTS

- **Prayer Walk on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** On this day prayer warriors will converge on the America’s Center Convention Complex at 701 Convention Plaza, Saint Louis, Missouri (We will meet at the front Washington Avenue entrance at 1:00 p.m.) One of the features of this anointed prayer service will be a prayer walk around the convention center.
- **All night prayer in St Louis on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, October 12, 2012 at 6:00 a.m.** This will be a time for the saints from “everywhere” to consecrate ourselves and to lift up the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation before the Lord.
- **Prayer Broadcast.** There will be a special radio/internet broadcast on Sunday, October 28, 2012, completely dedicated to 1 hour of prayer. This will “stream” around the world; so that members of the Church Of God In Christ may join in. Special guest is Mother Francis Kelly, our international prayer leader.
- **24 hour Prayer Chain.** Regional Coordinators (Domestic and Foreign), Jurisdictional Prayer Captains, District Prayer Captains and Local Prayer Captains are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered.

## STRUCTURE

Since this is an assignment and not a position or appointment, we will use the language “coordinator,” as we are performing a temporary assignment for the 40 days leading up to the International Holy Convocation. The following structure of VOLUNTEERS will ensure that communication is swift, plus we also have the potential of having EVERY single COGIC in the brotherhood to cover EVERY ASPECT of the International Holy Convocation.

### Task Force

1. *Coordinator*
2. *Vice Coordinator*
3. *Secretary*
4. *Treasurer*
5. *Advisor*
6. *Advisor*
7. *Advisor*
8. *Advisor*
9. *Marketing Director*
10. *Staff Intercessor*
11. *Special Assistant*

### Liaisons:

1. *Apostolic Liaison (Office of the Presiding Bishop and Admin. Staff)*
2. *Episcopal Liaison (General Board and Board of Bishops)*
3. *Women’s Department Liaison*
4. *AIM Liaison*
5. *General Assembly Liaison (including: Office of General Secretary and Trustee Board).*
6. *General Council of Pastors and Elders Liaison*

Men Praying Everywhere: 4 persons

Mourning Women: 4 persons

### Domestic Regions:

1. *Regional Coordinator NORTHWEST*
2. *Regional Coordinator SOUTHWEST*
3. *Regional Coordinator CENTRAL*
4. *Regional Coordinator MIDWEST*
5. *Regional Coordinator NORTHEAST*
6. *Regional Coordinator NEW ENGLAND*
7. *Regional Coordinator SOUTH*

8. ***Regional Coordinator NORTH CENTRAL***
9. ***Regional Coordinator SOUTH CENTRAL***
10. ***Regional Coordinator SOUTH EAST***
11. ***Regional Coordinator MID ATLANTIC***
12. ***Regional Coordinator NORTHERN MIDWEST***

*Note: will need the assistance of national prayer leader with this.*

**Foreign Regions:**

1. ***Regional Coordinator Canada***
2. ***Regional Coordinator Central America***
3. ***Regional Coordinator South America***
4. ***Regional Coordinator Caribbean***
5. ***Regional Coordinator Asia***
6. ***Regional Coordinator Europe***
7. ***Regional Coordinator Northern Africa***
8. ***Regional Coordinator Southern Africa***
9. ***Regional Coordinator Australia/South Pacific***

*Note: will need assistance of Home and Foreign Mission with this.*

1. ***Jurisdictional Coordinators (will need the help of the bishops with this)***
2. ***District Coordinators (will need the help of the jurisdictional coordinators with this)***
3. ***Local Coordinators (will need the help of the JC and DC with this)***



## JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Disclaimer:** There is no earthly fame or fortune to be received out of this assignment. All glory is to go to God through His Son, Jesus. Any type of recognition can go toward our esteemed leader, Presiding Bishop Charles E Blake, Sr., who had the wisdom and vision to give all of us this assignment. With the exception of a necessary expense offering for the churches, where the prayer services are held, worldly wealth should not be our motivation. Our assignment begins 40 days prior to the Convocation and ends as soon as the meeting begins.

