

PRAYER THEMES January 4-11 2015

PRAYER BREAKTHROUGH

As an Elim Movement we stand on the threshold of our Centenary Year, a significant milestone in the life of any denominational stream. We thank God for His great faithfulness in bringing us to this moment in our history, and we look forward to His continued blessing in the years that are ahead. We stand together to consecrate ourselves in obedience to the call that God has placed upon our hearts and lives.

We recognise that we celebrate our Centenary against a backdrop of spiritual and moral declension, and that we stand in need of a 'BREAKTHROUGH'.

(1 Chron. Ch. 14 v. 11).

Bible Verses (NIV)

Genesis 26:18

...and Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham.

Habakkuk 3:2

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, o Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for His faithfulness over 100 years and for the mighty works that He has accomplished in the salvation of thousands of people.
- Pray for a renewal of 'PREVIOUS WELLS', but also for the digging of 'NEW WELLS'; i.e. Church plants and creative missional projects.
- That in 'OUR DAY', we may experience a renewed sense of the presence and power of God in our Churches, the nation, communities, and in the lives of individuals.
- We proclaim a 'Pentecostal' testimony. Pray for a renewed hunger in the hearts of people to experience the mighty Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and for the Gifts of the Spirit to be operational in our corporate gatherings and individual lives.
- Pray for your Local Church, that there may be a commitment to consecration in respect of mission, prayer, unity, and fellowship.

Creative Prayer Ideas

- Have photographs on display of historical events in the life of your fellowship and stories of growth and breakthrough.
- Alongside these, have a display featuring your Mission Statement and a brief description of your on-going vision.
- 'BREAKTHROUGH': Identify and write areas in which as a Church you are seeking for breakthrough either in the life of the fellowship, or in the wider community.
- Have a prayer wall available on which individuals can sign so as to identify with the expressed vision and direction of the Church.

'Following on from LiftUp2014 Elim's National Year of Prayer we are once again presented with an opportunity to see change come through the power and grace of God. Prayer plays such a vital part in that as we seek to start our centenary year well. Let's stand together as the family of God and pray!'

Sarah Whittleston

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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BREAKOUT - HOLY SPIRIT

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

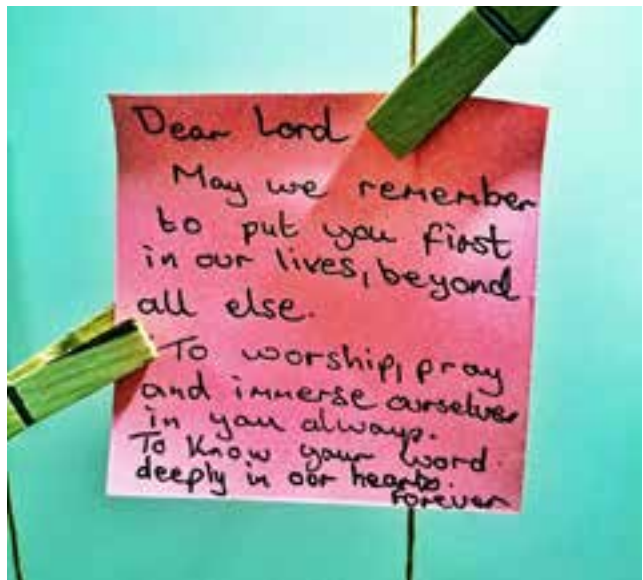
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what
Thou wouldst do.

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

PRAYER THEMES January 18-25 2015

WEEKLY THEME: OUR CHURCH

The Elim Pentecostal Church is a growing Movement of more than 550 Christian congregations in the UK and Ireland. During this centenary year there will be an explosion of growth as we seek God together to see the vision of The Big Centenary Ask (TBCA) worked out across the nation through our local congregations.

