# **Daily Devotion**



Monday, 20th May – Sunday, 7th July 2024





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Notice of Regular Gatherings

Sunday 10:30hrs Worship Service

**Tuesday 10:00hrs** Coffee & Prayer At **Kelly's Kafe**, Greenstead Community Centre, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QE

#### **Thursday 10:00hrs**

A warm place for people of all ages to meet. Free drinks and biscuits with a place for children to play and adults to enjoy doing/sharing crafts or just chatting and socialising.

Thursday 11:30hrs Bible Discussion & Prayer

You are welcome!

# **Prayer:** Introduction

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray at all times and not lose heart:

Luke 18:1 BSB

Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart,

Luke 18:1 Amp

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 BSB

As we come to a new devotional focus, we believe it is correct to spend time in prayer before the Lord. We believe there is a new season coming for both ourselves as a local church and Elim nationally, where the father is calling His people to a time of consecration and prayer.

The word consecration means to be in the process or act of being made Holy and righteous. This process comes through submitting ourselves, our fellowship and the places we live before the father. In our submitting also comes repentance and a turning to be fully living for the father, determining to not be influenced by the things of this world but by the things of the Father.

So over this period we would encourage you to be in prayer as often as you are able, being ready to hear from the Father and to follow what He is saying. We have provided scriptures and a focus point for each day but would encourage this to not be a restriction in your prayer but as guide to going deeper in your prayer.

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# **Consecration: Personal**

" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37 ESV

In personal consecration we are called to submit all areas of ourselves and our lives, in love and obedience towards the Father. Be willing to let him speak into these areas.

Monday, 20 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Soul's. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24* 

Tuesday, 21 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Bodies. *Luke 11: 34-36* 

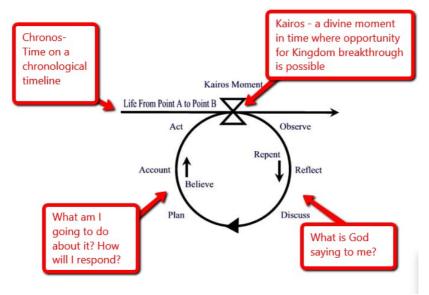
Wednesday, 22 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Mind's. *Romans 8:5-10* 

Thursday, 23 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Lifestyles. *Galatians 5:16-26* 

Friday, 24 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Relationships. *Ephesians 4:1-7* 

Saturday, 25 May We consecrate our lives by submitting our Provision & Belonging's. *Matthew 6:19-21* 

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# **Consecration: Community of Faith**



"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—  $^{\rm 5}$  one

Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Ephesians 4:4-7 ESV.

Use each scripture below as a beginning point of praying for these areas. The listen to how Holy Spirit is guiding your prayer further.

Monday, 27 May We consecrate our community by praying for our Leaders. *1 Timothy 2:1-4* 

Tuesday, 28 May We consecrate our community by praying for our Children. *Mark 10:13-16* 

Wednesday, 29 May We consecrate our community by praying for our Youth. *1 Timothy 4:12-16* 

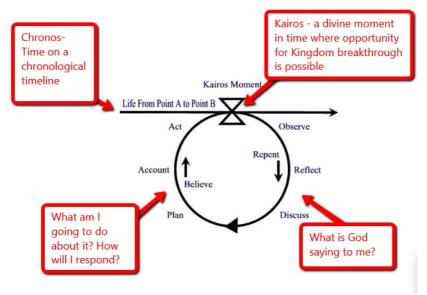
Thursday, 30 May We consecrate our community by praying for our Women. *Acts 2:17-21* 

Friday, 31 May We consecrate our community by praying for our Men. *Acts 2:17-21* 

Saturday, 1 June We consecrate our community by submitting our church assets & finances. *Acts 2:42-47 – Pray this be our reality.* 

Sunday 2 June 2024

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"Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water."

Exodus 15:27 ESV.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

Our focus this week is to be praying for Elim Pentecostal Churches as a movement, which we are part of.

