

LiftUp100

JANUARY PRAYER GUIDE

LiftUp prayer to our great, loving, powerful and compassionate God



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INTRODUCTION

Defining Moments – our lives are characterised by many defining moments and 2015 is set to be a defining moment in the history of the Elim Pentecostal Movement.

Celebrating 100 years we honour our past and embrace our future. We thank God for all He has done and press on into all God has for us. As we celebrate and give thanks for the past, we commission and re-imagine the future.

Honouring Our Past:

Beginning in Ireland in 1915, under the leadership of evangelist George Jeffreys, Elim was birthed as a dynamic Pentecostal movement dedicated to pioneer evangelism, church planting and Holy Spirit ministry.

Embracing Our Future: One hundred years later, Elim has hundreds of churches in cities, towns and communities throughout the UK and works in over 40 countries around the world. At the core of Elim there are thousands of ordinary people serving God in extraordinary ways.

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God. May you know the Holy Spirit's leading, wisdom and insight.

How this Guide works: There are 31 Daily Prayer Guides for you to use corporately or individually.

Towards the back of this book there are 4 weekly themes to use at prayer meetings/gatherings/weeks throughout January.

There is also a generic LiftUp theme that can be used at any point throughout 2015.

If we can be of any help please don't hesitate to get in touch. liftup@elimhq.net

"To plan the best possible centenary program without a commitment to prayer is like trying to run a Ferrari without fuel. We want Elim 100 to be powerfully effective and that cannot happen without all of our involvement in this great intercessory initiative."

John Glass

Elim 100 Prayer:

A crafted prayer to be read and used throughout 2015 in gathered prayer meetings.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it
The world and all who live in it.

God we praise and thank you for 100 years of Elim:

for every soul saved
for every life filled
for every body healed
for every community impacted
for those who pioneered

God we praise and thank you for our present:

for every soul saved
for every life filled
for every body healed
for every community impacted
for every ministry You've called into being

God we praise and thank you for our future:

for every soul saved
for every life filled
for every body healed
for every community impacted
for every person as we continue to pursue You

We pray – Holy Spirit breakthrough and breakout.

May we LiftUp our heads and see the King of Glory come in - to lives,
families, churches, villages, towns, cities & nations.

Be glorified in all we are and all we seek to do.

Amen



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1. New Year Revelation

The New Year begins today and already many are turning their minds to New Year's Resolutions. What will it be this year? What needs to change/improve? Rather than having a list of resolutions that most will give up in a week, Why not pray for some New Year Revelation? Rather than good intentions, focus on the goodness of God!

Read Isaiah 42:1-13

- Ask God for fresh revelation and a new song to sing in 2015. Pray that you will keep your focus on all God wants for your life in this season.
- Are there any areas of your life that need refreshing? Ask God to meet you in that place of need and reveal his heart for you.
- Pray for the Elim movement and your local church – that all would experience fresh revelation; to keep our focus on the things of God and His Kingdom.

2. Purpose

Purpose can be defined as: the reason for which something is created or for which something exists and a person's sense of resolve or determination. The Apostle Paul said *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus'* (Philippians 3:13-14) What is your purpose this year? What are you resolved to do? God creates each person with a purpose. You are made on purpose, with purpose!

Read Philippians 3:12-14 & Romans 8:28

- Thank God that each person has a purpose on their lives. Thank God that He has a purpose for their lives. Pray that more of it would unfold in 2015.
- Prayerfully write a personal vision for your life in 2015. What has God asked of you? What do you want to see happen this year? Where do you need to press on?
- Pray for the Elim movement – that the purpose for which it exists would grow and deepen as we celebrate Elim100.

3. Breakthrough

Throughout the Bible and church history we see that God brings about breakthrough in situations that seem impossible and difficult, from breaking down the walls of Jericho to delivering a people from slavery, from Jesus healing a leper to the early church being established. As we engage in prayer, let us always remember that we are praying to a God who is the God of the 'BREAKTHROUGH'. Where do you need to see breakthrough? Who in your life needs breakthrough?

