

# SACRED ASSEMBLY

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# Sacred Assembly

## A Preparation Guide for The Church of Grace and Peace

### What is a Sacred Assembly?

*In the Old Testament, sacred (or solemn) assemblies were occasions for God's people to repent of personal and corporate sins, to renew their covenant relationship with the Lord, and to return to the Lord in faithful love and obedience.*

### Who should participate?

*In Old Testament times, persons of every age were invited and required to participate in a sacred assembly (Joel 2:16). We encourage adults and students to participate in our sacred assembly on April 3, 2022. We will meet in the sanctuary from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.*

### How should my family and I prepare for the Sacred Assembly?

- **Sunday Worship:** Attend worship services prepared to hear from God
- **Sunday Night Prayer Calls:** Sunday night prayer times in March at 6:00 PM
- **Prayer Guide:** Use the "**A Sacred Assembly Prayer Guide**" beginning Saturday, March 19, 2022. It is a 16-day personal or family devotional that includes "**Consecrate the People**" by Claude V. King. Prayerfully work through each day.
- **Fasting:** Consider fasting at least one day a week in preparation for the sacred assembly.

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## A Prayer Guide for The Church of Grace and Peace

### Prayer Guide | Saturday, March 19

Proverbs 6:16–19 lists seven sins the Lord hates. Hate is strong language but is the best word in the context of these verses. God hates the things that Satan loves and Satan loves the things that God hates. The sins listed in these verses are among the things Satan uses to distance us from God. They are the building blocks of strongholds or fortifications designed to rebuff God's truth. Satan uses the seven sins listed in these verses to destroy people, families, churches, communities, and cultures.

The Apostle Paul affirmed that Christ-followers must *"demolish strongholds"* and *"demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God"* (2 Cor. 10:3-5). If we desire to experience personal revival, we must identify and ask God to destroy any strongholds that keep us from loving and serving Him. We must be willing to humble ourselves before Him and give Him complete access to every area of our lives. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is reassuring to those who do so: *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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

This week, please ask God to reveal sins and strongholds in your life that are causing your love for Him to grow cold and that make you ineffective in His kingdom. Cooperate with God as He dismantles and destroys each stronghold that has given the enemy influence over your life.

### Sunday, March 20 | Haughty Eyes

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs, 6:17, Psalm 18:27, Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 21:4, Matthew 6:1.

**Pray** | *Lord, please examine my eyes. Reveal to me the things that obscure my vision and cause me to exalt myself and to diminish others. Please heal my eyes with the salve of humility. Remind me daily that "everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14).*

### **Monday, March 21 | Lying Tongue**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:17, Psalm 5:6, Psalm 120:2, Proverbs 12:19, Proverbs 26:28, John 8:44, Revelation 21:8.

**Pray** | *Lord, please reveal to me all of the ways in which I am less than truthful. Confront me with the ways in which I exaggerate, bend or edit the truth, and lie. Please heal my tongue and help me to be like Jesus, "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).*

### **Tuesday, March 22 | Hands that Shed Innocent Blood**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:17, Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 19:10, Isaiah 59:7, Jeremiah 22:3.

**Pray** | *Lord, please show me how I have shed innocent blood and how I have violated the spirit of the Sixth Commandment by being a party to character assassination, harboring hate, nursing grudges, and seeking revenge. Please heal any attitudes of hate that reside in my heart and govern my thoughts. Remind me that Jesus came that we might have and promote life (John 10:10).*

### **Wednesday, March 23 | Heart that Devises Wicked Plans**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:18, Proverbs 6:14, Proverbs 12:20, Matthew 15:18-20.

**Pray** | *Lord, please expose the wicked schemes of my heart—schemes that diminish my integrity, damage others, and lead to division. Please frustrate any plans I devise to sin against you or to harm others. Help me to invite others to hold me accountable for my thoughts and plans. Remind me to keep my heart with all vigilance because from it flow the springs of life (Prov. 4:23).*

### **Thursday, March 24 | Feet that Run to Evil**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:18, Psalm 52:3, Psalm 97:10, Amos 5:15, Zechariah 8:17, John 3:19, Romans 12:9, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 2 Timothy 2:22.

**Pray** | *Lord, please cause me to stumble when I foolishly run to evil. Please help me to have the sense to run away from evil and all that will cause my love for you to grow cold. Help me to follow your steps and to never lose sight of you. Thank you that you welcome me back when I repent and that you cleanse me from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).*

### **Friday, March 25 | False Witness Who Lies**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:19, Exodus 20:16, Exodus 23:1, Proverbs 19:5, Proverbs 21:28.

**Pray** | *Lord, please reveal to me any way in which I have given false testimony based on inadequate, wrong, or baseless information. Give me the courage to seek forgiveness from those I have wronged with lies I have told and to rectify any damage I have caused. Please remind me that what I say matters. "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Ps. 141:3).*

### **Saturday, March 26 | One Who Stirs Up Discord**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on these verses today: Proverbs 6:19, Proverbs 16:28, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Timothy 5:13, Titus 3:10.

**Pray** | *Lord, please show me every way in which I have been divisive and have frustrated your desire for unity in my home and in your church. Please give me the courage to seek the forgiveness of those I have harmed and those I have divided by stirring sowing discord. Please help me to be a peacemaker (Matt. 5:9) and to "be at peace with all men" (Rom. 12:18).*

### **Sunday, March 27 | Call A Sacred Assembly**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 1 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Pray that God would continue to prepare you this final week to enter His presence.

### **Monday, March 28 | Prepare Yourself**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 2 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Tell God about your desire and willingness to present your life to him as a "living sacrifice".

### **Tuesday, March 29 | Return to Your First Love**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 3 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Reflect on the day God saved you and give God thanks.

### **Wednesday, March 30 | Remove the Idols in Your Heart**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 4 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Confess the idols that you run to which offends God.

### **Thursday, March 31 | Humble Yourself and Put Away Pride**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 5 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Humble yourself and get rid of pride and every evidence of it in your life.

### **Friday, April 1 | Be Holy as God Is Holy**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 6 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Prayerfully read through the list on Day 6 asking the Holy Spirit to convict of any unholy activities or attitudes that need to change. Ask God to sanctify (cleanse and set apart for holy service) your heart

### **Saturday, April 2 | Restore Broken Relationships**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 7 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Pray for God to help you forgive and reconcile broken relationships in your life.

### **Sunday, April 3 | Renew Your Covenant with God**

**Read** | Please read and meditate on Day 8 of "Consecrate the People"

**Pray** | Pray for today's Sacred Assembly and be prepared to renew your covenant with God.





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