

Call for 3-Day New Year's Prayer and Fasting

Praise the Lord! We have really seen the zeal of the Lord revealed among us in the midst of our MTC conference. "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy." (Acts 2:17-18) This is what God promises to give to this generation, and in 2010 this will be manifest in our midst. Let's not just wait in expectation, but respond with a proactive attitude to prepare ourselves to receive the work of the Holy Spirit and have God's kingdom come upon us.

God's desire is give us the Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that we may truly know Him, that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and to know His incomparably great power for us who believe. (Eph 1:17-19) Satan comes to steal and destroy. Furthermore, our enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion to devour whom he can devour.

The eye is the lamp of the body. If our eyes are good, our whole body will be full of light. But if our eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. Faith is like eyesight of our spirit and the mind is like sight of our soul. One particular enemy, the spirit of blindness, will try every means to destroy us. He will attempt to enter through loop holes in our lives. His goal is to blind us by blocking out God's light in the realm of our soul, so that our spirit will be blinded too. So in this season, it is particularly important to be watchful and be vigilant.

Thus, at the beginning of the year 2010 (January 4-6), let us cry out together for God's renewal and transformation to come upon everyone and pray for our families and our church. May God take off our old wineskins and prepare us new ones to receive His new wine and new oil. If we can pray and fast, the spiritual blessing and grace we receive would be much greater.

Day 1: Reflection and Thanksgiving

Morning: Counting Our Blessings

Grace is obtaining an undeserved favor from God. This favor allows us to come openly without fear before the throne of mercy, to draw on God's strength so that we can face life's various needs. For example, we receive strength, spiritual gift, forgiveness, mercy (not getting the penalty we deserved), victory over sin and temptation, ability to have the right response in times of distress, and all things relating to life and piety. Reflect on this past year, in what ways has God helped us? How has He answered our prayers?

Bible Verses for Meditation:

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High. He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God. (Ps 50:14, 23)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. (Heb 12:28)

Prayer Focus:

1. Give thanks to God for this past year. Thank God especially for all answered prayers.
2. Give thanks to God for all our family members and our church. Also thank God for His end-time calling through the "10500 vision."

Proclamation: All that we have experienced over the past year will become God's blessings for our life. New grace, new faith, new revelation, and breakthrough anointing will come upon us in 2010. There will be an outpouring of new wine and new oil in our midst!

Noon: Removing the Black Clouds

Dark clouds represent our past failures and disappointments, difficult circumstances, fear or negative thinking. This murky cloud will block out God's light, so that His light cannot shine through the eyes of our inner spirit. Consequently our spiritual vision becomes fogged up and unable to receive or misunderstand revelation from God. What becomes of our life really depends on what we see; what our eyes see and what our hearts wish are intimately connected. What we see is what we will get! Our enemy likes to engage us in the battlefield of our minds by spreading lies to us so that we fall into fear, low self-esteem, and negative thinking.

Bible Verses for Meditation:

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:13-14)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction. (Job 36:15)

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. (Isa 30:20)

I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. (Ps 140:12)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Pet 5:6-7)

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him. (Ps 42:5)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Mt 6:34)

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! (Isa 30:18)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15:13)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:1-2)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col 3:1-2)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Phil 4:8)

Prayer Focus:

1. Ask God to give us the courage to face and accept our past failures and setbacks and to learn from the failures of life lessons. We believe that God causes all things to work for our good, drawing us to stay close to Him, to trust Him more, and walk humbly with Him.
2. Ask God to help us face difficult circumstances, reject anxiety, fear, and doubt, remain steadfast in our trust in Him, and wait prayerfully for His grace. Do not allow worry and fear speak to our hearts, instead speak God's Word into our hearts.
3. Ask God to help us be more watchful and pay more attention to our own thinking, not to be filled with negative thoughts. Let us meditate more on the Word of God, goodness, and things that is pleasing to God. When talking with people, speak positive, affirmative, and constructive words.
4. Pray for every member of our family and our church: ask God to lift every dark cloud that obstructs His love and revelation from getting through.

Proclamation: God's love and revelation and His river of living water will flow unobstructed in 2010 to irrigate my life, my family as well as CASC.

Evening: Repentance

Sin is rejecting God's rightful authority over our life. Therefore, in areas of our lives where Holy Spirit is not in charge, times when we disobey the Holy Spirit or behaviors, thoughts, attitudes, and reactions that are not led by the Holy Spirit are considered sins. Please make a list of all of the sins, from your earliest memories till now, as much as possible list them all.

