

PRAYER THEMES January 11-18 2015

BREAKOUT - HOLY SPIRIT

During this year of Centenary Celebration we want to see God move mightily by the power of the Holy Spirit in both 2015 and beyond. There have been many sovereign moves of the Holy Spirit over the last 100 years, one of which was the apostolic birthing of Elim through the ministry of George Jeffreys. It is great to remember what God has done, but God has no Grandsons, only sons! So it is imperative that we look forwards in faith, not just backwards in remembrance.

The Holy Spirit has inspired mighty outpourings, the most recent of which was in Wales (birthplace of the Welsh Revival in on 1904 at the turn of the 20th Century). Then of course the Azusa Street revival began in 1906. For us in Elim the key foundational building blocks began around 1911 when George Jeffreys was baptised in the Holy Spirit and began to preach and plant churches, thus began the birth of a Pentecostal movement in the power of the Holy Spirit with countless apostolic 'plantings' of churches, the majority of which are still functioning and thriving today.

As we look to the here and now and look ahead beyond 2015, what sort of influence will Elim churches have and what can we expect to see as a 'move of God'? This largely depends upon our hearts and how we are growing and functioning as disciples and as the corporate people of God. Foundations have been laid, but what is built on the foundations needs God's guidance and inspiration, through His people. This is not to be by our human strength, but to be of the Holy Spirit.

When we look through the history of revivals, they have all begun with certain factors in operation:-

- a) Desperation for God to move because of the state of both the church and the nation.
- b) A call to intercession and prayer with fervour, passion and sacrifice.
- c) A need for unity and oneness within the body of Christ as a whole, across streams.

d) A spirit of repentance pervaded the hearts of people.

e) A cry from the heart for God to break through and break out.

f) A challenging national environment where much of the society was in deep confusion.

g) A rise of ordinary people with hearts on fire and a burning desire for Gods answers to be revealed.

We are in that time again, and with a full year of prayer (with fasting and intercession and creativity) in 2014 and continuing to flow into 2015 and beyond, we have an atmosphere and a fervour to see God do something really special once again with Elim churches being in the vanguard of spiritual breakthrough in the land.

Fresh Move of the Holy Spirit

There needs to be a cry from the heart, so a fresh personal as well as corporate yearning for more of God. This requires preparation of the heart and a recognition that we cannot see God move in power if we use our own power! There is a need for dependency on God. A need to search our hearts to ensure God takes 1st place.

Theme continues overleaf.

'It's vital that during this year of celebration that our focus is toward the One who has done it all. It's so important that we commence the year on our knees, praying prayers of gratitude, prayers of hope, prayers of passion. This resource is a perfect place to start. Use it to pour fuel on to your prayers and then stand back and watch as God sends the fire.'

Duncan Clark

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Bible Verses

Psalm 139:23-24 New King James Version (NKJV)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Chronicles 7:14 New King James Version (NKJV)

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.

Acts 2: 2-4

Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Prayer Points

- Pray for a fresh move of the Spirit in your own life, through the church and in the community you are a part of.
- Pray for unity across the body of Christ.
- Pray for God to awaken a desire for the Spirit in an increased and fresh way across the Elim movement.

Creative Ideas

Use the hymn below as a prayer:

Hymn - Edwin Hatch

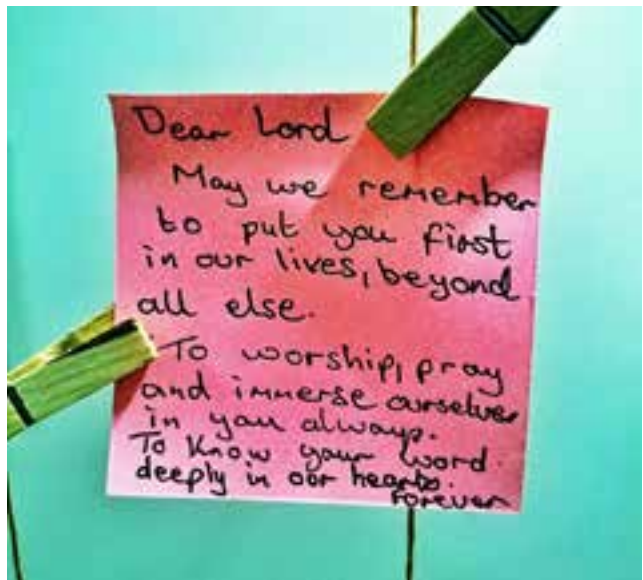
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what
Thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

The Holy Spirit 'Helper' "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever" John. 14:16 Using paper and felt tip pens, draw around your hand as a symbol of helping. Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you or others in need.



"Our Lift Up prayer week was a reminder once again of the importance and power of corporate prayer. Prayer unites hearts. Prayer releases faith. Prayer opens us up to the new possibilities that God has for us. No wonder Paul said 'Pray continually'!"

James Glass