1. **Job Description – Task Force.** The job of the Task Force is to ensure that the vision God gave Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake of 40 days of prayer, leading up to the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation, is fulfilled by:
  - Ensuring that all communication and activity is in line with the heart and vision of the leader. This is ensured by:
    - ✓ Offering your prayerful advice and suggestions.
    - ✓ Using your experience to ensure that the project is successful
  - Meeting on a weekly basis for prayer and information:
    - ✓ Once prayer is finished, you will receive a brief report on that week's activities.
  - All task force members are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.
  - **SPECIFIC DUTIES:**
    - ✓ **Coordinator.** Provides general oversight and administration of the project to ensure that the vision of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., for 40 Days of Prayer before the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation is fulfilled.
    - ✓ **Vice Coordinator.** Functions in the place of the Coordinator if the Coordinator is absent or unable to perform his duties.
    - ✓ **Secretary.** Responsible for providing minutes and records of the task force. Also is responsible to coordinate and provide communication between the Coordinator and volunteers of the project.
    - ✓ **Treasurer.** Custodian of funds that may be entrusted to this project. Shall provide a report of funds at all meetings.
    - ✓ **Advisor.** Through his/her experience the Advisor offers wisdom and prayerful insight to ensure that the goal of this project is fulfilled.

- ✓ **Marketing Director.** Responsible for providing feedback for the project through means of email, social media and the COGIC website.
  - ✓ **Staff Intercessor.** Covers all of the volunteers in prayer as they battle in prayer on behalf of the Convocation.
  - ✓ **Special Assistant.** Aides the Coordinator with the day to day duties of making sure that the project is completed.
2. **Job Description – Liaison.** The call to the 11/40 Prayer Wall from Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., is for the Church Of God In Christ as a body. The organization that you represent is a very important part of that body! You are requested that, at least once, during the course of the 40 days that you request the leader/staff of your department/organization to offer up prayer on behalf of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. All liaisons are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.
3. **Job Description – Domestic Regional Coordinators.** You are requested (with the permission of the Jurisdictional Bishops) to schedule a “Regional Prayer Service,” where the prayer warriors are requested to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer.

Regional Coordinators (Domestic and Foreign) are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered. You are to recruit the Jurisdictional Prayer Captains for the prayer chain.

All domestic regional coordinators are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation. A regional coordinator must be a person of prayer and also influence; he/she must be able to rally across jurisdictional lines on the behalf of the 11/40 Prayer Wall.

4. **Job Description – Men Praying Everywhere.** This is a group of praying men, four in number, that have an established life of fasting and prayer. Because the project is spiritual warfare, their job is to cover all of the volunteers in prayer.
5. **Job Description – Mourning Women.** This is a group of praying women, four in number, that have an established life of fasting and prayer. Because the project is spiritual warfare, their job is to cover all of the volunteers in prayer.
6. **Job Description – Foreign Regional Coordinators.** If it is feasible, you are requested (with the permission of the Jurisdictional Bishops) to schedule a “Regional Prayer Service,” where the prayer warriors are requested to cover the

105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. If it is not feasible for everyone to come together in person consider the following: a prayer conference phone call, a prayer service using Skype, etc.

Regional Coordinators (Domestic and Foreign) are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered. You are to recruit the Jurisdictional Prayer Captains for the prayer chain.

All foreign regional coordinators are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.

- 7. Job Description – Jurisdictional Prayer Captain.** Since you most likely already have a monthly prayer service on your jurisdictional calendar, you are requested (with the permission of your Jurisdictional Bishop) to use your prayer service for October to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. If you do not have a prayer service scheduled for October, please kindly schedule one (with the permission of your Jurisdictional Bishop), for just one hour. You are also requested to ask every district prayer leader and every local prayer leader to cover the Convocation; according to the Job Descriptions for District Prayer Captains and Local Church Prayer Captains.