Read 1 Chronicles 14:8-11. 'BAAL PERAZIM': 'MASTER OF BREAKTHROUGHS'!

- Thank God for the blessing of the past year.
- Pray for a clearer understanding of God as being the God of the breakthrough.
- For God to breakthrough in the areas listed below:-
 - Our personal lives and ministries – Our families; (Prodigals) – Our Church – Our community – The nation – Nations of the World.

4. Pioneer – Church Planting

Elim was birthed as a dynamic Pentecostal movement dedicated to pioneer evangelism, church planting and Holy Spirit ministry. Pioneering is part of our movements DNA. The Big Centenary Ask from GS John Glass is a call to stir up again this aspect of Elim's ministry. The word pioneer can sometimes seem a scary one. It simply means believing God to do what hasn't been done before, to take new ground and to extend the Kingdom of God. We prepare the way in prayer.

This has all been pioneer work, bringing the Message only into those places where Jesus was not yet known and worshiped. My text has been those who were never told of him— they'll see him! Those who've never heard of him— they'll get the message! (Romans 15:19-21 The Message)

- What new ground does God want you to take personally? Pray into this.

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- What new initiatives are you as a church seeking to begin? Pray for them.
- Pray for God to raise up men and women with a pioneer spirit; to hear from God and pursue God's plans.
- Pray for Elim's renewed focus on church planting – for the new director and team; for the approx 50 new church plants currently taking place.

5. Breakout

God is a God of breakthrough and breakout. After breakthrough comes breakout. Breakout can be defined as "to ready for action or use and to emerge". On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit could not be contained, the early church emerged, the message of Jesus broke out and thousands were saved! Let's believe for a fresh move of the Spirit to emerge and to breakout.

Read Acts 2

- Pray for a fresh encounter with the Spirit in your own life.
- Pray for boldness to fill the Church so that it may breakout into communities, villages, towns, cities empowered by the Spirit.
- Pray for a fresh move of the Spirit to breakout into places and spaces where people are yet to hear of a Saviour who loves them.

6. Catalyst

The Holy Spirit, God Himself, is an agent of change. He transforms lives and situations, communities and nations. He guides us into truth and equips believers for witness and mission. We long to see the communities in which we live transformed by the power of the Spirit.

Read a picture of community transformed in Isaiah 29:17-21 (The Message) And then before you know it, and without you having anything to do with it, Wasted Lebanon will be transformed into lush gardens, and Mount Carmel reforested. At that time the deaf

will hear word-for-word what's been written. After a lifetime in the dark, the blind will see. The castoffs of society will be laughing and dancing in GOD, the down-and-outs shouting praise to The Holy of Israel. For there'll be no more gangs on the street. Cynical scoffers will be an extinct species. Those who never missed a chance to hurt or demean will never be heard of again: Gone the people who corrupted the courts, gone the people who cheated the poor, gone the people who victimized the innocent.

- Picture your community. Imagine walking its streets. What do you see? Where, who and what needs to be transformed?
- Pray for peace, justice and change in your local area.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would impact those who work in leadership and places of influence in your community.

7. Prayer and Consecration

Today Pastors and Leaders across the Elim movement are gathering in Birmingham for a day of prayer and consecration, commitment and commissioning. On this day 100 years ago the Elim Evangelistic Band was formed and the movement began. As the Centenary year unfolds, we are all encouraged to make a renewed commitment to follow the call of God on our lives and to live lives that reflect a Holy loving God. May each person lead prayerful, spirit-filled lives of mission to see a lost and broken world redeemed.

Read Joshua 3:5 & Psalm 24:3-4

- Pray for your Pastor(s) today and the hundreds who are meeting to covenant with God. Pray for integrity, holiness, clean hands and pure hearts.
- Pray that today will be a significant moment in their lives and across the Elim movement and that God will do amazing things through His church.
- Is there anything in your life that needs to be brought to God in consecration? Take some time to renew your relationship with God and to affirm your desire to follow after Jesus.

