July 2016 | Edition 63

TOG

Throne of Grace Ministries

NEVER Abandoned

"...I will not leave you, nor forsake you."
Joshua 1:5

02 Pastor's Desk
Thanksgiving for the month of June and updates on future events

03 Election 2016
Uphold the upcoming election in prayer

04 Testimonies
Read about how God has miraculously touched families and answered prayers

05 Children's Page
Full of activities and memory verses for kids!

06 Youth Page
Fresh Water or Salt Water?

07 Women's Page
You are the Light!

08 Promise Message
Joshua 1:5 "I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you."

11 Events for July

From the Pastor's Desk...

We want to praise and thank Jesus for visiting all of our services during the month of June. He has been faithful these past six months and has graciously given us the strength to carry out His ministry in all the locations. Please continue to uphold all the TOG locations, services, and church members in your daily prayer.

Starting from this month onwards, Connecticut will conduct a monthly prayer meeting where church members will gather together and pray for the Hartford County, TOG ministry, and personal prayer requests. Please keep this prayer in your personal prayers and attend!

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Indira Rajan

VBS 2016

Kingdom Builders I'm for Jesus

Recital: July 31, 2016

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Venue: 2134 Michelson Dr, Irvine, CA

This trip is scheduled in the month of November 2016 (November 19h to November 30th)

If you have not registered to visit the Holy Land this November, kindly note the following:

The cost of this trip $1675.00 per adult (12 and above) excluding airfare

***Discounted rates are available for children under 12.**

For more details, please contact Pastor Rajan at pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us or at 949-923-5178

Peaceful transition between presidencies
A peaceful presidential election
PRAY
A God-fearing president
Christian voter turnout to increase this year
FOR
Revival to fill our nation
More prayer warriors to pray for this nation
NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTION

TESTIMONIES

If you are interested in sharing what God has done in your life, please contact Pastor Rajan at **pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us** or at (949)-923-5178

"I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me."
Daniel 4:2

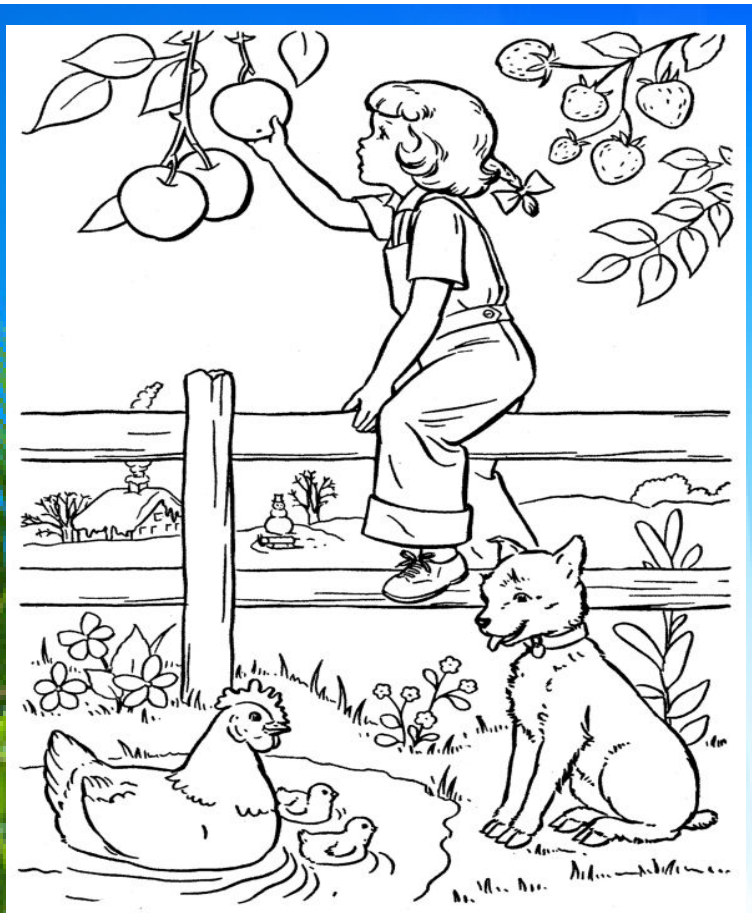
"Glory be to the Name of the Lord. I started attending TOG from Oct 2014. That time, my sister in India was not having a baby for 5 years after marriage. We told and prayed with Pastor Rajan and Indira Akka. They also prayed for my sister. I made a vow that if she gets a baby I will testify in TOG church and continued to pray. In March she conceived and gave birth to twin boys in Dec 2015. Praise be to God and let Him bless this testimony. I thank Pastor and Indira Akka for their prayers."

