

## **50th JUBILEE 9-WEEK NOVENA: WEEK 9**

NOVENA REFLECTION: Let us prepare ourselves to fully participate in the 50th Jubilee of the founding of our Covenant Community by asking “what is a Jubilee?” For ancient Israel, it was a time to restore the land to its owners, to proclaim liberty to those enslaved; it was a sacred year to enter into God’s rest and liberation as a people.

*Lev. 25:10 “You shall treat this fiftieth year as sacred. You shall proclaim liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to your own property, each of you to your own family”. NABRE*

We too are invited to enter into deeper freedom and restoration this Jubilee year. When we approach it prayerfully, the Holy Spirit will guide each of us concerning what to release and what to restore. This can be a beautiful year of remembering the call of God to us individually and as a people, and with great gratitude reflecting on what he has done among us. **The themes chosen for each week’s Novena should be considered both vertically (God and you, God and us), and horizontally (person to person, person to CCGD).**

These are a few of the questions we can ask ourselves as we ponder and pray over how any theme relates to us.

- Am I obedient to God in this area? How is He calling me to change?
- What does God desire to restore in my life?
- What action is He calling me to take?

### **WEEK 9: COVENANT**



#### **GOD’S CALL THROUGH SCRIPTURE:**

Read the following scriptures:

1. **Isaiah 62: 2-5** - You shall be called “My Delight”.
2. **Isaiah 54:10** – God is ever faithful to His covenants.
3. **Hebrews 13:20-21** – Our covenant is founded in Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, and empowers us through the Holy Spirit to carry out what is pleasing to God.

#### **MEDITATION:**

*“It is with deep joy and gratitude, realizing the overwhelming goodness of God giving us this opportunity, that we enter into this (covenant) relationship and express our acceptance of it as individuals and as a people.” (CCGD Covenant). Our covenant with the Lord is not a contract but a holy relationship initiated by the loving invitation of God with Him and one another through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. God raises up people in every generation and empowers them to do the works that Jesus did. As His covenant people, He invites us to practice and proclaim the gospel of His love and redemption, to set captives free, and to make disciples of all nations.*

- How have you and we, as a people, responded to the Covenant over the past 50 years? How have we (and you) fallen short?
- How has our covenant empowered you to carry out what is pleasing to Him?
- What is the relationship of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to living the covenant?

#### **PRAYER:** (Continue with your own prayer)

Lord, You know our imperfections and our weakness and, even though we are unfaithful to our covenant, You are always faithful. Forgive us our imperfections, and empower us with more and more of your Holy Spirit that we may ever increase in faithfulness, live lives pleasing to You, and bear much fruit in witnessing to Your love and the power of Your Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls and Your greater glory.

#### **ACTION:**

1. Connect with one brother or sister in the Community to thank and encourage them in their faithfulness to our covenant in the Lord.
2. Reflect 15 minutes daily on our individual covenant life experience asking God to reveal Himself to us in the covenant. Journal what He speaks to you.