

Bible Reading Plan Week 27

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
July 02, 2017	Proverbs 8-11	Czech Republic
July 03, 2017	Proverbs 12-14	Denmark
July 04, 2017	Proverbs 15-17	Djibouti
July 05, 2017	Proverbs 18-20	Dominica
July 06, 2017	Proverbs 21-23	Dominican Republic
July 07, 2017	Proverbs 24-26	East Timor
July 08, 2017	Proverbs 27-29	Ecuador

ICA RETREAT - JULY 14-16, 2017
 Bongiorno Conference Center,
 430 Union Hall Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

PYPA VBS— July 5-7
 Viscardi Center, Albertson

ICA VBS July 19-21
 100 Periwinkle Rd, Levittown

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10:45 am
 Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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WELCOME TO
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE
 Date : July 02, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

TUESDAY 06:00 AM TO WEDNESDAY 06:00 AM
24 HOUR PRAYER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 9 PM TO 12 AM
SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Ushers: Jiby George, Sam Thomas,
& Blessy Thomas

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Thomas K. Kurian & Family
WEEK OF 07/09/2017
George Johannan an & Family

Independence

If you look up the definition of "freedom" in the dictionary, it'll tell you about not being in slavery, about easiness and familiarity, and about the ability to have a choice. This week we'll be celebrating freedom that was fought for hundreds of years ago. Blood was shed for us to be able to worship, speak up, and live the way we want to without unreasonable restriction. And, of course, I'm sure we've all heard a preacher or two say that we get to celebrate freedom in Christ every day not just on Independence Day.

So now what? What do we do with that freedom? Is freedom in this country just about barbecues and fireworks? Is freedom in Christ just about going to church every Sunday and asking God to give us everything we want? We can be content to celebrate our freedoms in ways that make us comfortable. It's tempting to stay quiet and keep our heads down while we go about our lives, to buy into our label as a model minority.

But the deaths that ensured our freedoms probably want more from us. They didn't want us to isolate ourselves from the world we're in, building walls that are miles high. The disciples were disruptive. When Peter and John saw men exploiting a demon possessed girl for their own greed, they freed her and ended up in jail for it. Philip, Paul, and many others reached out to people from different backgrounds that were often rejected so that they could find salvation even when they faced criticism. John was tortured and still that didn't stop him from completing his life's purpose. Our ancestors did everything they could to overturn what existed to create a better future.

While we may not be facing the issues that the apostles faced, we do face others. Much like the disciples, we need to take power we do have to stand up for people of other ethnicities, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds because even if we may not always agree with them, we cannot deny that they too are God's creation and we need to love them as such. Problems in healthcare, education, poverty, or whatever else it may be are issues that our country is facing today and ones we can take a stand on. Support local businesses, volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes, recycle to help stop global warming, stand up for people who are being harassed, vote on everything from the local school budget to the president of the country. Tell people around you about how much Christ loves them and then back it up with actions that reflect that. Christ gave us freedom, in Him and in this place we get to call home, so that we could engage with and change the world around us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RETREAT
- VBS
- MISSION TRIP
- LANCASTER TRIP
- CONFERENCES
- SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- HEALING
- FINANCIAL SECURITY
- MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN

PLEASE PRAY FOR JAMES MATHEW

He is a victim of shooting at Bronx Lebanon hospital while doing his medical school rotation. He is a member of Grace Pentecostal Church, Philadelphia and is in critical condition

10 DANGEROUS MYTHS ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

10. THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO...

This is, perhaps, one of the most dangerous myths out there. It's easy to blow off Christian persecution as something distant, unchangeable and too complex to change. However, there are so many things we can do—every day—to enter the battle and lift up our brothers and sisters who are suffering around the world for their faith. Prayer is our greatest weapon. It goes beyond strongholds, and into places we could never venture. And if you believe the book of Acts, prayer can break chains, release prisoners, bring aid and relief to suffering saints like no other resource. We can also volunteer to be an advocate and create awareness, write letters, sign petitions and lead prayer groups. And, of course, we can also give—to provide urgent relief and aid, Bibles, Christian literature, safe houses, counseling—and even resources to rebuild homes and churches.

I encourage you to take action. Ask God for His leading. And take one small step today to lift up persecuted believers all over the world.

Brian Orme in Advocacy

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