

BIBLE READINGS FOR SACRED SEASON - 40 days of prayer and fasting before and during National Assembly of Uniting Church , 9th June – 18th July.

DAY 1. 9TH JUNE. Let there be light: Genesis 1:1-2; 14-19

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:3-4 NIV)

DAY 2. 10TH JUNE: The flaming sword: Genesis 3:1-6; 21-24

After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24 NIV)

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DAY 4. 12TH JUNE: The Burning bush Ex 3:1-6

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. (Exodus 3:2 NIV)

DAY 5. 13TH JUNE: Fire by night Ex 13:17-22; Ex 14:19-25

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night (Exodus 13:21 NIV)

DAY 6. 14TH JUNE: Descending in Fire: Ex 19:16-23

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DAY 8: 16TH JUNE: A Consuming fire Exodus 24:15-17; Deut 5:22-29; Is 33:13

To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain (Ex24:17)

DAY 9. 17TH JUNE: Radiant face: Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord (Exodus 34:29 NIV)

DAY 10: 18TH JUNE: Fire and the tabernacle: Numbers 9:15-23; 2 Chronicles 7:1-3

On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. (Numbers 9:15 NIV)

DAY 11: 19TH JUNE. Fire from the Lord: Numbers 11:1-3; Numbers 16: 1-7; 28-40 ;

And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense (Numbers 16:35 NIV)

DAY 12: 20TH JUNE: Humility and fire: Psalm 18: 25-28

You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light (Ps 18:27-28 NIV)

DAY 13: 21ST JUNE. Judgment and fire: Isaiah 66: 15-17; Isaiah 10:17; Jeremiah 4:2

See, the Lord is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire Is 66:15

DAY 14. 22ND JUNE. An Answer in fire: 1 Kings 18:30-39

Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice (1 Kings 18:37-38a NIV)

DAY 15. 23RD JUNE. Chariots of fire (2 Kings 2:9-13 ; 2 Kings 6:15-17

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. (2 Kings 2:11 NIV)

DAY 16. 24TH JUNE. His Word like fire : Jeremiah 20:7-12

But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot (Jeremiah 20:9 NIV)

DAY 17. 25TH JUNE. A new heart Ezekiel 1:4-13; Ezekiel 7:16-22.

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.... Then the cherubim, with the wheels beside them, spread their wings, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. (Ezekiel 11:19,22 NIV)

DAY 18. 26TH JUNE. God with us in fire Daniel 3:16-29 : Isaiah 43:1-2

He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods (Daniel 3:25 NIV)

DAY 19 . 27TH JUNE. Repentance, Saved from fire : Joel 2:3-5; 12-17; 28-32

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning... I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; (Joel 2:30-32 NIV)

DAY 20. 28TH JUNE. Wall of fire : Zechariah 2:5; Isaiah 60:1-2

'Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, 'and I will be its glory within. ' (Zechariah 2:4-5 NIV)

DAY 21. 29TH JUNE. In the beginning , John 1:1-5; John 3:16-21

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (Jn 1:1, 4-5NIV)

DAY 22 30TH JUNE. Baptized with fire Luke 3:15-17

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16 NIV)

DAY 23. 1ST JULY. Flickering flames: Matthew 12:18-21

.....a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, (Matthew 12:20b NIV)

DAY 24. 2ND JULY. Salted with fire: Mark 9:44-50

Everyone will be salted with fire (Mark 9:49 NIV)

DAY 25. 3RD JULY. Keep your lamps burning: Luke 12:35-36; Matthew 25:1-13: Joe

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning (Luke 12:35 NIV)

DAY 26.. 4TH JULY. Fire on the earth: Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled (Luke 12:49 NIV)

DAY 27. 5TH JULY. Judgment, abiding and fire John 15: 1-9: Luke 16:19-31

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:6-7 NIV).

DAY 28. 6TH JULY. The sun stopped shining : Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining (Luke 23:44-45b NIV)

DAY 29. 7TH JULY . Fire on the beach: John 21:1-14

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread (John 21:9 NIV)

DAY 30. 8TH JULY. Hearts on fire: Luke 24:13-35; Ephesians 1:18

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us (Luke 24:32 NIV)

DAY 31. 9TH JULY. Tongues of fire: Acts 2:1-21

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them (Acts 2:3 NIV)

DAY 32. 10TH JULY. Met by fire - Saul's conversion : Acts 26:12-18

About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me (Acts 26:13-14 NIV)

DAY 33. 11TH JULY. Tested by fire: 1 Cor 3:10-17

If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work (1 Corinthians 3:12-13 NIV)

DAY 34. 12TH JULY. Transformed in fire: 2 Cor 3:7-18;

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV)

DAY 35. 13TH JULY. Discerning the fire: 1 Thess 5: 19-22; 1 John 4:1-4 ; 2 Tim 1:4-6;

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. 1 Thes 5:19-22

DAY 36. 14TH JULY. Refined by fire: 1 Peter 1:3-9;

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire —may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed (1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV)

DAY 37. 15TH JULY. Consuming fire : Heb 12:18-29

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29 NIV)

DAY 38. 16TH JULY. Disciplined in fire Rev 3:14-22

You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich (Rev 3:17, 18a NIV)

DAY 39.. 17TH JULY . Coming in fire: Rev 19:11-15; 2 Thess 1:6-10

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. (Rev 19:11-12

DAY 40. 18TH JULY. The Lamb is its lamp Rev 22:9-27

It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp (Revelation 21 11:23 NIV)