Jurisdictional Prayer Captains are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered. You are to recruit the District and Local Prayer Captains to participate.

All jurisdictional prayer leaders are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.

- 8. Job Description – District Prayer Captain.** If you have a district event (for example a District Fellowship) during the 40 days preceding the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation you are requested to take 11 minutes out of the prayer time (with the permission of the District Superintendent) and cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer (according to the 11 petitions). If you do not have an event scheduled in October; consider calling a prayer service, for one hour, of the prayer warriors in your district (with the permission of the District Superintendent). You are

District Prayer Captains and Local Prayer Captains are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered. You are to recruit the Local Prayer Captains to participate.

All district prayer leaders are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.

9. **Job Description – Local Church Prayer Captain.** You are requested to take 11 minutes out of your weekly prayer service (every week until the Convocation) and cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation in prayer. Please pray according to the 11 petitions. (Note: if you have a daily prayer service, please take 11 minutes out of one of those days every week, up until the Convocation). This is all with the permission of your pastor.

Local Prayer Captains are asked to volunteer to pray for one hour daily for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. You are asked to please pick your time, then email that time to [1140PrayerWall@cogic.com](mailto:1140PrayerWall@cogic.com) to have your name placed on the master sheet; so that we might ensure that every hour of the day is covered. You are to recruit the Local Prayer Warriors to participate.

All local prayer leaders are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.

**Special note to volunteers: Weekly Prayer Call.** All “11/40 Prayer Wall” volunteers (including: Task Force, liaisons, regional and jurisdictional coordinators - only) are requested to join in the weekly prayer call every Friday (during the 40 days) at 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. to cover the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation and all COGIC prayer warriors around the world in prayer.

## **SPECIFIC GOALS FOR THE 11/40 PRAYER WALL STAFF**

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA.** Set up a special Facebook™ page and Twitter™ page devoted to the 11/40 Prayer Wall. The purpose of these sites is to:
  - ✓ Communicate the heart and vision of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., for the 11/40 Prayer Wall.
  - ✓ Daily communicate to prayer warriors around the world the needs of the Convocation that we are covering for that day.
  - ✓ Communicate special answers to prayer to build the faith of the prayer warriors.
  - ✓ Report victory reports from the prayer gatherings which will be held around the world.
  
2. **EMAIL.** Send out a mass email to every member of the Church Of God In Christ (with email capability) requesting and reminding them to participate in the 11/40 Prayer Wall.
  - ✓ An email will be sent at the beginning of the 40 days: September 26, 2012.
  - ✓ A reminder email will be sent halfway through the 40 days: October 22, 2012.
  - ✓ A final email will be sent toward the beginning of the Convocation: November 2, 2012.
  
3. **JURISDICTIONAL, DISTRICT AND LOCAL SERVICES.** All task force members, liaisons, domestic/foreign regional coordinators, jurisdictional prayer leaders, district prayer leaders and local prayer leaders are asked to announce the 11/40 Prayer Wall in your jurisdictional, district and local events; requesting the saints to join us in prayer for the Convocation.

**UNITED STATES REGIONS**

- ***NORTHWEST***

Alaska  
Washington  
Oregon  
Idaho

- ***SOUTHWEST***

California  
Nevada  
Arizona  
New Mexico  
Hawaii

- ***CENTRAL***

Montana  
Colorado  
Wyoming  
Utah

- ***MIDWEST***

Minnesota  
Iowa  
Missouri  
Wisconsin  
Illinois

- ***NORTHEAST***

New York  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
New Jersey  
Connecticut

- ***NEW ENGLAND***

Maine

New Hampshire  
Vermont  
Massachusetts

- ***SOUTH***

Mississippi  
Tennessee  
Arkansas  
Louisiana  
Alabama

- ***NORTH CENTRAL***

North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Nebraska

- ***SOUTH CENTRAL***

Kansas  
Oklahoma  
Texas

- ***SOUTH EAST***

South Carolina  
Georgia  
Florida  
Puerto Rico

- ***MID ATLANTIC***

Maryland  
Delaware  
Washington DC  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
North Carolina