–Vijay Nelson

"Throne of Grace ministries have always been a blessing for us. At my workplace, there was a massive lay off planned in May and I saw my peers being laid off each week. Also, I was looking for preschool admission for my daughter at schools near our home. I was worried abt those and was praying to GOD. During the Promise worship service on 1-May-2016, we got the word of GOD through the pastor that jobs will be secured and need not be afraid. Also Pastor mentioned that GOD wanted everyone to pray for their kids and their education. We prayed to GOD whole heartedly. Within a week, I got a call from my manager, that I am not part of the lay off list and my job is secured. Also, we got admission to our daughter at a school close our home. We feel blessed and we give all the glory to our LORD."

–Abi Vijay

"I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You."
Psalm 22:22



There are six mistakes in the picture above. Can you find them?

Unscramble
the names of Bible Characters

1. EBAL
First meat offering in the Bible

2. NNOJAAHT
David's best friend. He died on the same day as his father.

3.TSEMHEHUAL
The oldest man who ever lived; he lived to be nine hundred and sixty nine years old.

4. GBILARE
"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

"I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."
-Psalm 4:8

Children's Corner

Agnes Premkumar

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever had someone warn you about the danger of doing something? For example, don't go near the stove, the fire will burn your skin. In the same way, the Bible records instances of God warning His children about things around them or things yet to come. Many times, God uses people or angels to warn others. However, God also used a donkey to warn Balaam. Balaam was going with the princes of Moab and God didn't want that to happen so He sent an angel to stand in the middle of the road and block the way. The donkey saw the angel and instead of going straight like Balaam comanded, it turned out of the way. Balaam was very angry at his donkey. So God let the donkey speak! The donkey asked Balaam, "Didn't I always serve you faithfully and do whatever you asked? I'm disobeying now because I see an angel standing in our path." Immediately, God opened Balaam's eyes and he too was able to see the Angel of the Lord. Maybe you are worried that you are just a little kid and can't do anything for God. Remember that God used a donkey to speak. He can also use a person like you for His glory. He can take the things you have right now like your talents and use them to impact others! Just remember to seek God first before anything else!

Fresh Water or Salt Water?

By Sathish Sanjivi

"Watch your mouth", "Watch your tongue", "Do not be rude" - Did you hear anyone ever say that to someone or YOU? If anyone said that to you, you probably were in some kind of trouble, right?

We can all get mad and knowingly or unknowingly say hurtful things to others, but Jesus says what comes out of our mouth is a direct reflection of what is in our hearts. If our hearts are filled with undesirable things, we might be say something bad, but if our hearts are filled with God's goodness, we would express God's love towards others.

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks"

Luke 6:45

As a believer in Christ, it is not possible for us to be both good and evil. In Bible, James gives a great example that a spring cannot produce both salt water and fresh water. Likewise, its impossible for us, believers, to say both blessing and cursing.

"With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh."

James 3:9-12

It matters what you say to others. Anything you say can help someone or completely break them. Saying insulting things to others, in a way insults God, as we are all created in the image of God.

So if you are wondering, what if I have done something like that? Great question! Here's the answer: Bible says that if we realize we made a mistake and if we confess and ask for forgiveness, our awesome God is "faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness".

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

1 John 1:9

Once we ask for forgiveness and receive it, we get a new attitude and nature from God.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"

2 Corinthians 5:17

So, make a decision today to fill your heart with good things (by reading the Bible everyday) and always having a conversation (prayer) with God and He will help you overcome any shortcomings you may have.

God Bless You!

Light

BY INDIRA RAJAN

"You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14 (NKJV)

God has kept women to be a light unto the world. The reason that He has kept us to be the light is so that our light will shine before other people in the world. A small light can bring much brightness in great darkness. God has kept us to purge or rid the darkness surrounding us.

How can we shine or give our light? The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the true light (John 1:9), because He lives in us we carry the light into our home, our workplace and in all the places that we go. We can illuminate the light of Jesus within us to others. In our life when we are shining His light, Matthew 5:14 says we will be like a city that is set on a hill and cannot be hidden. Many will be astonished with the light of Jesus that shines through our life and we will have a blessed life.