Bible Verses for Meditation:

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Mt 4:17)

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. (Ps 51:17 NLT)

The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin *and* are humbly *and* thoroughly penitent. (Ps 34:18 Amplified)

For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isa 57:15)

'The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.' (Num 14:18)

Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin. (Acts 8:22-23)

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Ps 32:5)

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps 19:12-14)

"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him." (Rom 4:7-8)

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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. (1 Chr 7:14-16)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 Jn 1:5-7)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:9)

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Mt 26:28)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Eph 1:7)

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. (Jer 33:8)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; (Ps 103:8-13)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Rom 6:12-13)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (Gal 6:7-8)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Rom 8:11)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Isa 66:2)

Prayer Focus:

1. Confess before God how we lived according to our own willful ways. Ask God's forgiveness for not seeking Him nor acted according His Word or desires. Acknowledge that we have allowed our own thoughts, feelings, educational training and personal experience to control our attitudes, reactions, thinking patterns, and how we handle things rather than following the Holy Spirit's guidance and control.
2. Thank God for multitudes of mercy and forgiveness bestowed on us! Thank Him that through the Blood of Jesus we are washed of all sins and cleared of all debts to sin. Invite the Lord Jesus to reign in all areas of our life. Let us have the mind of Christ and His humility, willing to be renewed and transformed daily and learn to live according to God's will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us deal honestly with sin so that we will no longer struggle in the destructive cycle of sin. May we submit to the Holy Spirit, allowing the indwelling of the Spirit of Jesus who was raised from the dead, to help us overcome the shackle of sin and its temptations.
4. Pray for members of our household and the church: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them and enable them to walk in the light, as we confess to one another and pray for each other.

Proclamation: God has forgiven all my sins! Wash all my unrighteousness. Christ is the Lord of my life! The Lord of my home! Christ is the Lord of CASC! Jesus is victorious! CASC and my family are all victorious! I have been crucified with Christ, and now that I no longer live, but Christ lives within me!

Day 2: Taking Off the Old Wineskin

Morning: Leaving the Spotlight on the Stage

The spirit of blindness often takes advantage of our lowly, tiny self-image, so we look forward to having the spotlight to focus on us, hoping to be affirmed and find self-worth in the eyes of others. As a result we fall into self-centeredness, self promotion, self assertion of our own rights, competitiveness, comparison, jealousy, bitterness, etc. Thus we robbed God of His glory, but also due to the brightness of the spotlight, we are unable to see our surroundings clearly and lose our ability to receive revelation from God.

Bible Verses for Meditation (from Father's Love Letter, an article from internet):

My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. I am familiar with all your ways. Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. For you were made in my image. In me you live and move and have your being. For you are my offspring. I knew you even before you were conceived. I chose you when I planned creation. You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. I knit you together in your mother's womb. And brought you forth on the day you were born. I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. For I am the perfect father. Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Because I love you with an everlasting love. My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. And I rejoice over you with singing. I will never stop doing good to you. For you are my treasured possession. I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. And I want to show you great and marvelous things. If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. For it is I who gave you those desires. I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. For I am your greatest encourager. I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. He is the exact representation of my being. He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus

died so that you and I could be reconciled. His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. I have always been Father, and will always be Father. My question is...Will you be my child? I am waiting for you.

Love, Your Dad

Psalm 139:1	Matthew 6:31-33,	Isaiah 40:11,
Psalm 139:2, Psalm 139:3	Jeremiah 29:11	Revelation 21:3-4
Matthew 10:29-31,	Jeremiah 31:3	Revelation 21:3-4
Genesis 1:27	Psalms 139:17-18,	John 17:23, John 17:26
Acts 17:28, Acts 17:28	Zephaniah 3:17	Hebrews 1:3,
Jeremiah 1:4-5,	Jeremiah 32:40,	Romans 8:31
Ephesians 1:11-12	Exodus 19:5	2 Corinthians 5:18-19
Psalm 139:15-16	Jeremiah 32:41,	1 John 4:10
Acts 17:26,	Jeremiah 33:3	Romans 8:31-32
Psalm 139:13-14	Deuteronomy 4:29	1 John 2:23,
Psalm 71:6	Psalm 37:4, Philippians 2:13	Romans 8:38-39
John 8:41-44	Ephesians 3:20	Luke 15:7
1 John 4:16, 1 John 3:1,	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 2	Ephesians 3:14-15,
Matthew 7:11	Corinthians 1:3-4	John 1:12-13
Matthew 5:48, James 1:17	Psalm 34:18	Luke 15:11-32