- ***NORTHERN MIDWEST***

Michigan  
Ohio  
Indiana  
Kentucky

## SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE:<sup>3</sup>

### For Regional, Jurisdictional, District and Local Prayer Gatherings

#### Estimated Time: 1 – 2 hours

Scripture does not provide a specific agenda for a special prayer service, so ask the Lord to guide you in preparing for this special prayer service. Below are some suggested elements that might be part of a prayer service, so that we all might be WITH one accord. However, you may customize a service for your group – you have great latitude in what the service is like. Include the elements you sense would be most helpful. Choose from the following elements to design your service or plan your own activities as God guides you:

#### Music and Singing

If you use music at all, sing hymns or provide special music related to God’s holiness, God’s provision for our sin, forgiveness and cleansing, repentance and so forth.

#### Scripture Reading

Read Scriptures related to the same topics. Include others that may call for members to deal seriously with specific sins. Consider responsive readings of Scriptures also.

#### Message

If you choose to have preaching, use a *brief* message (approximately 10 minutes) on the nature and importance of repentance or on the place of a sacred assembly in returning to the Lord. Keep in mind that the focus of this prayer service is on response to the Lord not just teaching and learning. Use the message to call for response and reserve most of your time for responding to the Lord in prayer.

#### Prayer

Provide for a variety of prayer experiences interspersed with Scripture reading or times for public response (Please remember that we are praying according to the 105<sup>th</sup> Holy Convocation Prayer List – so that we are all praying, around the world, with one accord). The majority of the time of this gathering should be spent in prayer.

#### Testimonies

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<sup>3</sup> King, Claude V. *Come to the Lord’s Table: A Sacred Assembly*. Final Command: Murfreesboro, 2012.



Invite individual testimonies about ways God has been working in lives during the service including experience of God's love and grace, a spiritual breakthrough, a victory over a besetting sin, reconciled relationships, confession of new found faith in Christ, and so forth.

### **Invitation to Receive Christ**

Often in history, people have been converted during a time of sacred assembly. With the uncertainty in our land and the threats being made, some may sense a new or special urgency to reconcile with God. Extend an invitation for those who want to place their faith in Christ and provide a place with counselors who can assist those who respond.

### **Open-ended Closing**

As you close the service, invite members to continue responding to the Lord as long as needed. They may want to remain for prayer, continue seeking to reconcile relationships, or to seek out prayer with one of the leaders.

### **Expense Offering**

Although finances are not the motivation of these meetings, you will want to ask everyone to leave an expense offering on behalf of the host church. Many pastors will see the spiritual benefit of this event, thus some churches may choose to complimentary host the event (which means that you may delete the offering from the order of service). However we are NOT to ask a church or pastor to offer their church for free.

## **Tips for Prayer Gathering<sup>4</sup>**

A prayer gathering may be devised in different ways and more than one form of prayer may be used in the same meeting:

- Divide into small groups (3-6).
- Spontaneous prayer in the large group.
- Ask specific individuals to pray for specific issue.
- Ask two or three people to pray for an issue, name the next prayer topic and again ask two or three people to pray for it.
- Encourage the intercessors to use quotations from the Scriptures - especially The Lord's promises in their prayers as this serves to build one's faith.
- Pray for the intercessors since Satan will continuously do all that he can to prevent them from gathering to pray.
- The relevancy of issues for intercession during prayer meetings is essential. The group has to meet with a clear objective in mind. When this objective starts fading people start losing their motivation to come together for prayer.

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<sup>4</sup> [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com). (Accessed, July 21, 2012).

## Information on Fasting<sup>5</sup>

**What is Fasting?** To fast simply means to voluntarily abstain from eating and/or drinking for an extended period of time. Biblical fasting is a discipline of voluntarily denying one's self of the basics of eating in order to be available for prayer and communion with the Lord. Since it is an ultimate act of self-denial, you are simply entering into an intense training in righteousness.