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8. The Gift of the Holy Spirit

It's lovely to receive a gift. One of the most generous gifts of God that far exceeds any expectation is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples to wait for the gift Father God promised and that this gift would help them and give them power to do things for God. What happened on the Day of Pentecost was astounding. The disciples were baptised with the Spirit, thousands of lives changed and the early church launched. We live as part of the heritage of what God began on that day. The Holy Spirit is gifted to live within us, come upon us and to be with us.

Read Acts 1:4-8 & Acts 2

- Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Seek the baptism of the Spirit or a fresh infilling of His grace and love. Pray for a renewed focus on knowing and experiencing the Spirit in this Centenary year.
- Pray for others you know who have yet to encounter the Spirit at work in their lives.

9. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Not only is the Holy Spirit gifted to us but He comes with gifts for each disciple. We are a people who can live empowered lives – empowered to witness, empowered to speak, empowered to live for God. The gifts of the Spirit are the manifestation, sign, demonstration of the Holy Spirit enabling believers to minister to the needs of the Church, of people worldwide and in a local context. They are given by the grace of God and are to be used for the benefit of the body of Christ and the glory of God.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

- Thank the Holy Spirit for the many gifts He brings and for His enabling and equipping power for the Body of Christ.
- Pray for yourself and your local church that the gifts of the Spirit would be increasingly in operation.
- Ask God to help you use the gifts He has given you to edify and build each other up OR pray that God would show you which gifts you have.

10. Our Leaders (national)

God places men and women into positions of leadership and influence in order to build His Kingdom and fulfil His purpose. In this Centenary year we thank God for men and women who have led this movement in the past and we pray for those currently entrusted with this responsibility.

Read Hebrews 13:17-18

- Pray for John Glass as he gives spiritual leadership to the Movement – that he may lead with courage and with wisdom.
- Pray for the National Leadership Team, Regional Leaders and National Ministry Leaders that, together with the General Superintendent, they will hear God and respond with faith and obedience to all He asks of them.
- Pray for our leaders that they will stand for Christ and be good witnesses to His grace in the areas of public life that God leads them.

(for up to date information about the names of the NLT/ Regional Leaders/New appointments and Department personnel etc. go to www.elim.org.uk)

11. Our Leaders (local)

What comes to mind when you think of the word leadership? Leadership can be defined in different ways but includes influence, responsibility, vision, management, shepherding, mentoring, equipping, releasing etc. It is a privilege to lead but comes with great responsibility; to those whom much is given, much is required (Lk12:48). Today we pray for those in leadership locally. Pray for Pastors and Church leaders, pray for leadership teams, Elders and Deacons, pray for those who lead departments and ministries and any para-church organisations connected to the church.

Read Romans 12:8

- Thank God for your Pastor(s) and leaders.
- Pray for the leaders of the church you attend. Name them. Pray for their families. What specifically does God want you to pray?

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- Pray faith, wisdom, strength, renewed vision, fresh infilling of the Spirit and a faithful perseverance to follow after God and His ways.
- Pray for Elim's National Leaders Summit in May 2015; let it be a time of renewal, envisioning and equipping.

12. International Mission

In 1919, only four years after the founding of The Elim Pentecostal Church an ordinary person did something that they had never done before. One lady, Dollie Phillips, became our first missionary overseas in India. In the pioneering and miraculous beginnings of Elim, missions was and still is central to its call. Elim Missions as a ministry began 10 years later. Mission is part of the nature of God and the commission of us His people.

Read Joel 2:28 (Elim Missions foundational verse)

- Pray for an explosion of church planting across the world.
- Pray for the persecuted church, anonymous often unknown by us but known to God. Which country will God lay on your heart to pray for?
- Pray for missionaries to be called, empowered, sustainable and fruitful. Pray for any Elim missionaries known to you ([see www.elimmissions.co.uk](http://www.elimmissions.co.uk) for more info).

13. Serious4God (Children, Youth & Students)

Throughout the Bible and Church history God calls young people to follow after and serve Him. From Samuel to the disciples, from Miriam to Mary - God does not discount the younger generation from being a part of his plans to rescue, redeem, deliver and save. Yet there are wide and varied challenges to this generation seeking to live as disciples and to the mission of reaching them with God's love.