Bible Verses (NIV)

Matt 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 17:20-24

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Prayer Points

- Pray for an explosion of church planting across the nation.
- Pray for revelation of Gods plan to expand the kingdom through each congregation.
- Pray for a united working of Elim churches, departments and leaders to see sustainable churches and fresh expressions of churches established in your area.
- Pray for enthusiasm and energy to be imparted as the vision unfolds in each area of the Movement.
- Pray for a fresh outpouring of signs and wonders practiced by every member of Elim in every community.
- Pray that God will raise up new leaders in all areas of ministry within the Movement

Creative Prayer Ideas

- Make sure you are aware of, and where possible attend, regional and area gatherings where vision will be imparted for this centenary year.
- Ask your pastor for information on your churches plan to participate in TBCA if any, and of anything they are aware of in your area/region.
- Look at the Elim Website information of Church Planting and anything in Direction Magazine on new initiatives taken across the movement.
- Pray for the various departments at headquarters with specific thoughts on how new growth will impact on them.

2015 will be a great year of opportunity, but also of great challenge. Prayer must continue to be the key to experiencing spiritual breakthrough in our lives, in our churches and within our nation at large; 'Pray without ceasing'

Alistair Cole

PRAYER THEMES **January 25-1 February 2015**

KINGDOM OF GOD

The Elim Pentecostal Church was birthed in the fires of evangelistic zeal. The salvation of the lost was and continues to be the main reason for our existence. In our centenary year by the grace of God we will see a continuation of that pioneering spirit.

With the continuing growth of the movement we have also seen a widening and deepening of the Church's concern to express the 'kingdom of God' in a multitude of ways. From involvement in social

action to influence in the corridors of Government our aim is always to make known the love of God and bring people into a saving knowledge of Christ.

Please pray that as a movement we may be salt and light to our society as well as a clear voice to this generation.

Bible Verses (NIV)

Matt 5:13-15

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden".

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Matt 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Prayer Points

- Pray that churches will continue to keep the declaration of the Gospel central in everything.
- Pray for the many new Churches and expressions of Church that will commence in 2015.
- Pray for the Evangelists in our nation that their gifting will flourish.

- Pray for the many social action projects such as food banks that express God's love to the community.
- Pray for those Christians in government and those who influence the decision makers.
- Pray for the Revival that our nation so desperately needs.

Creative Prayer Ideas

Get a map of the world and pray the Lords Prayer over places, countries, continents. Add a star sticker to the places you pray for and add your prayer to the others on the map.

Get salt and light to use as a catalyst for prayer. As you taste the salt pray that churches and individuals would make a difference. As you look at the light (candle/torch/lamp/fairy lights) pray that the light of Christ would shine through you and the church into the darkness of the world.



PRAYER THEMES To be used any time during 2015

LIFTUP!

The theme of LiftUp has been significant from the early days of Elim's history. George Jeffreys preached on lifting up your head for your redemption comes near (based on Psalm 24) and a desire to see the return of Christ

Hear this on www.elim100.org

In this sermon he shares of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit people were currently experiencing. Unknown to Elim's Prayer Network, they were inspired to call people to a year of prayer based on that

very theme, but taken from Psalm 121 – to LiftUp your heads and see where our help comes from, from the Maker of Heaven and earth. During 2014 a prophetic word came from one of our NLT members,

Simon Foster, with the challenge and encouragement to be a people of the 'lifted head'. Let's take this theme and continue to pray into it as we journey through this special Centenary year.

Bible Verses

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth

Prayer Points

- Pray for a fresh revelation of the King of Glory that we serve and follow.
- Pray that people who feel 'downcast' would 'liftup' their heads and see that their help comes from God. Ask the Spirit to open hearts and lives to the grace and love of God.
- Pray that barriers to the Gospel would be broken and there would be a new season of increase of the Holy Spirit at work in communities.

Creative Prayer Ideas

Listen to the sermon by George Jeffreys and pray into the themes he mentions.

Read through the two Psalms and use them as a framework for prayer. Why not divide the Psalms into sections and get different people to pray into each section?

LiftUp your prayers – literally! Get some balloons and some tags. Write your prayer of blessing for your community on the tag, attached it to the balloon and let it go (in a safe environment).