**Why Fast?** Listed below are some of the reasons why people in the Bible fasted:

- Repentance: Jonah 3:5 and Daniel 6:18
- Ultimate denial of the flesh: Matthew 4:2
- Spiritual power: Mark 9:29
- Wisdom: Acts 14:23
- Set aside self for holiness: 1 Corinthians 7:5
- Answered prayer: Acts 10:30-31

**Why Food?** What is the number one thing you trust in for your survival, your very existence? What is the one thing, above everything else, that you can't do without, not only for days but even hours? What is the one thing that will give you an "attitude" if you don't receive it, when and how you want it? What do you spend hours preparing for and is the center of your social and recreational life? What is the one thing that is "a given" in your daily schedule, such "a given" that you would never question skipping it for any serious length of time? Well, you might have realized by now that the answer is food. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you." "Seek ye first," not second, not third or fourth, the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, not food. The kingdom of God is His absolute rule in your life.

**Preparing For Your Fast.** Take time to confess your sins, before and during your fast, knowing that He is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you of all unrighteousness (1John 1:9). Remember, fasting is a time for cleansing. The Bible says in 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."

**Preparation of Your Physical Body.** It is important to prepare your physical body for your fast. You will begin by decreasing the size of your food intake as you prepare to abstain from food.

**Examine Yourself.** Your motives for conducting a fast will play a large role in the goals you establish. I have talked to several people who have expressed a hesitation to fast

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<sup>5</sup> Miles Ahead Ministry. San Diego: 1997.  
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because they thought they would be doing it for selfish reasons. Some wanted to lose weight to become more attractive or they wanted to fast just to get a blessing.

**Selfish or Blessing?** Using this same logic, ask yourself this question: “Why do you pray, read your Bible or go to church?” It’s to be obedient to what God calls us to do and to be blessed! The Lord has been graciously dealing with you since your sinful beginning. The only reason “you love Him is because He first loved you” (1 John 4:10). Your fasting will not and cannot make Him love you any more than He already does. You are not going to trick or force Him into blessing you against His will.

**Social Tensions.** A frequently asked question about fasting is: “Should you tell people that you are fasting?” Since fasting is a discipline of self-denial and consecration unto the Lord, constant discussion about it will be a distraction. For maximum benefit, it would be best for you not to tell anyone about your fast. Jesus was against the religious leaders drawing attention to themselves by giving people the impression they were suffering for the Lord (Matthew 6:16-18).

**After Your Fast.** Ending your fast properly is just as important as beginning your fast properly. Just as you prepared yourself to begin a fast, you must prepare yourself to stop or break your fast. Here are a few questions you can ask yourself as you end your fast:

- What are the key lessons learned?
- What new habits or disciplines do you want to keep?
- What new dietary rules will you follow?
- What foods will you begin eating and not eat anymore?
- What dreams and visions have you seen pertaining to your personal walk with the Lord or your ministry?

## PARTNERING IN PRAYER

We will request prayer ministries of organizations, of like Christian faith, to join with us in prayer for the success of the 105<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation. These ministries are as follows:

- **Assemblies of God USA, National Prayer Center.** [www.prayer.ag.org](http://www.prayer.ag.org)
- **National Day of Prayer.** [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)
- **International House of Prayer.** [www.ihopkc.org](http://www.ihopkc.org)
- **Prayer Mountain.** [www.fgtv.org/n\\_english/prayer/p\\_index.asp](http://www.fgtv.org/n_english/prayer/p_index.asp)
- **Generals International.** [www.generals.org/prayer](http://www.generals.org/prayer)

### Why all of this praying together?<sup>6</sup>

In praying alone we can only exercise our individual faith. But, when we pray as a body, the power of faith is increased. Moses told Israel that one could chase a thousand, yet two could put then thousand to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30). Jesus stated the same principle when He told His disciples that where two or three are gathered in His name, He would be in their midst (Matthew 18:20). This lets us know that when more than one Christian gathers in the name of Jesus Christ, there is an automatic manifestation of the power of God.