Read 1 Timothy 4:12

- Pray for the younger generation in your church and those who work with them – from babies to young adults – ask God to lead them by His Spirit and enable them to live as radical disciples of Jesus.

- Pray for the children, young people and students who don't yet know Jesus. Pray that His love for them and their need of salvation would be revealed.
- Pray for Serious4God (Elim's national youth ministry) as it seeks to equip, train, resource and reach young people ([see www.elim.org.uk/S4G](http://www.elim.org.uk/S4G) for more info).

14. Faith

The Bible is pretty clear when it says that *"without faith it is impossible to please God"* [Hebrews 11:6]. This maybe seems a little harsh, but perhaps sometimes we are more 'hopeful' than we are 'faithful'! We do not put our trust and hope in man, we are encouraged in scripture to put our hope and trust in the Lord. The reason we are disciples is that we have faith in God (through Jesus Christ). We are to finish well the race set before us. That requires faith that is living; active and growing (like a muscle). Therefore, have faith in God! Past, present and future!

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJV)

- Give thanks for your faith, when you were saved, how God has kept you, how your life has been transformed by Jesus Christ and your faith in Him.
- Now pray that God will help you as you navigate through life's journey with its twists and turns, that you will stay faithful to the Lord and not succumb to unbelief because things seemingly don't go according to (my) plan.
- "Help me Lord to exercise faith when I can't see the answers immediately but by faith, choose to believe and trust You".

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15. Worship

Throughout Elim churches there are worship leaders and teams at the forefront of ushering in the presence of God in our various services and other gatherings across the country. These teams help bring people into God's presence and spend much time preparing, practising writing and honing their skills and gifting for the Glory of God. We mustn't underestimate the spiritual pioneering aspect of this valuable ministry, the cost and the faithfulness demonstrated. We give thanks to God for all these individuals and teams

Read Numbers 10:33

- Pray for fresh anointing and strength for Elim Sound and Local Worship Teams as they minister regularly and faithfully.
- Ask for the presence of God to come in power in every gathering and worship time.
- Pray for salvation, healing, revelation and release for people during the worship times.

www.elim.org.uk/elimsound

16. Aspire (Women's Ministry) and MPower (Men's Ministry)

Across our Elim Movement groups of both men and women meet for fellowship, teaching, prayer, worship and encouragement. The encouragement and relationship building aspect of this is vital. Many people's gifts, ministries and visions emerge during these times. In particular, Aspire (for Women) and MPower (for Men) have been established to create identity, teaching, challenge and encouragement to be effective ambassadors in our society, wherever we live.

Read Ephesians 4:16

- Pray that women will continue to arise and fulfil their destiny as influencers in society.
- Pray for men to be strengthened and empowered to find and fulfil their calling in society.
- Pray that men and women will together, plant and build the Kingdom of God for His Glory.

www.elim.org.uk/aspire & www.elim.org.uk/mpower

17. Elim Churches

Elim is a family of churches in the UK and overseas. Information and contacts are accessed through our Elim website and a search for churches. When you find a church, these are bodies of people who are committed to God by serving their respective areas to bring the Kingdom of God. It is amazing that we are 'one body' and we can be networked together both relationally and electronically. By this means we can find God's 'family' anywhere.

Read Romans 12:5

- Pray for an increasing sense of family within our denomination and also the body of Christ at large.
- Give thanks for the amazing group of churches serving cities, towns and villages all over the nation(s).
- Pray for the churches to have an ever increasing 'voice' for good (and for God) in their districts empowered by the Holy Spirit.

[Why not look up other Elim churches and commit to praying for them regularly? \(www.elim.org.uk\)](http://www.elim.org.uk)

18. Pioneer - Evangelism

The 'DNA' of our movement, thanks in principle to George Jeffries, was to apostolically plant churches and evangelise communities. We look back and give thanks for good foundations, but we also look forwards to an increase in the 21st Century of apostles being ever more released in our movement to evangelise and plant. There are exciting opportunities in our challenging society to bring a fresh new and creative approach to evangelism, whilst continuing to build on good foundations and especially on the 'sure foundation', Christ Jesus.

