



**PRAYER:** Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we rededicate ourselves to the purposes for which You have created us. We acknowledge that we are not here aimlessly or without a calling, but indeed we have been selected and in preparation for that which You have ordained before the foundation of the world. We depend on Your incredible grace for sustainability and continuation as we live each day to grow, gain and graduate through life.

Having experienced a number of things all of which have had benefit or added value to us irrespective of the cost, we have learned and matured because of Your mystery. Where we have complained, forgive us. It was a part of the mystery. Where we have been slothful and stagnant, have mercy on us. It too was a part of the mystery. Where we have languished in faith and short in trust, help us trust the processes of God in everything. Teach us to not only thrive but find joy in knowing that we are in the grip of grace even when we can't figure out what is happening now or happening next.

In these coming days of consecration please allow our petition to be a part of Your blessing for us. Let us hear Your voice loudly! Let us sense Your presence conspicuously. Give us empowerment in our discipline and focus! See our weaknesses and challenges as opportunities for Your intervention and inbreaking. Keep us in Your loving care as we keep You in our hearts and minds. Cause us to grow. Cause us to grow up. Cause us to grow into Your purpose. In the name of the Eternal Savior Jesus, amen!

**WHY CONSECRATION?** As a corporate and public act of worship, the period of consecration that we commit to is always a time of spiritual renewal. The sacrifices, discipline, focus, concentration, challenge and commitment are brought together to worship God in a unique way. As we begin on Monday, October 1, 2018 let us be mindful of the beauty, blessing and joy of this season of sacrifice. In a very comical way, people laugh and remark about what we have to give up. It is such a refreshing mark of consecration. The greater joy though, is to be able to acknowledge our enjoyment of things by our commitment to God. We know that nothing we can sacrifice to God will ever go unrewarded. And in that sense, we are ardently hoping for a unified commitment to this service of consecration. See this consecration as a way, to extend your focus on God by offering a bit more of your time and attention. The focus factor in the spiritual direction will unveil the Will of God for you. In stillness and sacrifice we perceive a stronger connection with God. As a community of faith, my prayer is that we are one in our voice, choice and commitment. In Philippians 2, the Apostle Paul reminds the people of faith to be unified in their love, mind, thought, decision and volition. It is with the same apostolic admonition that I challenge our congregation to do the same. Let us all work this work!

### ***Devotion & Sacrifice | October 1-31***

- Fasting: fried foods, breads, pastas, sodas, sweets and potatoes
- Praying daily 7am and 7pm
- Reading: "Spiritual Disciplines for The Christian Life" Author: Donald S. Whitney (**Revised Edition: ISBN #1615216170**)
- Volunteer Project: Church Clean-Up (Interior/Exterior)

### ***Devotion & Sacrifice | November 1-30***

- Fasting: red meat, pork, coffee + October's sacrifice
- Praying daily 7am and 7pm
- Volunteer Project: TBA
- Reading: "Spiritual Disciplines for The Christian Life" Author: Donald S. Whitney (**Revised Edition: ISBN #1615216170**)

*\*Note: We will be off our consecration efforts from Wednesday – Sunday, November 21-25 (Holiday)*

### ***Devotion & Sacrifice | December 1-29***

- Fasting: Rice + October & November Sacrifice
- Praying daily 7am and 7pm
- Social Media Fast from 12 noon – 3 pm daily
- Reading: "Spiritual Disciplines for The Christian Life" Author: Donald S. Whitney (**Revised Edition: ISBN #1615216170**)
- Volunteer Project: TBA

*\*Note: We will be off our consecration efforts from Sunday – Thursday, December 23-27 (Holiday)*