**SSBC Week of Prayer & Fasting:**

**2017**

Welcome to ourweek of whole church of Prayer and Fasting for 2017.

This is a time for praying for the presence and power of God to go before us into the Christmas season and the new year. It is also the last week over our blessing the community of 40 days prayer so we have included some of the prayers and declarations for you to use as we bless our community. Set aside time and choose to seek an encounter with God this week;

* Remember to give praise and thanks to God
* Pray(the prayer points for each day will guide you and you can also pray for your own needs and the needs of others you know)
* Pray out the prayer and blessing
* Read the bible and meditate.

We will all come together to end our week of prayer and fasting at our Prayer Service in the church on **Friday 1st December** 2017at **7.30-9.00pm**. Doors open at 7:00pm

**What type of fast?**

* You may want to choose one or two days for a total fast (only water) or do a partial fast for the week (Partial fast - miss one or two meals or alternatively may eat light meal e.g. porridge or fruits/vegetables, drink milk). Please speak to any of the leaders if you need advice on what type of fast to undertake.

**New to Fasting?**

If you are new to fasting and wondering “How do I fast for it to be effective?” please use the next section to help you structure your time with God.

**What to do when you are fasting:**

Supposing you set aside an hour during your lunch time what do you do?

1:00 – 1:10pm – Worship

1:10 – 1:20pm – Prayer

1:20 – 1:35pm – Read the bible

1:35 – 1:45pm – Meditate

1:45 – 1:50pm – Journal

1:50 – 1:55pm – Silence

1:55pm – make your way back to the office!

You can use the above model to increase the time depending on your level of maturity in the faith or the length of time you have on your hands. Alternatively, you can start small, delay your meal for an hour, do the above then eat a smaller proportion of your meal and see the difference it will make in your life. As time goes on gradually increase this from an hour to two hours delay then three hours, before long you will be able to fast for half a day and so on.

**So by choosing to fast, we say to God, we will make room to do these things so that He will change us and we will not be conformed to the patterns of this world. Romans 12:1-2**

* **Please check with your doctor if you are underweight, on medication or pregnant before you fast**

**Daily Schedule:**

**Monday**

**Prayer points:**

* Thank God for Jesus
* Pray for encounter with God and fresh revelation of Jesus this Christmas time
* Pray for a turning to God in our church and in our community and beyond
* Ask God’s presence and power to be with you this week and into the Christmas period
* Ask God to touch you and move your heart to trust Him deeply concerning the things that matter to you. Bring your request concerning your household, job, career, money, relationships and health etc before God.

Luke 1:26-45

Today’s blessing on our community:

**Proclamation**: I proclaim that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

**Scripture**: worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise (revelation 5:12)

**Declaration:** I declare that the Jesus is our worthy Lamb of God , whose precious blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness

**Prayer:** I pray that the people in this community will allow Jesus to take away their sin and shame. I pray that they will accept His great sacrifice made for them. I pray that their hearts will be open to receive Him and all that He has done for them.

**Blessing:** In Jesus name, I bless the people of Greenwich, Lewisham, Blackheath and Deptford to accept the great sacrifice of Jesus, the blood that will make them clean. I bless them to receive the Passover lamb into their lives and to allow His blood to cleanse them and make them new. I bless them to receive the forgiveness he extends to each and every one of us.

**Tuesday**

**Prayer points:**

Thank God we are part of the bride of Christ – the church here at SSBC

Pray for the church:

* that there will be a sense of encountering God as a church community
* for God’s Holy spirit power to overshadow us as we serve God and people this Christmas time
* we will come together to worship Jesus in spirit and truth.
* Pray for attendance to rise this Christmas time and into the new year
* Pray for all who attend to have a sense of belonging to the body of Christ and to encounter God for themselves.

Luke 1:5-23, 42-45

**For yourself:**

Ask God to open your ears to hear his Word in all the areas that you are praying about, and when he speaks to you, act on it.

