

IKOYI BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAYER AND FASTING TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR 2016

Monday, 4th January, 2016

Theme- Walking in Obedience

Hymn BH 275- I Surrender All

Bible Passages- 2 Kings 4:1-7; James 1:25

It is often tough to obey God especially in tough and difficult moments like the situation faced by the Prophet's widow in our text of today. What she was asked to do for a turnaround was unconventional. The little oil she had in her house passed for nothing by her own standard, yet she was **prophetically instructed** to use that which she counted to be nothing to fill as many pots as she could find. In the spirit of obedience, she obeyed without argument and took a step of faith and the Lord honoured her obedience and her faith in the prophetic instructions. Obedience and faith are inseparable and unconditional if we must enjoy the best from God. In times like this, we look forward to God's blessings and grace to lead us in the New Year, but until we realize that we cannot achieve lasting joy and blessings without complete obedience to God, all we get will be a shadow of what we really ought to get. "Only after obedience can we expect blessings."

PRAYER POINTS-

1. Thank God for the blessings of another year.
2. Pray for God's forgiveness in any area of your sins and disobedience in 2015.
3. Ask God to forgive you wherever you have belittled Him in your life and have followed your own ways.
4. Pray for grace to yield to the Lord, spirit, soul and body throughout 2016.
5. Pray that the Lord will lead you to specific areas that He will want you to surrender to Him this year.
6. Pray that your obedience will be visible to God and His Church.
7. Pray that the reward of obedience will not elude you this year in Jesus name.
8. Pray that the love of God will consume your heart this year and there shall be nothing in between you and your Saviour.
9. Thank God for this year will bring great joy and harvest of peace throughout your life.
10. Pray for grace to be involved in purposeful evangelism this year.
11. Ask God to anoint you for personal evangelism.
12. Pray that the Lord will grant His Church, burden to travail for souls.

PRAYER FOCUS-Pray for all the children in IBC

Tuesday, 5th January 2016

Theme- Serving the Lord Wholeheartedly

Bible Passage- Romans 12:3-11

Hymn- BH 495– Serve the Lord With Gladness

The word “function” is very important in the passage before us (verse 4). The individual member of the Church irrespective of age, gender, status and achievement in life is expected to be functional in proportion to the grace of God given unto him or her. This implies that as a member of the Church, you occupy a space and you must therefore serve the Lord proportionately and faithfully to keep the body of Christ running. You have been saved to serve; this year 2016 you must rise to the challenge to help the church to overcome the problem of lack of committed people. God spared your life to see this year purposely for you to serve Him and to redeem your past. Remember, “service is the price you pay for the space you occupy,” so serve God faithfully.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that you will not take God’s grace on your life for granted.
2. Pray that your body will receive strength and health to be of service to the Lord throughout 2016.
3. Ask God to forgive you wherever you have failed Him in the area of your service in 2015.
4. Pray that the Lord will open your eyes to where He will want you to serve Him in 2016.
5. Ask for grace to be a positive impact wherever He leads you to serve in 2016.
6. Pray that through you, many will come to the saving knowledge of Christ.
7. Pray for the grace to surrender to learn from God and from those He sends your way.
8. Plead for the power of the Holy Spirit to help you in your area of service throughout 2016.
9. Pray that nothing will be too much for you to surrender for the Lord this year in Jesus name.
10. Pray for grace to break new grounds and to set new records in the service of God this year.
11. Ask God to grant you grace that as you are determined to set new records, you will be able to encourage at least 2 people to begin to work for God this year before the end of the 1st quarter.
12. Pray that the Lord will send labourers into His vineyard.
13. Pray that every member of your household will find something to do for the Lord this year. Pray for the member of your household that is not serving in the Church by name.
14. Pray for any member of your circle of influence who is not active in the Church to become active and committed this year.

PRAYER FOCUS- Pray for all the youths in IBC

Wednesday, 6th January 2016

Theme- Get Your Priority Right

Bible Passage- Luke 10:38-42

Hymn-BH 301- I Am Resolved

Martha means bitterness. An embittered person cannot get his or her priorities right even when he or she tries to do what is good. Getting your priority right implies doing the right thing at the right time with the right motive and approach. This entails that you as an individual must first of all get yourself cleanse within and without. This will help you to hear God and to see clearly. As long as you allow bitterness of any kind in your heart, you are going to get easily distracted. An embittered person is usually negatively competitive and suspicious.