We want to pray for specific individuals or parts of the movement who help to guide and lead churches in key areas.

To find out more about Elim as a movement go to: https://www.elim.org.uk

Monday, 3 June We pray for our General Superintendent, Mark Pugh. <u>https://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/439347/Introducing\_Mark\_Pugh.aspx?</u> <u>redirected=1</u>

Tuesday, 4 June We pray for our National Leadership Team. <u>https://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/417850/Our\_Leaders.aspx#NLT</u>

Wednesday, 5 June We pray for the 500+ churches that are part of Elim.

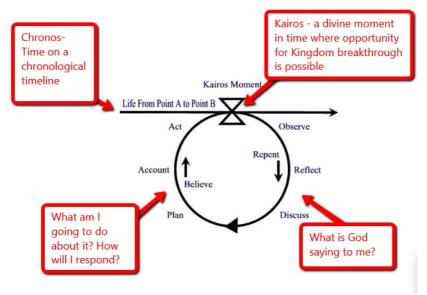
Thursday, 6 June We pray for our International Missionaries. <u>https://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/682448/Welcome.aspx?redirected=1</u>

Friday, 7 June We pray for our Elim Evangelism <u>https://www.elim.org.uk/Groups/256163/Elim\_Evangelism.aspx</u>

Saturday, 8 June We pray for our younger generation ministries: Limitless & Limitless Kids. <u>https://www.elim.org.uk/Groups/310950/LIMITLESS.aspx</u>

Sunday 9 June 2024

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## Consecration: East of England, the Land strip of God's Glory

During a prophetic gathering we attended on February 25, 2023, at Elim Braintree, Rachel Hickson, a renowned prophetic figure, delivered a message on the East of England's pivotal role in welcoming the glory of God.

We believe we have a part in the spiritual reawakening of our nation and will want to pray into that this week.

#### Matthew 4:12-17, BSB

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been imprisoned, He withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

#### Isaiah 40:3-5 BSB

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "Prepare the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground will become smooth, and the rugged land a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all humanity together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

#### Isaiah 2:2-3 BSB

<sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> And many peoples will come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways so that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

#### 1 Timothy 1:18-19 BSB

<sup>18</sup> Timothy, my child, I entrust you with this command in keeping with the previous prophecies about you, so that by them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and thereby shipwrecked their faith.



The East of England consists of the ceremonial counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Essex has the highest population in the region. According to Wikipedia, the population of the East of England region in 2018 was 6.24 million. Let's pray for each of the ceremonial counties that make up the East of England.



Monday, 10 June Norfolk - County town - Norwich

We consecrate the city of Norwich, its streets & neighbourhoods There's been words about Norwich becoming a healing centre rather than a witchcraft centre.

When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Norwich."

Tuesday, 11 June Suffolk county town: Ipswich We consecrate the city of Ipswich, its streets & neighbourhoods. When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Ipswich."

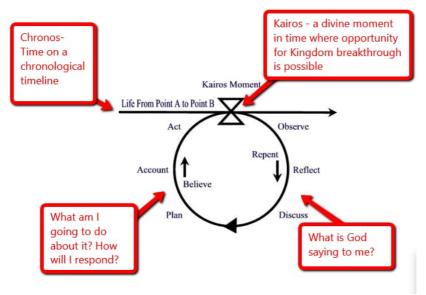
Wednesday, 12 June Cambridgeshire; county town: Cambridge We consecrate the city of Cambridge, its streets & neighbourhoods. Establishing of Elim churches in Cambridge When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Cambridge."

Thursday, 13 June Bedfordshire County town: Bedford Notable towns include Luton We consecrate Bedford, its streets & neighbourhoods. When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Bedford."

Friday, 14 June Hertfordshire County town: Hertford Notable towns include Watford We consecrate Hertford, its streets & neighbourhoods. When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Hertford."

Saturday, 15 June Essex; county town: Chelmsford Consecrate Chelmsford and Colchester When people ask, "Where can I go to see the presence of God?" The answer should be, "Go to Colchester."

