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### Bible Reading Plan for this Week 48

December 04, 2016	1 John 1- 3
December 05, 2016	Deut 20-22
December 06, 2016	Neh 1- 4
December 07, 2016	Psalms 137-139
December 08, 2016	Eccl 11-12
December 09, 2016	Malachi
December 10, 2016	Acts 19-20

### Upcoming Events December & January

Year End Fasting Prayer - December 18 -31  
Annual Business Meeting - January 08, 2017

## ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am  
Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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## WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : December 04, 2016



## 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 NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

### CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Mathew C. Jacob & Family

WEEK OF 12/11/16 :

Benny V Kuriakose & Family

## Hanging in There

Bro. P A Samuel

'How are you doing?' 'Hanging in there...' this is a phrase we hear quite often. Hanging in there...a very unsure answer for a simple question, expression of a lost condition and probably out of a little frustration and hopelessness.

When I heard, someone say this some time ago I thought if I would have a similar response. This could not be the feeling of a child of God. The people of this world in their life go along with the flow of the crowd without a foundation on which to set their feet and live a meaningful and fruitful life. In the race to achieve and accumulate everything one could, to be successful in every endeavor, to gain money and fame it is natural to feel that life is 'hanging in there' without time to settle and stand firm.

Thank God for the firm foundation and rest He provides to his children. No matter what situation we go through we are never 'hanging in there' because the sure promises of God, our Father, are always true in our life. For those who dwell in the shelter of the Almighty, he has commanded his angels to guard them and lift them up per chance their foot might strike against a stone. Psalm 91:11, 12. The angel of the Lord is always encamped around each one of his children so that they won't hang in there in fear. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, (will not be 'hanging in there') no matter what happens - mountains may move, earth may quake, oceans may surge and show their fury - our feet will be firm. When we were lifted out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire our feet were set on a rock and a firm place was given for us to stand. Therefore, we are not unsure of our life-situations.

The standard and measuring rods we have are not as those of the world. The meaning of power, success, achievement and the sense of belonging are way different for us than that of the world. Our greatness is in serving, our promotion is in being humble, our success is in obedience and sacrifice, and our wealth is in giving. The wealth of this world could grow wings and fly away in an instant, the banks could fail, the markets could tank and the economy could deteriorate; but the heavenly bank will never fail, heavenly economy will always prosper, the treasures stored in heaven will not be stolen, nor be eaten by moth. So, we seek God's kingdom and his righteousness and stand firm.

We will be firm even when the body is ravaged by sickness, sure-footed even when feet are weak and movement is limited; we will be holding on to the strong hands of the Father when everything seems to be failing, when success remains an unfulfilled dream, prosperity seems like a mirage, ridicule and contempt become our portion and even when God seems to be far and aloof.

We are not 'hanging in there' because our Lord said "I will never leave you nor forsake you." If and when we feel weary and burdened and feel like our feet are slipping we can hold on to this: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'. The One who called us is faithful and he will preserve us till the end. The Lord is the Rock eternal. So, we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." I am not 'hanging in there', instead my feet are set on the rock, the mortals and the world cannot remove me from the rock.

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### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Bro. Johnsy & Jolly on the birth of their daughter

**EVELYN ANN THOMAS**

**"I am the LORD who heals you"**

*Please pray for:*

Bro. Ninan Thomas, Bro. M. O Mathew,

Bro. Johny T. Thomas

Sisters: Jolly Jacob, Ammini George, Mariamma Johny,  
Shiny Chacko, Usha Danielkutty

### Promoted to Glory

It is with great sorrow that I inform you about the passing away of **Sis. Suzy Samuel** (Thankamma-70) , wife of Pastor M.S Samuel (**Former Pastor of ICA**), this morning @ 2 am. On behalf of India Christian Assembly, we express our condolences to the bereaved family , especially to Pastor M.S. Samuel and to their children, Pastor Steven Samuel and family, Sis. Sharon Samuel & Children. Please keep the grieving family in your prayers