

Have you reached the goal of the Bible reading plan for the week?  
Are you happy with the amount of time spent in talking to the Father this week?

### Bible Reading Plan for this Week

March 27, 2016	1 Corinthians 9-10
March 28, 2016	Genesis 48-50
March 29, 2016	I Samuel 11-15
March 30, 2016	Psalms 36-38
March 31, 2016	Job 25-26
April 01, 2016	Jerimiah 1-6
April 02, 2016	Mark 5-6

**“I am the LORD who heals you”**

Please pray for:

Pr. T. T Thomas, Pr. P. Philip, Pr. George Mathai, Pr. Geevarghese,  
Mrs. Susamma Itty, Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja’s Mom),  
Bro. Babu Thannickal, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew,  
Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol),  
Usha Danielkutty, Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew’s granddaughter),  
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Baby Anaya, Sist. Jolly Jacob, Sis.  
Anna Thannickal, Anaya & all who are sick among us.

## 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 : March 27, 2016



## WEEKLY ICA VOICE

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM

AT BRO. P. A SAMUEL'S RESIDENCE IN  
NEW HYDE PARK,

( 38 CHURCHILL DR. NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040 )

FRIDAY FASTING AND PRAYER @10:30 AM

AT REV. JOSEPH T GEORGE'S RESIDENCE  
IN WILLISTON PARK,

(187 CUSHING AVE, WILLISTON PARK, NY 11596)

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

## HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN

Christmas and Easter are two very important celebrations the world celebrates and commemorates every year. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no one like Jesus who ever lived on the face of the earth. Following the betrayal, arrest, false trials, denials, condemnation, beatings, and mockery; Jesus carried the cross to 'the place of the skull - Golgotha' where he was crucified. Crucifixion and death of Jesus are the foundation of God's plan of redemption. Through crucifixion the penalty for our sins were paid.

The third day after the crucifixion, early in the morning women went to the tomb and found that the stone that closed the tomb was rolled away. An angel told them Jesus is not here, he has risen. Later Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and the disciples. His resurrection was established as a fact.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son. God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through his son Jesus Christ. To save the world, Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross, carried our burden and sins. God's love is wide enough to embrace all people. So God's only son shed his last drop of blood on the cross to redeem the world, to forgive the sins and to assure eternal life.

The cross is a symbol of pain, shame and loneliness. Crucifixion was the most painful death compare to other deaths. God has forsaken His son Jesus on the cross to deliver us from pain, shame and loneliness. Loneliness is the feeling of emptiness. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out "My God My God why have you forsaken me" these words mark the climax of Jesus' suffering. Jesus died forsaken so that we may not be forsaken; "thus we are redeemed by the suffering of Jesus Christ (1st Peter 1:19).

The resurrection of Jesus is one of the truths of the gospel. By the power of the blood of Jesus heaven is delivered, hell is defeated and chain of sin broken. When a person places the faith in the cross, that person changes. So the cross is a place of redemption, reconciliation and relationship.

### **Cross is a place of redemption**

When sin entered the world, God had a redemptive plan. The word redeem means to buy out. Jesus paid a price to redeem us. His death was in exchange for our life. Redemption include eternal life, forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Redemption means sal-

vations, salvation means deliverance, deliverance means bringing safely through. Let us commit ourselves for the redemption of our lives, a life free of sin.

### **Cross is a place of reconciliation**

Reconciliation is the changing for a better relationship. The broken relationship is restored through reconciliation. Theologically, reconciliation refers to the change of relationship between God and Man. We were reconciled with God through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross (Rom 5:10). Our iniquities have separated us from God. Sin and wickedness in our lives puts a wall between God and us. This wall is removed and the sin which separated us from God is forgiven through the cross. Now there is unity and reconciliation with God.

### **Cross is a place of relationship**

Relationship is the way in which two people are connected. By the death of Jesus on the cross our relationship with God became closer and stronger. When we were alienated from God the cross became the link to reconnect. WE have a living relationship with God because Jesus is alive. God loves us and wants us to have a personal relationship with Him Act 17:27. When Adam sinned, we lost the relationship with God. God provided a solution. Jesus came to the world to bring us to the Father. Relationship with God opens the new possibility of a new life. Prayer is the necessary link to establish relationship with the God. Prayer is the only weapon to reestablish the link with God.

Jesus is risen, our sins are now forgiven. Resurrection is the proof that God can work for goodness of people. How do we know Christ is risen? It is an experience in our life. Millions of people through the last 2000 years' experience in their own hearts the presence of Jesus Christ and they testified to it. People had visions, received power from Holy Spirit, received miraculous healings in their life and became true witnesses of Jesus Christ. Now all people may turn to God in repentance and faith and receive forgiveness and eternal life. What about your life? Are you willing to go to the foot of the cross to receive redemption, to reconcile with God and establish a strong relationship with God? Let the risen Jesus bless each and every one of us now and forever.

Rev. Joseph T. George.