It is possible that you are not serving the Lord at all or maximally because you are embittered (not pleased) with the system, administration or leadership, or one or two people in the Church. Bitterness, distractions, misplacement of priority come in many and any form. Just like Martha who ought to sit at the Lord's feet in order to be purged of her anger, bitterness and distractions, you are hereby encouraged to make yourself available at the feet of the Lord to be instructed and purged of all your bitterness, distractions and misplacement of priorities.

Oftentimes, many things are calling for your attention and they all present themselves as being very important. You must not allow the things that do not matter to stand in between you and God hence hindering your commitment to Him. This year has been declared as our year of Deliberate Evangelism and for you to fulfil this mandate, you must consciously make up your mind to sit at the Lord's feet to receive from Him in order to enjoy His fellowship and receive divine revelation for service.

PRAYER POINTS

1. A purge you of all kinds of bitterness at home, extended family, at work and in the Church.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you manage your days and your time. .
3. Pray for grace to set your priorities right- reading the word, praying, evangelism etc.
4. Pray for grace to forgive and receive forgiveness.
5. Pray for grace to see what the Lord wants you to see as you serve and walk with Him this year.
6. Rebuke any demonic manipulations and time bandit.
7. Pray that this year will be a year of God's revelation of His works, ways and power to you.
8. Pray that in all you do this year, you will put God first.
9. Pray that you will not disappoint the Lord throughout this year.
10. Pray for divine enablement to do what the Lord would ask you to do throughout 2016.
11. Pray that members of the Church will be moved to invest in evangelism.
12. Pray that we will catch the vision for soul winning.
13. Pray that we will do more baptism this year.

PRAYER FOCUS- Pray for all the women in IBC.

Thursday, 7th January 2016

Theme- Enjoying God's Grace & Peace

Bible Passages: Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:27

Hymn- BH 329- Grace Greater than Our Sins

“Chesed” means grace in the Old Testament. It means “deliverance from enemies, affliction or adversity. It also means enablement, daily guidance, forgiveness and preservation.” “Shalom” is the Hebrew word for peace. It means “wholeness, health, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquillity, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, absence of agitation or discord. It is the feeling of contentment, completeness, wholeness, well being and harmony.”

These are our heart's desire for this New Year and God is more than enough to do these and many more. As we surrender our lives and will to Him this year, He will grant us these and many more throughout 2016.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Thank God for His promises are forever sure.
2. Pray that you will make God your burden bearer throughout this year and beyond.
3. Pray for grace to trust the Lord for the impossible this year.
4. Pray that the Lord will grant you daily guidance throughout 2016
5. Pray for God to preserve you and all members of your family, throughout 2016.
6. Ask God to direct and prosper your ways in 2016.
7. Ask that the grace of God will take you to heights you least expected in 2016.
8. Ask that God will surround you with grace and peace throughout 2016.
9. Pray for sustenance and guidance.
10. Pray that all the missionary organizations in the Church will do greater exploits for the Lord this year.
11. Pray that God will break all barriers to winning souls around Ikoyi.
12. Pray that you will encourage evangelists and missionaries this year and beyond.
13. Pray that you yourself will preach Christ wherever you go this year.
14. Thank God for He will to do beyond your expectations in 2016.

PRAYER FOCUS- Pray for all the men in IBC.

Friday, 8th January 2016

Theme-Assurance of God's Presence

Bible Passage: Daniel 3:19-27

Hymn- BH 61-Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us

God is omnipotent (all powerful), omnipresent (all present), and omniscient (all knowing). Nobody is greater than Him and no power can surpass His own. He showed Himself to Shedrack, Meshack and Abednego as the fourth Man in the fire. He can and He will do more for us as we walk with Him in 2016. The three Hebrews enjoyed the presence of God and deliverance because they did not deny him even in the face of death. We also will enjoy God's presence and blessings when we wholly profess His name and show Him forth to the world.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Thank God for He is always with you- Isaiah 43:2.
2. Pray that the Lord will fight all your battles this year.
3. Ask God to grant you victory over all your enemies- seen and unseen.
4. Pray that you will see His presence in all your ways this year.
5. Ask the Lord will frustrate the works of darkness on your life and family throughout 2016.
6. Pray that men and women will praise the Lord on your behalf in 2016.
7. Pray that the Lord will project you to the world this year in Jesus name.
8. Pray for the grace to depend on the Lord as the omnipresent throughout this year and beyond.
9. Pray that Ikoyi Baptist Church will work in greater glory throughout 2016.
10. Pray for all evangelists you know in and around the Church by name.
11. Pray that God will raise more evangelist and missionaries in the Church
12. Pray that we will support missions and missionaries more.
13. Pray for all IBC ministers, Diaconate, officers, staff and project.