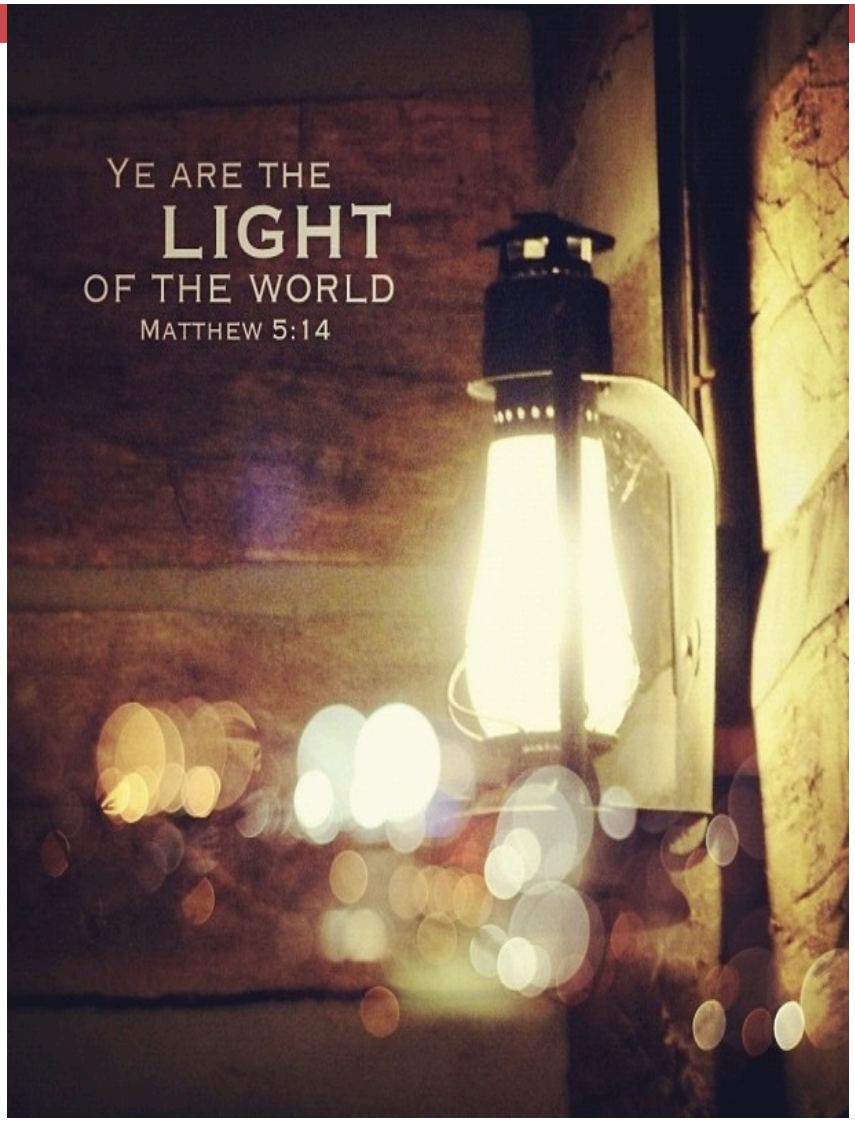
Maidservant

2 Kings 5:2 says that in Israel a little maid was captured and taken to Syria where she waited on Naaman's wife. She had taken the light of the Lord with her. She helped turn her master Naaman's life from darkness into light. The young woman told her mistress (Naaman' wife) about Prophet Elisha and about how her God could heal and deliver people from their sickness.

".....If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria!
For he would heal him of his leprosy."
2 Kings 5:3 (NKJV)

Naaman went to see Prophet Elisha and was healed of his leprosy. Naaman was not only healed but he now knew there is no God in all the earth like the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:15) and through his healing the light of God was spread in all the land of Syria. That young woman, although she was captive and a slave, did not fear but spoke with boldness about the living God and told her mistress and she was useful in spreading God's light.

You too in your life no matter what situation you are in, you can tell people about the goodness of the Lord with boldness. Then your life will be like



the city on top of the hill.