Read Matthew 16:18

- Pray that God will cause all disciples to be on fire and share the 'Gospel' whenever the opportunity arises.
- Pray for a huge creative release of vision and ideas for reaching people in our society in a contemporary and authentic way.
- Pray that with the help and support of 'Reach' and other networks, more and more churches

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will empower and release people to pioneer new churches and fresh evangelism across their districts bringing salvation, hope and eternal freedom to lost generations. www.elim.org.uk/reach

19. Freedom

Our society is full of people who are captivated by things. It's easy to say, but people will be going to a lost eternity without the knowledge of, and a personal relationship with, Jesus Christ. We believe God wants to use the people of our Elim Movement to speak out and demonstrate the message of hope and freedom. We have 'freedom of speech' to speak out at the moment, so let's not be slow to use the time and opportunity to share the good news of the gospel, and the message of eternal freedom and salvation whilst we have time!

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed John 8:36 (NKJV)

- Give thanks to God for the freedom we currently have to preach and reach out in our society.
- Pray that God will anoint and empower our Elim people to be bold in declaring the eternal freedom that comes through relationship with Christ Jesus.
- Pray for our Nation/s to remain open and free to declare the good news to whomever and wherever God calls us to do so.

20. Salvation

Jesus' selfless act of love on the cross brought salvation and forgiveness. This amazing act of Grace means that by accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour we have both His forgiveness and Grace at work in us. Our society is full of accusation and recrimination when they perceive wrongdoing. What we as Christ's disciples need to bring is the attitude of Christ into our world. Our world, through us, needs to experience more of this, and then perhaps we will see more mercy, grace and forgiveness offered in our society as a whole!

Read Psalm 145:8

- Give thanks to God for His unspeakable gift of Jesus, who brought Salvation and provided us with forgiveness and grace, so help us Lord to be gracious

and forgiving to others.

- Pray that the Gospel message bringing hope, forgiveness and grace will be shared more widely in our towns and cities.
- Pray that through our influence in society, peoples actions, and reactions to wrongdoing will begin to change as we bring a spirit and attitude of forgiveness and graciousness to bear on their lives.

21. Our church

All of our local congregations are an expression of love from God into our world. They are like an 'Oasis' hence the word Elim [Numbers 33:9] and a place of refreshing for all who come. It's great to create such a place, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the love of God can spill out in to our locality bringing spirit of transformation. In this Elim centenary year look to God for growth in the power of His love, influence and restoration of lives and families where you serve.

Matthew 5:14-15 (NKJV) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

- Pray that your own church and congregation will be filled with love and compassion which spills outside the walls into the community.
- Pray that your church will be a safe and inspiring place for people to feel part of God's family and to grow and be envisioned for works of service.
- Pray that your local church will be a beacon of hope and carry a good reputation where you live and work, and that it will be known as a place where people come for wisdom, help and comfort in time of need.

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22. Celebration

Celebration is a key aspect of the history of God's people; celebrating deliverance, celebrating victory, celebrating the Sabbath. In this Centenary year we want to be quick to praise God and celebrate what he has done, is doing and will do. Celebration is better in community, to gather people together and join our voices to remember and give thanks. In the autumn across our land we will celebrate God! Come join in, get a ticket and get involved!

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7

- Pray for the regional celebrations* – that they will be times of inspiration and renewal as well as opportunities for witness.
- Pray for the opportunity of the Centenary to celebrate locally all God has done.
- Take some time to celebrate with God and others what he has done in your life.

*Birmingham Sat 19th September

Belfast Sat 3rd October

Glasgow Sat 17th October

London Sat 31st October

Cardiff Sat 4th November

Manchester Sat 28th November

(see www.elim100.org for more info)

23. Family, Friends, Neighbours

We are created for connection, relationship and community. At times these can be a source of great blessing and at other times can prove difficult. We are called to love one another and to pray for one another. What a privilege we have in prayer. Families were often counted and numbered in the Bible. Even though each one may not be named, each one is important to God. Remember the names of those you know in prayer, knowing that God loves them.

