2021 DJICC New Years Consecration

**The Year of**

**RENEWAL**

**2020 Has caught us unaware with many challenges both emotionally, socially, physically, medically, and most seriously our spiritual state. As we move into 2021 we need not make aimless promises, or set goals that we do not achieve; but must find purpose for our daily existence, and according to the scripture : as we “seek the Lord” in this the first of the year let us focus on what God has placed in and around us that we take for granted, and those things that He has given us that we are not putting to use to change our conditions and affect others around us. Do not be ashamed to ask Him for a touch of His creativity in our lives. Let us seek God concerning the things that may be lacking in us and ask Him to fill us afresh with His Holy Spirit for His use.**

**God receives our sacrifice if it is done willingly and lovingly. Please continue to follow whatever medical instructions given by your physicians, to remain healthy. Our God does not punish us when we are limited in making a sacrifice, but He honors our obedience and love in giving it.**

**Lastly, do not judge or make comparisons of others concerning their personal sacrifices. “According to our faith so be it.”**

**Let us also remember to ask Him to keep us from the evil of this world: thoughts, deed, actions, and persuasions, so that we may always be ready for His return. Finally, seeking Him t Due to the challenge of Covid 19, our fasting will be as follows Due to the challenge of Covid 19, our fasting will be as follows o be used for His glory in sharing our faith in this time with the world. All said, let us ask God that this be a year of *RENEWAL*.**

**Due to the challenge of Covid 19, our fasting will be as follows:**

**Fasting – No food from 9 pm to 12 Noon daily**

**Beginning Midnight - Friday, January 1 to Noon - Friday, January 22,**

**Week 1 Fruits – Vegetables – Meats, Water & Fruit juice allowed (No cake, sweets, soda)**

**Week 2 Fruit & Vegetables, Water, Fruit juice (No cakes, sweets, soda)**

**Week 3 Fruit & Vegetables, Water, Fruit juice (No cakes, sweets, soda)**

**January 2021 Scriptures**

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| **Week 1**  **Seek the Lord – Aggressively advance**  **during this week, no matter what you experience or feel like do not omit reading and talking to the Lord. Be determined that nothing is going to stop you. Pour out your heart, emotions, and thoughts.**   1. **Deuteronomy 4:1-14** 2. **Isaiah 55:6-13** 3. **Psalm 63:1-11** 4. **Psalm42: 1-11** 5. **Psalm 43:1-5** 6. **Ecclesiastes 11:1-10** 7. **Colossians 3:1-17**   **Week 2**  **This excerpt was written by one of the Apostolic Fathers, who receives the credit is not clearly stated. However, I found the content to be appropriate to relay the importance of our commitment of renewal during this time of fasting.**  **Please read and consider the content, then return to the Holy Scriptures given for this week.**  **“Having thus planned everything already in His mind with His Son, He permitted us during the former time to be borne along by disorderly impulses as we desired, led astray by pleasures and lusts, not at all because He took delight in our sins, but because He bore with us, not because He approved of the past season of iniquity, but because He was creating the present season of righteousness, that, being convicted in the past time by our own deeds as unworthy of life, we might now be made deserving by the goodness of God, and having made clear our inability to enter into the kingdom of God of ourselves, might be enabled by the ability of God. 2And when our iniquity had been fully accomplished, and it had been made perfectly manifest that punishment and death were expected as its recompense, and the season came which God had ordained, when henceforth He should manifest His goodness and power (O the exceeding great kindness and love of God), He hated us not, neither rejected us, nor bore us malice, but was long-suffering and patient, and in pity for us took upon Himself our sins, and Himself parted with His own Son as a ransom for us, the holy for the lawless, the guileless for the evil, *the just for the unjust*, the incorruptible for the corruptible, the immortal for the mortal. 3For what else but His righteousness would have covered our sins? 4In whom was it possible for us lawless and ungodly men to have been justified, save only in the Son of God? 5O the sweet exchange, O the inscrutable creation, O the unexpected benefits; that the iniquity of many should be concealed in One Righteous Man, and the righteousness of One should justify many that are iniquitous! 6Having then in the former time demonstrated the inability of our nature to obtain life, and having now revealed a Saviour able to save even creatures which have no ability, He willed that for both reasons we should believe in His goodness and should regard Him as nurse, father, teacher, counsellor, physician, mind, light, honour, glory, strength and life.**  **This faith if thou also desirest, apprehend first full knowledge of the Father. 2*For God loved* men for whose sake He made the world, to whom He subjected all things that are in the earth, to whom He gave reason and mind, whom alone He permitted to look up to heaven, whom He created after His own image, to whom *He sent His only begotten Son*, to whom He promised the kingdom which is in heaven, and will give it to those that have loved Him. 3And when thou hast attained to this full knowledge, with what joy thinkest thou that thou wilt be filled, or how wilt thou love Him that so loved thee before? 4And loving Him thou wilt be an imitator of His goodness. And marvel not that a man can be an imitator of God. He can, if God willeth it. 5For happiness consisteth not in lordship over one’s**  **neighbours, nor in desiring to have more than weaker men, nor in possessing wealth and using force to inferiors; neither can any one imitate God in these matters; nay, these lie outside His greatness. 6But whosoever taketh upon himself the burden of his neighbour, whosoever desireth to benefit one that is worse off in that in which he himself is superior, whosoever by supplying to those that are in want possessions which he received from God becomes a God to those who receive them from him, he is an imitator of God. 7Then, though thou art placed on earth, thou shalt behold that God liveth in heaven;**  **then shalt thou begin to declare the mysteries of God; then shalt thou both love and admire those that are punished because they will not deny God; then shalt thou condemn the deceit and error of the world; when thou shalt perceive the true life which is in heaven, when thou shalt despise the apparent death which is here on earth, when thou shalt fear the real death, which is reserved for those that shall be condemned to the eternal fire that shall punish those delivered over to it unto the end. 8Then shalt thou admire those who endure for righteousness’ sake the fire that is for a season, and shall count them blessed when thou perceivest that fire…”**[[1]](#footnote-1) |

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| **Week 2 Scripture Readings**  **8th Job 42:1-6, Matthew 19:26**  **9th Matthew 19:20-26**  **10th Deut. 6:5**  **11th Psalm 37: 29-40**  **12th Isaiah 43:10-19**  **13th Proverbs 25:19**  **14th Matthew 5:3-11** | **Week 3 Scripture Readings**  **Faithfulness to God**  **15th II Cor. 6:15**  **16th Psalm 119:138**  **17th Isaiah 25:1**  **18th Genesis 19:19**  **19th Gal. 5:22-23**  **20th Deut. 7:9**  **21st Psalm 31:23**  **22nd Psalm 101:6** | **Week 4/5**  **Readings**  **23rd Luke 16:10**  **24th Proverbs 15:5-6**  **25th Jeremiah 17:7-10**  **26th Lamentation 5:19-21**  **27th Romans 5:1-8**  **28th Colossians 2:18-19**  **29th Psalm 25:12-15**  **30th Psalm 28:11-14**  **31st Psalm 121:1-8** |

1. Lightfoot, J. B., & Harmer, J. R. (1891). [*The Apostolic Fathers*](https://ref.ly/logosres/apfthlfteng?ref=ApostolicFathers.Diog+9&off=1&ctx=9~.+Having+thus+planned+everything+alread) (pp. 508–510). London: Macmillan and Co. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)