Today’s blessing on our community:

**Jesus, our bridegroom**

**Proclamation:** I proclaim that Jesus Christ is coming back for His bride

Scripture: Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready (revelation 19:7)

Declaration: I declare that Jesus is wanting His bride, His church, His people to get ready for His return.

Prayer: I pray that the people who live in this area will turn to Christ. I pray that they will begin to see this is the reason for life; it is all about Jesus. I pray that they will not be left behind, but will become part of His Kingdom for all eternity.

Blessing: In Jesus Name, I bless the people of Greenwich, Lewisham, Deptford and Blackheath to become part of the bride of Christ. I bless them to accept Him as their betrothed. I bless them to look forward to the day of His coming.

**Wednesday**

**Prayer points:**

* Thank and praiseGod for the hope you have in Christ
* Pray for those living in darkness to see the great light of Jesus
* Pray those experiencing hardship /dark situations to encounter God and see His light
* Pray for those far from God to move closer to God this Christmas time
* Prayer for opportunities to invite people to our Christmas events
* Pray for powerful times of encountering God in our Christmas services (for our children, young people and adults)
* Look to God to answer prayers as you put your trust in Him

Isaiah 9:2

Today’s blessing on our community:

**Jesus, Son of God, son of man**

Proclamation: I proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and all those who believe in Him will be saved.

Scripture: And a voice from heaven said, “this is My son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17)

Declaration: I declare over this community that Jesus is the only Son of God and the way to the Father; that He become a man and dwelt among us, making the way back to His Father possible.

Prayer: I pray that the people of Greenwich, Lewisham, Deptford and Blackheath will see Jesus is all he said he was . I pray that all will bow the knee and confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord, the son of the living God, the messiah and the beloved.

**Thursday**

**Prayer points:**

Pray for supernatural breakthroughs. For the Holy spirit and power of god to be poured out

* In your life and the lives of your loved ones
* In troubled situations
* In our church
* In our community
* Pray for supernatural provision

Ask God that this year for yourself your family and your Church that this Christmas be a time where you see the supernatural God at move

Joel 2:28-32

Today’s blessing on our community:

**Proclamation**: Jesus, lion of the tribe of Judah and that he roars over the land.

**Scripture:** “do not weep! See the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed” (Revelation 5:5)

**Declaration:** I declare that Jesus has triumphed over all. He wears the victor’s crown. He fulfils all things, and is above all things and all things are under his feet.

**Prayer:** I pray that this community will rise up and stand for righteousness, that this place will be known as a godly place. I pray that the atmosphere over Greenwich, Lewisham, Deptford and new cross will be a touch of heaven on the face of the earth.

**Blessing:** In Jesus name, I bless this community to know that Jesus is far greater and bigger than all the works of the enemy. I bless them with the fullness that Jesus comes to bring. I bless each and every household with every blessing from above.

**Friday**

**Prayer points:**

* Thank God for His desire to be close to us and relentlessly pursue us
* Ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit presence, power and love in order to bless those you meet/spend time with this Christmas time
* Pray for those who have connections with us at SSBC this Christmas to encounter God–for those receiving hampers, for those opening shoe boxes, for those attending one of our Christmas services , eating with us at our Christmas meal, joining in children’s activities
* Ask God for supernatural provision this Christmas time – for financial breakthrough for us as a church and for individuals
* Ask God for His will to be done and His Kingdom to come in the situations you are praying for

Today’s blessing on our community:

Proclamation; I proclaim that Jesus is god with us. He comes to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth

Scripture: therefore the lord Himself will give you a sign. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)

Declaration: I declare that Jesus came to reveal God to us. He is God incarnate. He took on flesh and became man in order to be for us the second Adam and to establish a way back to God.

Prayer: I pray for the people of Greenwich, Lewisham, Deptford and Blackheath to sense the Presence of God and that every barrier they have placed between themselves and god would disappear. I pray for every wall to come down and every path to be made straight for Jesus to come and be God to them