Read 1 Timothy 2:1

- Thank God for the lives of family, friends and

neighbours, and the opportunity to share your life with them.

- Pray for those who know Jesus as Lord and Saviour – that God would bless, release, empower and equip and pray in faith that the plan God has for the salvation of those who don't yet know Jesus will be fulfilled.
- Name a friend, family member or neighbour and pray that the purpose of their life would be manifested, according to the grace of God.

24. LiftUp

The inspiration for LiftUp2014 Elim's national year of prayer was taken from 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.* What a beautiful picture that as we LiftUp our eyes we see the One who is sovereign, powerful, creator and helper. May we across the Elim movement be a people of lifted eyes to see God, lifted heads to know God, lifted voices in prayer and lifted hands in praise!

Read Psalm 24

- LiftUp your eyes to God and ask for a fresh revelation of his compassion and help.
- Pray for any areas of need that are known to you. Bring them to the maker of heaven and earth.
- Pray through Psalm 24 – that the King of Glory may come in as doors, gates, hearts and lives are opened to God.

25. The United Kingdom

We have a heritage in the United Kingdom as Empire builders, yet our heritage as people of God is much richer – that of Kingdom Builders. As we look at the UK we recognise that many of her foundations were based in the Christian faith and yet values have shifted over time. We are called to stand in the gap in prayer for our nation. Let's pray that the United Kingdom would be a place where God's Kingdom comes first!

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Read Matthew 6:33

- What's happening in the UK right now? Check the news and pray into any issues.
- Thank God for His plan for the United Kingdom and how He has used the nation to impact other nations. Pray for God's guidance for the Queen and the Royal Family as well as the political leaders appointed to run the UK.
- Pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit upon our unsaved leaders and for those who influence the nation in media, education, health, business, sport etc.

26. Global Prayer

Psalm 24:1 tells us *the earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*. God created this world for us to steward and look after, for us to enjoy and as a place of provision for our needs. We are part of a global community of people. Technology has in many ways increased our connectivity with people from all nations, so let's connect with God in prayer for people across the globe!

Read Isaiah 49:6

- Has there been a particular nation in the news recently? Is there a nation close to your heart? Pray for this country.
- Pray for God's guidance for the political leaders running the affairs of the [insert name of specific country].
- Thank God that he created the whole earth. Pray for unreached people groups, that they may hear the Gospel and respond with faith and obedience.

27. Father Heart

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1 God is our Father. He loves us and calls us his children. As the identity and understanding of 'good fathers' has been challenged in our society, as generations lost fathers because of world wars, there are those who struggle

with this concept of Father God. Whatever our experience of earthly fathers it is possible for all to know the embracing, affirming, welcoming love of Father God!

Read Psalm 139:13-14

- Before we take the love of the Father to others, let's pray for a fresh experience of the Father's love for us. We can't give to others what we have not received ourselves.
- Prayer is about listening as well as speaking. Take time out to be in God's presence and ask him to speak to you about someone who needs to experience his love or on your own behalf.
- In the same way Jesus acted out of compassion for people (check out Matt 14:14), let's pray that we will see people as Jesus sees them and have compassion for them.

www.fathersloveletter.com or www.thefatherslove.co.uk

28. Prodigals

The heart of Father God is for relationship and when that is broken He longs to restore and welcome those who have strayed away. Jesus tells a parable of two sons that paints a picture of God as a Father who is quick to forgive and embrace, to celebrate the return of one who was lost and give a fresh start; in contrast to the older brother who is quick to judge. People walk away from faith in Jesus for many reasons, let's be quick to pray and welcome like the Father.

Read Luke 15:11-32

- Pray for all the children of your household and the church. Pray for those who may be detaching, on the fringe.
- Ask God for protection, affirmation, revelation of sonship. Pray against the orphan spirit.
- Name those before the Lord who have gone and pray for their return. Pray for the parents of these folks and pray for Godly leadership.

