

## INDIA CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS FOR 2017

Fellowship Night	April 15
Charity Lunch	April 30
Sunday School Field Trip	May 27
Family Breakfast	June 03
Retreat	July 14-16
VBS	July 17-19
Mission Trip	Aug 01-07
Picnic & Cookout	Aug 12
Sunday School Anniversary	Sept 16
Charity Night	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day Service	Nov 25
PYPA VBS	July 05-07
PYFA Conference	Aug 11-13
IPC Eastern Region Convention	Oct 06-08
PCNAK	June 29-July 02
IPC Family Conference	July 27-30

## 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 : March 19, 2017



## WEEKLY ICA VOICE

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

**WEDNESDAY - NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA**  
**FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA**  
**SATURDAY - IPC EASTERN REGION WOMEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP MEETING @ 10:00 AM @ ICA**  
**SATURDAY - PRAYER MEETING @ 07:00 PM AT ICA**

**Ushers: Thomas K. Kurian & Jolly Pathalil**

### CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

**P. A. Samuel & Family and Jacob Alexander & Family**

**WEEK OF 03/26/2017**

**Varughese Ponnolil & Family and Mathew Varghese & Family**

# Daily Tests of Life

Bro. P A Samuel

Let your gentleness be evident to all: Very nice advice. This will do much good to me who is gentle and others with whom I come in contact with. But the problem is each morning I decide to be gentle and gracious there will come situations which will challenge my decision. Events will turn out to be such that it gets very difficult to stay calm and patient. It is not just I have to feel that I am gentle, but it should be evident to others. What to do? I cannot display this virtue on my own; I need the grace and strength from God each day not to fail this test. "Let your gentle spirit [your graciousness, unselfishness, mercy, tolerance, and patience] be known to all people." (Amplified Bible).

Be anxious about anything: Who? Me? Anxious? No way! Why then sleepless nights? Why this thought that millions of dollars are needed for retirement? Why this nagging thought about the future of child(ren)? Why think of losing the job constantly? Yes, all these may seem natural as a human, but it should not come to the level taking the focus off Jesus. He said, your heavenly Father knows that you need them. "In everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]". (AMP). I really need to trust in God to pass this test.

Forgive: Maybe the hardest thing to do in life. Imagine, then, forgiving those who trespass you. It seems like a harsh teaching when Jesus taught that the heavenly Father will not forgive us if we do not forgive to everyone. To forgive when I am right and hasn't done any harm, there is a fierce inside battle and if I win, that means I lost before God. I better heed to his word to overcome this test. "But if you do not forgive others [nurturing your hurt and anger with the result that it interferes with your relationship with God], then your Father will not forgive your trespasses." (AMP).

Rejoice always: Of course, I want to rejoice always, who doesn't? But can I be expected to rejoice stepping out into an icy sidewalk after having only a few hours of sleep? How can I rejoice even after years of much hard work nobody even recognizes that? Can I rejoice when my body is reeling in pain? I wish I could rejoice always. Yes, this world will not help me to rejoice even occasionally, let alone always. But my rejoicing is not supposed to be based on my situations and circumstances. Rejoice 'in the lord' always. 'In the Lord' is the key. The joy in and through him is not dependent on any outside forces. I have to 'choose' to rejoice always leaning onto him and asking for his grace so I will not fail in this test. "Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, take pleasure in Him]" (AMP).

We face test after test every day and we need God's overflowing grace and need to depend on him constantly to pass each test.

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## Prayer Needs:

- ◆ Spiritual growth ◆ Healing
- ◆ Financial security
- ◆ Marriage of children in our community

Please pray for Sister Tesi Kurian's father who is hospitalized in India.

## Each month:

322 Christians are killed for their faith.  
 214 churches and Christian properties are destroyed.  
 772 forms of violence are committed against Christians  
 (such as beatings, abductions, rapes, arrests and forced marriages)

## Bible Reading Plan Week 12

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
March 19, 2017	Judges 17-19	Holbrook
March 20, 2017	Judges 20-21	Jamaica
March 21, 2017	Ruth 1-4	Queens Village
March 22, 2017	1 Samuel 1-3	Searingtown
March 23, 2017	1 Samuel 4-7	Manhasset Hills
March 24, 2017	1 Samuel 8-12	Garden City
March 25, 2017	1 Samuel 13-14	Garden City Park