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#### Week 25

17-23 June 2024

# Consecration: Every Sphere of life in the United Kingdom



The Acts of Union 1707 declared that the Kingdom of England and Kingdom of Scotland were "United into One Kingdom by the Name of Great Britain". The term "United Kingdom" has occasionally been used as a description for the former Kingdom of Great Britain, although its official name from 1707 to 1800 was simply "Great Britain". The Acts of Union 1800 united the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland in 1801, forming the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Following the partition of Ireland and the independence of the Irish Free State in 1922, which left Northern Ireland as the only part of the island of Ireland within the United Kingdom, the name was

changed in 1927 to the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland." <sup>1</sup>



Proverbs 14:34 (BSB)

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

#### Psalm 33:10–12 (BSB)

<sup>10</sup>The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations; He thwarts the devices of the peoples.
 <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations.
 <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His inheritance!

#### Psalm 102:15 (BSB)

<sup>15</sup> So the nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory.

#### Daniel 2:20-22 (BSB)

<sup>20</sup> and declared: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. <sup>21</sup> He changes the times and seasons; He removes kings and establishes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. <sup>22</sup> He reveals the deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him.

#### Acts 17:26-27 (BSB)

<sup>26</sup> From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God intended that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\_Kingdom#Demographics



Romans 8:26-27, BSB

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our

weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Monday, 17 June We consecrate our government and the military in the UK.

Tuesday, 18 June We consecrate our families and education in the UK.

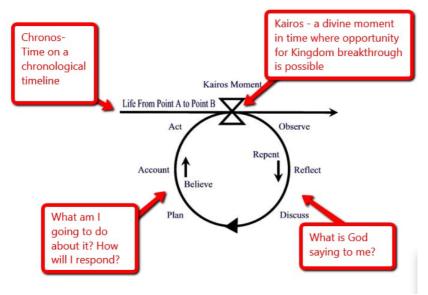
Wednesday, 19 June We consecrate our health in the UK.

Thursday, 20 June We consecrate our economy and businesses in the UK.

Friday, 21 June We consecrate our media and cultural arts in the UK.

Saturday, 22 June We consecrate the <mark>Body of Christ</mark> in the UK.

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# Give Thanks for First Half of the Year



Psalm 100 (BSB)

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

# Psalm 107:1-2, 8 (BSB)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for His loving devotion and His wonders to the sons of men.

# Psalm 118:1-2, 14 (BSB)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His loving devotion endures forever."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

<sup>11</sup>And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

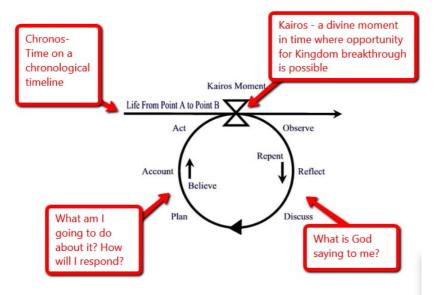
How do you read each one of us in the context above:

- a. each one of us who are apostles?
- b. each one of us who are Jews?
- c. each one of us who are in Christ?
- d. each one of us born in Tarsus?

The context suggests the whole body not a few

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Week 27

# Start the Second Half of the Year with Thanksgiving



Psalm 103:1-4 (BSB)

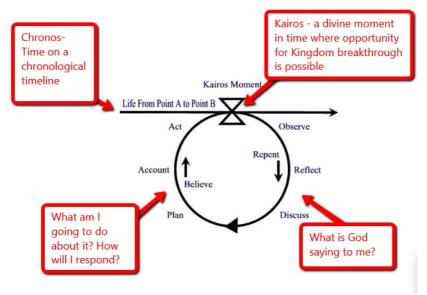
<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul; all that is within me, bless His holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His kind deeds— <sup>3</sup> He who forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with loving devotion and compassion,

Psalm 136:1-3 (BSB)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His loving devotion endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods. His loving devotion endures forever. <sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His loving devotion endures forever.

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