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29. Prayer and Fasting

Prayer isn't so much about what we say, but it's a lifestyle and therefore how we live it out! Prayer isn't an option for a disciple of Jesus, it's an ongoing conversation with the Father through Jesus Christ and led of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is a dialogue between us and our heavenly Father. Prayer is our thoughts, our scripture readings, our dreams, our hopes all articulated in an on-going conversation. You can do this wherever you are, with whomever you are with, out loud, in your mind, under your breath. As we pray, something happens in our spirit which changes things. Enhancing this is the disciple of forgoing food and luxuries to sharpen our prayer life. Remember, it was always intended to be part of our lifestyle, naturally supernatural!

Read Psalm 35:13

- Help me Lord to develop a conversation with You on a regular basis, pouring out my heart and then listening to what You say, and then acting on it.
- Help me Lord to understand that prayer doesn't come easy and that the enemy of my soul wants to distract me, so help me to concentrate as I open my heart to you in prayer.
- Lord, help me understand that some tough situations that I pray about might require a personal disciple involving fasting, which will sharpen and fine tune my ability to hear Your voice.

30. The Persecuted Church

It is essential that we fully appreciate being able to live our lives unhindered by the government, including expressing faith and being able to worship God. That isn't true everywhere in the world. Countless thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ are being persecuted for their faith in Christ and, in many cases, their unwillingness to renounce faith and deny their allegiance to the Lord! Many are becoming modern day martyrs' and are refusing to compromise [as in Acts 5:29]. The way things are going, we might face similar challenges and it is essential that we prepare our hearts accordingly.

Read Acts 7:54-55

- Pray for those brothers and sisters in other lands where they do not have the same freedom, but are oppressed and persecuted for their faith.
- Pray for God's grace, strength and anointing for those overseas who are facing threats, ill treatment and severe punishment for their allegiance to Christ.
- Pray for those in our own country who declare Christ as Lord and Saviour and then face discrimination from their family or cultural group.

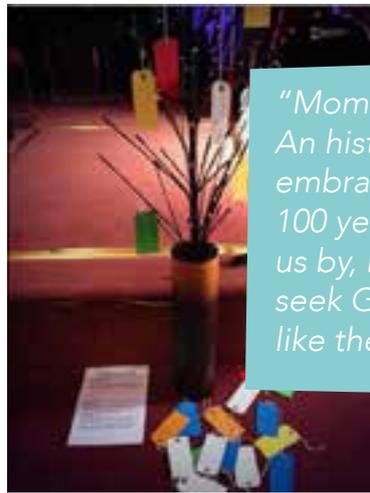
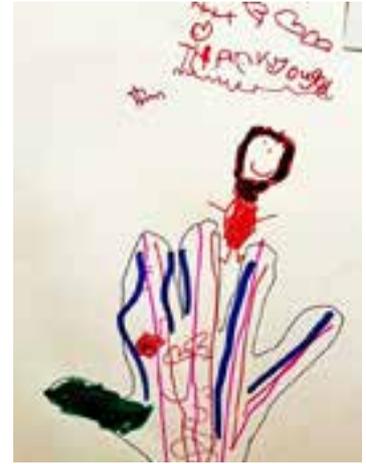
For more info www.elimmissions.co.uk or www.opendoorsuk.org or www.csw.org.uk

31. The Great Commission

It is essential that our churches remember that they are not just to be introspective gatherings for fellowship, prayer, worship and teaching. The church will not grow, and the Kingdom of God will not be extended without acting on Jesus' command to 'Go' into all the world to preach the gospel (good news) [Romans 10:14 *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*]. God has only got us (His disciples) to use to get the positive message out there in our society so, let's not miss the opportunity while the time and environment permits.