Samaritan woman

In the land of Samaria, Jesus met a woman at the well and He told her about the situation she was in and she accepted her situation. Jesus told her that He was the Messiah and she went to all the people and said. "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:29) The scripture tells us that at that time many came to Jesus and placed their faith on him.

"And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."
John 4:39 (NKJV)

This Samaritan woman, the moment she knew Jesus as the Messiah, went into the city and told others about Jesus and led many to Christ. It was because of her testimony that many came to Christ. She not only received the light in her life but she brought light into the lives of many others.

You too through your word can take the light of Christ into the lives of others. Jesus wants to use you. Don't not worry about your past God has changed you into a new creation.

"Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old."
Isaiah 43:18 (NKJV)

Therefore do not be discouraged, your life will be like the city on top of the hill that gives the light of Christ.

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you."
Joshua 1:5 (NKJV)

Blessings of God's Presence

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan

When our God is with us, it is a blessing to us. This verse says that He never wants to leave us nor forsake us. Why will God never leave us? What are the blessings that we will receive when our God is with us? These are some of the things we are going to look into in this month's promise message.

God is with the Separated One

God spoke the promise verse (Joshua 1:5) to Joshua. God said this when He assured Joshua that He will be with him just like He was with Moses.

Why was God with Moses? God was with Moses because he separated himself. When Moses was young he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures he had in Egypt. The Bible tells us that he had a faith that he will see the invisible God and so he forsook Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-27). According to his faith God appeared to him in the desert in the burning bush. When He appeared to Moses, God told Moses that he has to go to Egypt to deliver His people out of Egypt.

Then Moses looked at God and said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" The God replied with this promise to Moses, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you…." (Exodus 3:12). Just like God had promised He was with Moses and God showed many signs, miracles, and wonders in Egypt and showed that He was with Moses. One time when the people of Israel saddened God, He said that He will not go anymore with the people. At that time Moses looked to God and said, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here…" (Exodus 33:15). Moses experienced God's presence and the blessings that come with the presence of God. God was with Moses because he separated himself, God considered

Moses as exalted. When God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, He made a covenant with him.

"And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."
Exodus 34:10 (NKJV)

God had already done many signs and wonders through Moses but here God wanted do more and continue with Moses and do mighty things. He made Moses face shine bright (Exodus 34:29).

You also have separated yourself for the Lord in many areas and because you have done this He promises to be with you, and not only be with you but He wants to be with you and do mighty things that your eyes have not seen and He wants to do mighty works through you. The God who was with Moses is with you, so don't be discouraged. The miracles that your eyes have not seen you will see.

"As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,
I will show them wonders."
Micah 7:15 (NKJV)

GOD WILL BE WITH THEM WHO ARE IN HIS PRESENCE.

If you long to be in His presence He will be with you.

" So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle."
Exodus 33:11 (NKJV)

Why did God say He will be with Joshua? Joshua was one who did not depart from the tabernacle; he did not leave the presence of God even though Moses had left the tabernacle. God will be those that long to be in His presence. Joshua knew that God was with him even during the time of Moses. When Moses sent twelve spies to Canaan, ten people brought a bad report (Numbers 13:32-33) they said the land will devour its inhabitants and the men that were there had great stature like giants. But Caleb and Joshua brought the good news that we are going to inherit the land and that land was exceedingly good (Numbers 14:6-9). Joshua looked at the people of Israel and said,

"...do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

Everyone else said that the people in Canaan were evil but Joshua looked at them knowing that God was with them and so he knew that they can overcome them. In the eyes of God what Joshua had done stirred His love and because of this, God said Joshua and Caleb will get to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:30). After Moses's time was finished and Joshua took the people of Israel into the Promised Land, God showed that He was with Joshua and God exalted Joshua.

"And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you."
Joshua 3:7 (NKJV)

To show the people that God was with Joshua, God took the people of Israel close to Jordan and made them cross the river by splitting it so they could walk on dry land. God want-

"...He wants to be with you and do mighty things that your eyes have not seen..."

ed to tell the people that He was with Joshua just like He was with Moses (Joshua 4:11). Through this the people saw that God was with Joshua and the Bible tells us that the people feared Joshua like they feared Moses- Joshua 4:14 (NKJV).

You too like Joshua maybe longing to be in the presence of God. Today the God who was with Joshua is also with you. All the Jordan experiences that you encounter in your life will not hinder you; He will take the Jordan experiences and use them to exalt you in your life. Through this, people will see that God is with you. God who was with Joshua is with you. Like Joshua continue to long to be in the presence of God.