Prayer Focus:

1. Ask God to help us to gain a deeper understanding of the Father's love and receive His love. Ask Him to remove the orphan spirit inside our soul and truly believe how He sees us in the eyes of Christ. We no longer need to establish our self-image, to gain people's praise and recognition. Let us be willing to live out "He must become greater, I must become less" so that what people see is not "I can" but rather "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."
2. Pray for each family member and those of our church: May we be enveloped in our Heavenly Father's love and able to find our true self and the proper place that God puts us. Ask God to help us accept ourselves, not envy others (and the role they play), and live out the joy of being the beloved sons and daughters of God.

Proclamation: I'm God's favorite! God's beloved! Each of us is God's dearly loved and will become God's darling child, pleasing Him in all that we do.

Noon: Breaking Critical Judgments

We often have a habit of fault-finding toward ourselves and others. We are also quick to criticize and hold prejudices (bias) toward others, as if we have a beam in our eyes. Although what we see is not accurate, we deem it as true because of our self-righteousness. This gives the spirit of blindness and judgmental spirit opportunity to ride on our backs and use us against ourselves and others. It is because

of this kind of critical judgment that makes us lose the blessings from God. Again, meditate on the Father's Love Letter, whose words are what God says to us and those whom we criticize.

Bible Verses for Meditation:

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isa 64:8)

"In that day," declares the Lord, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.' I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. (Hos 2:16, 19)

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. (Eph 1:4-6)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2:10)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? (Mt 7:1-3)

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. (Rom 14:4)

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. (1 Cor 4:3-5)

Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? (Jas 4:11-12)

Prayer Focus:

1. Ask God to forgive us for the sin of critical judgment. Admit our ignorance of not knowing the reality of things and that our judgments are often inaccurate and self-righteous. Ask God to help us reject critical judgment and negative thinking. In the new year, we will not fall into eating the evil fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, being used by the enemy, wasting time in making accusations, gossiping, slandering, and fault-finding. Ask God to remove the wooden beam in our eyes and fill our hearts with His love so that we are able to see ourselves and others from God's loving eyes. Ask God to help us show grace when we deal with people and Truth with matter. Know that we are unfinished masterpieces in God's hands and wait patiently for His hands of grace.
2. Pray for each member of our family and those of the church: Ask for the strength to demolish the strongholds of critical judgment the enemy has built.

Proclamation: God's love will unite us together! Those whom we criticized will become the people whom we love and appreciate. We will view ourselves and others with true empathy and compassion!

Evening: Coming Out of Woundedness

The hurt from our past often leads us to be filled with bitter judgment, jealousy, inner vows, anger, resentment, and unforgiveness. This rubbish that we harbor in our hearts actually blocks the flow of God's grace and blessings. Many of these wounds in fact were rooted in the homes we grew up. Complains and dissatisfaction against our parents, then, result in our inner spirit being filled with darkness.

Bible Verses for Meditation:

Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness. (Prov 20:20NKJV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Gal 6:7)

So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did so that when I came I should not be distressed by those who ought to make me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. (2 Cor:1-3)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Eph 4:30-32)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Col 3:12-13)

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Lk 23:33-34)

May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The Lord be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant." (Ps 35:27)

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face. (Ps 89:15 ESV)

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." (Ps 126:2)

Prayer Focus:

1. Pray to God to set us free from the pit of bitterness and unforgiveness. Ask God to open our eyes to see the super abundant grace He has already given us, especially the grace of His forgiveness. Who can stand if God actually holds us accountable to our sins? Ask God to help us

be like Jesus when He uttered, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Shout to the Lord until joy springs forth from our hearts, driving all bitterness, pain, and sadness away.

2. By nature, we all want other people to respect and value us. We are quick to spot other people's offenses against us and quick to assert our individual rights. Ask God to help us see that every one of us is one big sinner who needs the forgiveness of sins. Ask Him to help us to know how to deal with either intentional or unintentional hurt or unjust treatment. Ask God for a godly, correct response to any offenses.
3. Pray for each member of our family and those of our church: We can walk out of self-pity, unforgiveness, and past hurt. May we yield our rights, giving God the rightful authority to do whatever He wishes with our life, receive His grace and blessing, and become a channel of blessing for others.