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## AN INSPIRING STORY

**The Welsh Revival.**<sup>7</sup> Most, or all of you, probably have never heard of the *Welsh Revival* which started in 1904. It began as a *movement of prayer*. Seth Joshua, a Presbyterian evangelist, went to Newcastle Emlyn College where a former coal miner, Evan Roberts, age 26, was studying to become a minister. The students were so moved by Mr. Joshua's ministry that they asked if they could attend his next campaign in a nearby town... classes were cancelled so that they could be present... At the meeting, the evangelist, *Seth Joshua*, prayed publicly, '**O God, bend us.**' ... *the young Evan Roberts went forward and prayed with great agony, 'O God, bend me.'* Upon his return to school, *Evan Roberts* could not concentrate on his studies, so he went to the principal of his college and explained, 'I keep hearing a voice that tells me I must go home and speak to our young people in my home church. Principal Phillips, is that the voice of the devil, or is it the voice of the Spirit?'

Principal Phillips answered him wisely, 'The devil never gives orders like that, he said. You can have the week off... Roberts went back to his home town of Loughor and announced to the pastor of his church: '**I've come to preach.**' ... The pastor was not at all impressed, but asked, '**How about speaking at the prayer meeting on Monday?**' ... at the meeting that Monday night, the pastor did not let him speak for the service, but told the people who were gathered, '**Our young brother, Evan Roberts, feels he has a message for you, if you care to wait.**' Seventeen people waited behind, and were impressed with the directness of the young man's words. Evan Roberts told his fellow members, '**I have a message for you from God.**'

- **Firstly**, you must confess any known sin to God, and make right any wrong done to others.
- **Secondly**, you must put away all doubtful habits.
- **Thirdly**, you must obey the Spirit promptly.
- **And finally**, you must confess your faith in Christ publicly.'

By ten o'clock that evening, all seventeen persons had responded to his call. The pastor of the church was so pleased that he asked, '**How about your speaking at the mission service tomorrow night? Midweek service Wednesday night?**' Evan preached all week, and was asked to stay a second. ..**Then the break came.** Suddenly the dull ecclesiastical columns in the Welsh newspapers changed:

The headlines read: '**Great crowds of people drawn to Loughor.**' The main road between Llanelly and Swansea on which the church was situated was packed with people trying to get into the church. Shopkeepers closed early to find a place in the big church. Now the news was out. A reporter was sent down and he described vividly what he saw: a strange

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.elimsda.org/article/37/ministries/family-ministries/40-days-of-fasting-prayer-revival-feb-5-mar-17-2012>. (Accessed, July 21, 2012).

meeting which closed at 4.25 in the morning, and even then people did not seem willing to go home. There was a very British summary: 'I felt that this was no ordinary gathering.' Next day, every grocery shop in that industrial valley was emptied of groceries by people attending the meetings, and on Sunday every church was filled.

The movement went like a tidal wave over Wales; in five months, one hundred thousand people were converted throughout the country... Five years later, Dr J. V. Morgan wrote a book to debunk the revival, his main criticism being that, of a hundred thousand joining the churches in five months of excitement, after five years only seventy-five thousand still stood in the membership of those churches!

The social impact of that praying young man – Evan Roberts, his surrender to God, and cyclone of a revival that his commitment generated, was astounding. *(1)* Judges were presented with white gloves – not a case to try; no robberies, no burglaries, no rapes, no murders, and no embezzlements – nothing... *(2)* District councils held emergency meetings to discuss what to do with the police department, now that they were unemployed (*without things to do*). *(2b)* In one place the sergeant of police was sent for and asked, 'What do you with your time?' He replied, 'Before the revival, we had two main jobs, to prevent crime and to control crowds, as at football games. Since the revival started there is practically no crime. So we just go with the crowds...' One of the council members asked, '*What does that mean?*' The sergeant replied, '*You know where the crowds are. They are packing out the churches.*' '*But how does that affect the police?*' He was told, 'We have seventeen police in our station, but we have three quartets, and if any church wants a quartet to sing, they simply call the police station.'

