



Fragrance of Life

Spreading the fragrance of Christ

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

A place of joy and gladness
Isaiah 51 verse 3

Deeper Intimacy with God

Editor's note:
Our New Look
Fragrance of Life

Check out our new
look bulletin. It is
much bigger with
lots of exciting news
and information.

Happy Reading!

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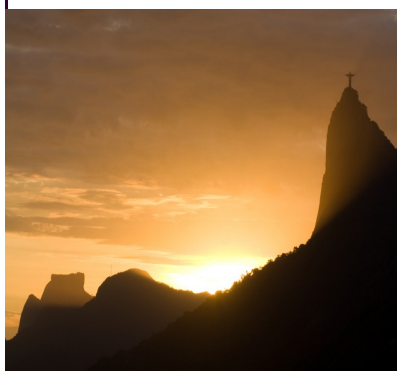
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**"Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast, call a
sacred assembly."
Joel 2 verse 15 TNIV**

February is the month set apart for our annual corporate fast in all the parishes of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG). But please remember, it is not meant to be a mere religious ritual but a time of deeper communion and intimacy with God. It is a time for cultivating a closer walk with God. This is



why it is described as a holy fast in Joel 2 verse 15.

A holy fast is more than just abstaining from food and liquid for a specified period of time. A holy fast is meant to be a time of seeking God's face in prayer, praise and the study of His Word. It is also a time of drawing closer to God in repentance and in an attitude of reverential humility and thanksgiving. Furthermore, Isaiah 58 shows us that a holy fast is meant to be a time of sharing with others the love of God and being a blessing to as many people that God brings along our way.

As we have embarked on this season of prayer and fasting, let us remember that God tells us in Joel 2 verse 13 to rend our hearts and not our garments. So we are

encouraged not to go around looking gloomy or downcast. The joy of the LORD is our strength and His grace will sustain us. It is our prayer that in this period of the holy fast that we would enjoy more and more of the intimate presence of God as we commune with Him in prayer, worship and the study of His Holy Word.

However, this holy fast is not just meant to be at the individual level but also at the corporate level. Joel 2 verse 15 says that we must gather as a sacred assembly, even in this period of fasting. We therefore encourage you to attend and actively participate in our Sunday services, house fellowships and other church meetings (including the prayer meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays). More details of our service times at the back of this newsletter. We look forward to your joining us this week. God bless you in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Looking unto Jesus...

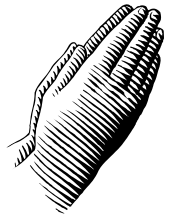
A shoe manufacturer decided to open his business in a new country and sent a salesman to survey the prospects in the area. The salesman wrote, "Prospect here nil. No one wears shoes." The manufacturer wrote back, "Market potential terrific! Everyone is barefooted."

Very often, all we see is our faults and failures, and we convince ourselves that the prospect of our spiritual success is nil. Fortunately, we have a God who sees not only our past and present sins and mistakes; but our hopeful future (Jeremiah 29:11) and that one day we will be finally renewed (1 Corinthians 13:12) and live eternally with Him! He sees the big picture and understands that our earthly struggles with our human nature will end once and for all when He returns for us (Hebrews 12:1—3). If we would keep that in the forefront of our mind, we will never lose hope, but press on towards that glorious future (Philippians 3:14). We cannot let the enemy constantly remind us of our failures and convince us that our shortcomings define who we are. Instead, we must hold on to God's Word in 2 Corinthians 5:17 and allow Him to renew our lives (Romans 12:1—2) and also hold on to the hope that one day we will appear just as he is (1 John 3:2).
Adapted and culled from a piece by David Jeremiah at AllWorship.com

A prayer for a closer walk with God

*The healing of all infirmities and the strengthening of all weaknesses in our hearts and bodies,
the flushing out of sin in our souls and bodies,
the destruction of the plans of the enemy going on in the spiritual realm.
Grace and favour before God and man,
the manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit and the divine character of God,
even the character of love.*

*We also pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit,
even as the Spirit wills and that the LORD will cause all things,
to work together for our good,
so that today and onwards,
we will walk worthy of the LORD unto all pleasing in Jesus' Name, Amen.*



garden of the LORD

A place of joy and gladness

Isaiah 51 verse 3

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Service times

Sundays

9.30—Pray until Something Happens (P.U..S.H)

10. am— Sunday School

10.30—Family service (Junior and Teen Churches also available)

Tabitha—Community work—every second Sunday of the month at 2pm.

Wednesdays

6.30 pm—Hour of Prayer Evening (H..O.P.E)

Saturdays

11 am: Boys and Girls Brigade

11 am : Living Waters Prayer Meeting (Except 3rd Saturday of month, our family week-end).

→ DON'T FORGET!

Bible Study and Student Fellowship Centres hold every week in different locations in Cardiff.

E-mail us and sign up for our weekly e-bulletin to get more information on the dates, times and venues for these centres!

Word Search: The process that leads to the double portion

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The call and election

Divine assignment

Availability and willingness

Respect, love and honour for parents

Faithfulness in little things

Sensitivity to timing

Response to divine visitation

Loyalty

Dogged persistence



A Christian Cartoon by Karl Zorowski

A prayer and message for Haiti:

To our brothers and sisters in Haiti: you are in our hearts and in our prayers. We realise that we may not understand the extent of your suffering but we urge you not to despair!

You are not alone. Our Almighty GOD will see you through this difficult time. We have sent you aid but we will not tire in our efforts. You remain our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our GOD Reigns, We obey and serve him and our Joy will be full.

Pastor E. A. Adeboye (G.O. RCCG)



united methodist committee on relief - <http://new.gbgn-umc.org/umcor/>
www.churchmice.net



INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART TODAY

Dear Lord Jesus, I invite you into my heart today to become my Lord and Saviour. I am sorry for the things I have done and ask for your forgiveness of sins. Please make me your child and fill my life with your Holy Spirit. I receive your enabling grace that helps me to live a victorious Christian life in Jesus' Name, Amen