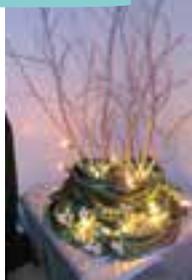
Read Matthew 28:18-20

- Lord, please help me to be bold and to begin to speak about you and give testimony of your love and grace with whomever you give me opportunity.
- I pray that my church will in increasing measure express itself more publically where we live and demonstrate the power of God's love both verbally and in kind.
- I pray that the Church will arise, look up, but then go out and boldly share the good news of the gospel by all means possible so that none may perish and miss out on eternal salvation through Christ Jesus.



"Moments like these come around once in a lifetime. An historic moment of celebrating our past and embracing our future as the Elim movement reaches 100 years. So let's not let this unique opportunity pass us by, let's join together in prayer, united, as one, to seek God for a breakthrough in our future. Moments like these come around once in a lifetime..."

Tim Alford



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

PRAYER THEMES January 11-18 2015

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

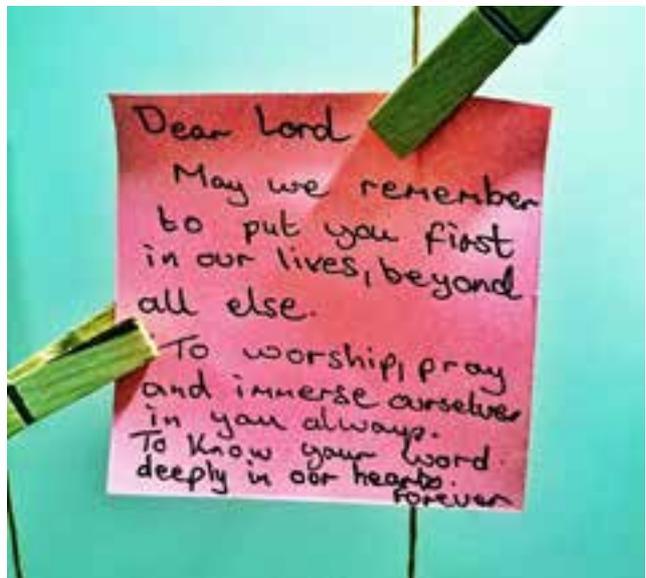
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what
Thou wouldst do.

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).

TESTIMONIES

ANSWERED PRAYERS

LiftUp 2014 for me was an answer to prayer. Having a passion for prayer I was asked to help set up a prayer room for the church to use 24-7 for 21 days at the start of January 2014! I was so excited about this, to be part of a team and then to see people use it. After the 21 days of lifting up our church, our families, our friends, our town, we begrudgingly took down the prayer room. I had a huge desire to have a prayer room in our own town-PERMANENTLY! I kept praying into this and about a month later I was contacted by a man who goes to our church, whom God had placed this same desire in his heart, along with a few other wonderful people! 2 months later we opened, "Portadown House of Prayer"; 9 months later, we continue to open every Friday, believing that through our prayers we will see Gods Kingdom power come and impact our town and surrounding area.

LJ Watt, Portadown Elim

Our prayer week in May 2014 was a highlight of our year. People came to the prayer room unsure whether they would be able to spend an hour in prayer, and then didn't want to leave! As we prayed for our church and community, we focused on three issues: youth, men and prodigals. In the months since then, we have seen a new youth ministry beginning, reaching out to many vulnerable young people. A step forward in men's ministry has also happened. As regards prodigals, we thought there was no visible fruit until just recently when a young man who had left the church last year came back and has recommitted his life to Jesus. We are praising God for answered prayer and intend to make the prayer week an annual event.

Alison Atkinson, Braintree Elim

At Lane End we met to pray and through the week used a creative text prayer approach, along with a printed prayer diary and guide; effectively our church prayed over 1000 prayers all together for the week. Every single person in the church was involved! I have sensed a 'rise in the water table' of receptivity to God across the congregation, an increased sense of expectancy, and feel a new wave of enthusiasm for prayer myself.

Nick Whittome, Lane End Elim, High Wycombe

We saw answers to prayer of healing, relationships restored and prophetic vision for our church as well as many people coming along to pray who don't normally come truly an amazing week.

Pauline Clark, Prayer Co-ordinator, Newcastle Dream Centre