Proclamation: In 2010, I will no longer be sensitive to "being hurt," but instead be sensitive to sin! I will not always focus on being hurt, but on being "indebted to love" God and others!

Day 3: Preparing New Wineskin

Morning: Being Skillful in God's Word

Aunt Mei-Lien prophesied previously that: In the future, we would be lifted to heaven to have strategic meeting with the Lord Jesus. The strategies discussed will come out of Biblical revelations. Therefore, God's workers need to be skillful in God's Word in order to understand what Jesus is talking about.

Bible Verses for Meditation:

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Mt 4:4)

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. (Ps 119:130)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Heb 4:12-13)

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Prov 2:1-5)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious

promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (2 Pet 1:3-4)

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. (Hos 4:6)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Col 3:16)

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. (Heb 5:11-14)

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. (1 Pet 2:1-2)

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Eph 4:13-16)

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Col 3:5-10)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (Jas 3:13-18)

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn 8:31-32)

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Isa 66:2)

Prayer Focus:

1. Ask God for a greater thirst for His Word and able to fill our hearts with the Word of Christ, in all its richness, with all the wisdom He gives. Also ask that He gives us the Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that we are no longer spiritual babies but have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Pray that we will not be deceived by the enemy with tricks,

not listen to lies cleverly disguised as truth, able to correctly handle the word of truth, and accurately understand and interpret visions and dreams.

2. Ask God to help us obey God's Word, understand the truth, take off our old nature, be renewed and transformed in our mind, overcome weaknesses in our life, and have true freedom.
3. Pray for every member of our family and our church: Depart from the basic of teachings about Christ and become mature in our understanding, being skillful in God's Word and able to discern right from wrong, understand the truth, reverent to God, and staying away from evil.

Proclamation: In 2010 we will grow up to maturity, deepen our understanding of God, and receive freedom revealed in the Truth.

Noon: Crying Out for God's Abiding Presence

Bible Verses for Meditation:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Rev 21:3 ASV)

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (Ps 105:4)

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Lk 11:9)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Prov 8:34-35)

I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Ps 16:8-9, 11)

For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isa 57:15)

Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11 NLT)

The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you. (2 Chr 15:2)

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. (Ps 22:3)

I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. (2 Sam 7:9)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Ps 23:4)

Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us. (Isa 8:10)

And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. (2 kings 18:7)

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:21)

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine. Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; your name is like perfume poured out. No wonder the maidens love you! Take me away with you—let us hurry! Let the king bring me into his chambers. We rejoice and delight in you; we will praise your love more than wine. How right they are to adore you! (Song 1:2-4)

Prayer Focus:

1. Thank God for delighting to be with us and be our God. May He draw us deeper toward Him and grant us the desire to thirst for Him, so that we could run after Him. Ask God to help us draw near Him with a contrite and humble heart, wait daily before Him, and seek His face and strength. Pray for the willingness to submit to His Holy Spirit and surrender to His guidance. Be in unity with brothers and sisters as we come before the Lord, offering sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.
2. Pray for each member of our family and those of our church: Always look up to Jesus, cry out to Him and remain in His abiding presence.

Proclamation: In 2010 God's glorious presence will be manifested in CASC! I will daily live in God's abiding presence and guidance! Every person who enters my home or CASC's Worship and Prayer Center will be aware of God's presence.

Evening: Serving with Humility

Bible Verses for Meditation:

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 18:1-4)

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

(Lk 22:24-27)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Pet 5:5-6)

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Mic 6:8)

For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? (1 Cor 4:7)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet 4:7-10)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Eph 4:15-16)

Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. (Ps 2:11 NLT)

Prayer Focus:

1. In this New Year, ask God to guide us to the ministry position He desired for us, like the living stone being built on the spiritual temple, and help us discover our true self in Christ. Pray that we will stop complaining, but never stop fixing our eyes on Jesus. Ask for spiritual gifts that will edify the church, feed on God's Word daily, and in faithfully follow with patience. Seek to rely only on God's wisdom and counsel from above and not on our own wisdom, understanding or abilities. Focus on what God is doing rather than on that of man. Serve with a humble, reverent, joyful, and thankful attitude.
2. Pray for every member of our family and those of our church: Support one another in love, speak the Truth, serve each other according to the gifts we received, remain connected to our Lord Jesus Christ, and with humility find our place of ministry service.

Proclamation: In 2010 all will arise and shine! For the glory of the Lord rises to shine upon us! The glory of the Lord rises and appears over us! All nations and all people will come to see our radiance.