*(3)* As the revival swept Wales, drunkenness was cut in half. *(4)* There was a wave of bankruptcies, but nearly all of them taverns (*clubs*). *(5)* There was even a slowdown in the mines, for so many *Welsh coal miners were converted and stopped using bad language that the horses that pulled the coal carts in the mines could no longer understand what was being said to them.* ... *(6)* That revival also affected sexual moral-standards. Figures given by British government experts reveal that the illegitimate birth rate in two shires (counties) had dropped 44% within one year of the beginning of the revival.

***One praying, one truly committed believer, can do more for the cause of Christ, than all the sermons in the world. One truly converted saint – that is all that it will take to ignite the fire of righteousness that will change the lives of many... Will you make the choice to be that believer?***

## *11/40 PRAYER PETITIONS*

### *SOULS*

Father, Your Word says in Luke 10:2, “The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.” We thank you for those You have sent, who will labor in Word, song and inspiration during the Holy Convocation. Our confession is that as a result of their labor the harvest is reaped: souls are saved, believers are filled with the Holy Spirit, sick bodies are healed and miracles take place, according to 1 Corinthians 12:7. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



### *WORSHIP SERVICES*

Father, we ask that you touch the hearts of Your people to enter into every service with a mind to worship. We declare that your people have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). We declare that your people enter Your gates with thanksgiving and into Your courts with praise; they are thankful and bless Your name (Psalm 100:3-4). In the name of Jesus, we confess that every service is anointed, Your name is always glorified and your people are edified (1 Corinthians 14:3). Amen.



### *CHURCH LEADERS*

Father, we give you thanks for our leaders: Our Presiding Bishop, the General Board and all of those that You have selected to serve. Our confession is that they are anointed with fresh oil (Psalm 103:5). They always hear Your voice clearly and the voice of a stranger they will not follow (John 10:5). We stand in agreement that their homes, families and ministries are blessed (Deuteronomy 28:1-44). We thank you Father that, during the Holy Convocation, they always have a Word in due season for Your people (Proverbs 15:23). In Jesus’ Name. Amen.



### *CIVIC LEADERS*

Father, the heart of a leader is in Your hand (Proverbs 21:1). You are the King of Kings (1 Timothy 6:15). We pray that you would guide, lead and direct our global, national, regional, state/provincial, and local leaders; that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Timothy 2:2). We ask that Your will be done in the elections in the United States and in the political process of nations around the world (Psalm 75:5-7; Romans 13:1). Father, let the impact of the message of the Gospel, through the Church Of God In Christ, be felt around the world (Acts 17:6). We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.



### *PROTECTION*

Father, we plead the blood of Jesus over the saints’ travel to, from and while in St Louis for the Holy Convocation. Your Word declares in Psalm 91:11, “For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.” We cover every means of travel with the blood: air, rail and automobile. Let every driver be alert and refreshed. We



stand against accidents, break downs, hazards and all dangers seen and unseen. Thank you for keeping your people saved and safe. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**FINANCES**

Father, Your Word says in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We ask you to supply all of the money necessary for your people to participate in the Holy Convocation. We declare favor, bonuses, promotions and unexpected financial blessings upon Your people. Supply seed to the sower, according to 2 Corinthians 9:10. Let Your people give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7). We confess that every bill of the Holy Convocation is paid in full and there is no lack among us individually or collectively (2 Corinthians 8:15). We plead the blood of Jesus over the saints' finances and over the finances of the "national" church. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SAINT LOUIS**

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that the city of Saint Louis, Missouri be impacted, for the good, as a result of the saints being present for the Holy Convocation. We plead the blood over every area of the America's Center. We pray for the convention center staff to be blessed. We pray against any accidents occurring in the center, or any place that the soul of the saints' feet will tread upon. We seek the peace of the city and pray that you would bless it spiritually and economically (Genesis 30:27). We pray for the saint's neighborhoods to be safe while they are away from home and also for the neighborhoods where they lodge in St. Louis to be blessed as well. Amen.

**STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

Father, cover all of the labor of Holy Convocation volunteers with the blood. Let them serve as unto the Lord, according to Colossians 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." We pray for you to give strength to the Convocation staff from start to finish. We pray for unity and peace among the workers. There is no strife or division among us. We all speak the same thing. Our confession over every staff member and volunteer is Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." In Jesus' name. Amen.

**UNITY**

Father, Your Son Jesus prayed in John 17:21, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." We declare that the atmosphere of the Holy Convocation is good and pleasant, as the brethren dwell together in unity (Psalm 133:1). We stand in agreement with Your Word in Hebrews 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue." We praise you that as the saints worship you, with one accord, we enjoy a renewal of the Pentecostal experience according to Acts 2:1-4. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**THE WORD OF**

Father, we declare that every Holy Convocation speaker is



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taught of the Lord (Isaiah 54:13). We thank you that every message will fall on good ground and bring forth fruit (Matthew 13:8). We pray for every attendee to come with expectation in their heart. Thank you that we are doers of the Word and not hearers only. We confess that the Spirit of the Lord is upon every speaker, because You have anointed them (Luke 4:18). Bless each speaker's prayer and study time; let there be no distractions. Thank you that Your Word has free course. We declare that the Word is confirmed with signs following (Mark 16:20)! In Jesus' name. Amen.

***LOCAL CHURCH***

Father, we confess that all of our local churches are impacted by the Holy Convocation, according to Acts 9:31. We speak that unity abides in all of our churches and that each of them experiences increase in: salvations, healings, Holy Spirit-baptisms, membership, finance and impact on their community. Let every bishop, superintendent, pastor and church leader receive an impartation from the Convocation. Let the impartation impact each member that is unable to attend the meeting. Let a Spirit of revival begin in the Holy Convocation and rest upon each of the Churches Of God In Christ around the world (Psalm 85:6). We ask You to let plowman overtake the reaper, in Jesus' name (Amos 9:13)! Our confession is that every pastor lengthens their cords and is effective at taking nations (Isaiah 54:2)! We agree that every pastor, leader and laymen catches the vision to seek Your way for us and succeeding generations...through obedience, prayer, and the Word (2 Chronicles 7:12-13; Ezra 8:21-23)! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

1. **You are a volunteer.** We are volunteering on behalf of the vision of the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ. Please have this understanding. However, in hosting a prayer service that blesses the people of God, you may possibly be offered a love token by the host. You may receive such tokens of love; however, you are not to ask to be paid or compensated.
2. **You should, if need be, be prepared to sow.** Although this is a voluntary assignment, there perhaps will occur times where funds are needed for the project. If and when that occurs project members will be invited to contribute seed money, as God has prospered them. However, there are no dues or reports to be a part of this project.
3. **Keep all things decently and in order.** It is important that we all pray WITH one accord. Therefore, please keep the focus of all prayer gatherings on the list that has been approved by the Presiding Bishop.
4. **Respect leadership.** Perhaps you will approach a leader that would rather not participate in the 11/40 Prayer Wall or have/host a prayer gathering. Please respect the wishes of that leader. We want to live peaceably with all men.
5. **Work as unto the Lord.** You are asked to follow through on your commitment to serve. You are working as unto the Lord and participating in one of the highest callings in the church (that of an intercessor). Please take your duties seriously and follow through on your assignment.
6. **Do everything with excellence.** Excellence is not necessarily; but it is first-class. We are representing God and also the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ. Be excellent at all that you do, during these 40 days. For example:
  - ✓ Please start all prayer gatherings on time.
  - ✓ All correspondence that goes out to the people of God should be without misspelled words.
  - ✓ Handwritten flyers are never acceptable; please have them typed.

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