

## **Purpose of this Consecration Calendar**

The purpose of this consecration calendar is to unite our church in prayer as we enter into the New Year. A consecration is a short season in which the people of God dedicate themselves to seeking him in special and focused ways. Our January consecration will consist of corporate prayer and fasting (see Isaiah 58, Daniel 10:3, Matthew 4:2, Esther 4:16, etc.).

Please read and reflect on each daily theme and Scripture and adhere to the short prayer instruction for that day. Additionally, a color code will indicate the suggested eating program for each day.

- Blue indicates “free days.” Please feel free to eat normally on these days. However, it is suggested that you abstain from sweets, sodas, and desserts.
- Green indicates days during which the congregation will eat only fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains, and healthily-prepared chicken or fish (4-6 ounces). Only fruit juices (no added sugar) and water are allowed to drink. The majority of the consecration will consist of this partial fast.
- Finally, red indicates days during which the congregation will totally abstain from food until 3 PM. Only water will be allowed to drink while fasting. A “green meal” is allowed after 3 PM.

*The West Angeles January Consecration is voluntary and this consecration guide consists of suggested principles for you to follow. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN for wise eating principles before engaging in any radical dietary changes.*

## **West Angeles Church of God in Christ 2019 January Consecration Calendar**

### **Daily Prayer of Affirmation**

Heavenly Father,

We honor and praise your holy name and thank you for your grace and mercy. We commit ourselves to your will and your ways and to the wonderful plans and purposes that you have for our lives. We also ask you to bless and sustain the life and ministry of West Angeles Church. We celebrate the 50 wonderful years that Bishop Blake has served as the pastor of this great church. We ask you to prosper our congregation and to unite our membership to do wonderful things for your glory and honor. Help us, O Lord, to meet the financial obligations of the church, to fulfill the awesome vision that you have given to our leader, and to be a force for positive change in the world. We also ask that you continue to pour out your grace, wisdom and blessing upon Bishop Blake and his family (and upon all of us). In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **A Recommitment to Christian Stewardship in 2019**

A steward is one who is entrusted with the possessions of another. A good steward is responsible for handling these possessions in a wise manner. Although God owns everything (Psalm 24:1), he allows us to manage (or to exercise stewardship over) the resources of the earth. Christians also are stewards of the Gospel message. We are responsible for sharing the good news and ministering to those in need of salvation. In our personal lives, we are stewards of our individual gifts and talents, our time, our health (spiritual, emotional, and physical), and our finances. God expects for us to manage his gifts and resources with both faithfulness and productivity (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:42-48). Whatever we have has been graciously given to us by God. In 2019, let us use every resource that God has provided to benefit the establishment of his kingdom in our city, in this nation, and in the world. As we put God first, he will bless every area of our lives (Matthew 6:33).