

Teshuvah Sacred Assembly  
August 21, 2017

I Understanding the invitation and the warning

1. Teshuvah:
  - To return to the presence of God
  - 40 days of prayer beginning with the sign of the Great American Eclipse on August 21 and ending on the Day of Atonement, September 29.
  - Traditional scriptures: Psalm 27 and Ezekiel 33.
2. The sign of invitation to Unity in Christ
  - Moon, symbolic of the Bride (Psalm 89:37) moves into the Sun, symbolic of Christ the Groom (Psalm 19).
  - Psalm 27: Dwell in the house of the Lord
    - Sacrifice with Joy
    - Sing and make music
    - Pray
    - Seek His face
    - Learn His ways
  - Psalm 27: Benefits
    - No Fear
    - Protection
    - Acceptance
    - See God's goodness during life
3. The sign of warning to sinners
  - Eclipse shadow symbolic of darkness of the Day of the Lord (Amos 5:20)
  - Ezekiel 33: Watchmen to warn sinners or be held responsible.
  - Ezekiel 33: Sinners to turn from sin to live
4. View the eclipse while praying Deuteronomy 30:19-20: Choose Life

II Prayer for Personal Repentance

1. Follow Jesus in His Teshuvah journey ( Mathew 4:1-11)
2. Repent of doubt (Deuteronomy 8:1-5):
  - About who you are- A child of God
  - About God's ability to provide for you
  - Leading to pride that denies the need for God's provision
  - Undermining your faith
3. Repent of presumption (Deuteronomy 6:16-26)
  - About testing God
  - About disobedience to God's commands
  - Undermining your prosperity and your very life
4. Repent of selling out (Deuteronomy 6:4-15)
  - About serving other "Gods" in your life
  - About loving the world
  - About forgetting God's faithfulness

- About breaking God's heart by not loving Him.

5. Thank God that He is faithful and just to forgive our sins when we confess them (1 John 1:9)

### III Prayer for the Church to be united in Christ.

1. Agree with Jesus's prayer in John 17:20-23
  - All who believe will be united in Christ
  - May they have unity so the world will believe
  - May they have the glory given by Christ to be united
  - May they be in unity so the world will know that God loves the believers
2. Christians accept one another (Romans 15:7)
3. Repent of the scandal of division
4. Repent of thinking that unity is the same as uniformity
5. Accept the gifts of other traditions
6. Learn to experience unity in diversity
7. Bless the Church with the blessings of unity

### IV Prayer to heal our land

1. Acknowledge that the Church is to blame for America's problems because God's people have not obeyed God's instructions in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14.
2. Ask forgiveness for pride and failure to portray the love of God in our generation
3. Pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
4. Seek God's face and His presence to know Him and become His partners in bringing His plans to pass.
5. Turn from our wicked ways.
  - Repent and come into visible unity
  - Bless and curse not
  - Transcend politics and renounce division
  - Repent of complacency

### V Pray for Revival

1. Pray for an army of intercessors to pray through Teshuvah
2. Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall on America
3. Pray for the Church to unite to show God's love
4. Pray that Americans will choose to make the Teshuvah journey to return to the presence of God.
5. Pray for the city and state.
6. Pray that God will heal our land.