"On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.
Joshua 4:14 (NKJV)

God will be with them who have received the Promise

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."
Genesis 28:15 (NKJV)

God spoke this promise to Jacob. He said that He will not leave Jacob until He has done that which He has spoken. When God spoke this to Jacob He gave the following promises to him:

"And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."
Genesis 28:13-15 (NKJV)

When Jacob left his father's house, he stopped to rest and the Lord appeared to him in a dream when he was sleeping on the ground. God spoke to him saying that the ground on which he was sleeping will belong to his descendants, God also said that his descendants will be as the dust of the earth and because of his seed the earth will be blessed. Furthermore, God promised to protect him wherever he went. Because of all this promise that God had spoken or given to Jacob, He was not about to leave or forsake him till it all came to pass. After almost 20 years, when he was with his father-in-law, Laban, Jacob got cheated several times; but because God was with him, God did not leave him empty handed (Genesis 31:41&42) and blessed him by enlarging him to two camps (Genesis 32:10)

Then God asked Jacob to go back to his land. Jacob feared Esau, his brother, but God met him again and He did not leave Jacob or forsake him until He fulfilled His promise.

You too are people who have received promises from the Lord, therefore He is with you till His word comes to pass. Until then He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is with you to fulfil what He has spoken over your life. Do not be discouraged.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)

"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

"...He will take the Jordan experiences in your life and use them to exalt you."

Today God is looking at you like He was looking at Moses, like He was looking Joshua and Jacob. He will never leave you nor forsake you therefore do not be discouraged. He will be with you. Have a blessed month!

JULY 2016 - PROMISE

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you"

JOSHUA 1:5

NEVER GIVE UP

Events for JULY

Irvine, CA

- **Worship Services**
  - Promise Service - Friday, 1st @ 6:00 am
  - Every Sunday @ 10:30 am
  - Saturday, 9th @ 6:30 pm
  - No Service on Saturday, 23rd
  - No monthly prayer on Thursday, 21st
- **VBS** – Sunday, 10th to Thursday, 14th @ 6:00 pm

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

- **Worship Service** – Sunday, 3rd @ 5:00 pm
- ***Monthly Prayer*** *– Cancelled this month*

Las Vegas, NV

- **Worship Service** – Saturday, 16th @ 6:30 pm

Woodland Hills, CA

- ***Monthly Prayer*** *– Friday, 1st @ 7:30 pm*
- **Worship Service** – Sunday, 17th @ 5:30 pm

Manchester, CT

- **Worship Service** – Friday, 8th @ 7:30 pm EST

San Jose, CA

- **Worship Service** – Friday, 15th @ 7:00 pm

JULY 2016					
S	31	3	10	17	24
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30

Conference Prayer

Call-in #: 712 432 0140 Access Code: 240388#

SoCal (Mondays)
<Praying for TOG>
Time: 9:30 pm – 10:15 pm
(Due to July 4th holiday, prayer will be on July 5th)

Connecticut (Tuesdays)
<Praying for TOG>
Time: 9:30 pm – 10:00 pm EST

Thursdays
Praying for USA & ISRAEL
Time: 9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Las Vegas (15th–Friday)
<Praying for TOG>
Time: 9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Media Team (27th – Wednesday)
Time: 9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Indira
Throne Of Grace Ministries, 2134 Michelson Dr, Irvine CA 92612
Cell Phone : (949) 923-5178 Office Phone : (949) 502-5521

venue details @ www.throneofgrace.us

THRONE OF GRACE MINISTRIES

Service Information – JULY 2016

IRVINE, CA

Worship Service:
Every Sunday - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
2nd & 4th Saturdays- 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Prayer:
3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Throne Of Grace Ministries
2134 Michelson Dr
Irvine CA 92612

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA

Worship Service:
2nd Sunday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Prayer:
4th Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
6080 Haven Ave
Rancho Cucamonga CA 91737

LAS VEGAS, NV

Worship Service:
3rd Saturday– 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Trinity Life Center
1000 E St. Louis
Las Vegas NV 89104

WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Worship Service:
4th Sunday – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Prayer:
1st Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Canoga Park Lutheran Church
7357 Jordan Ave
Canoga Park CA 91303

MANCHESTER, CT

Worship Service:
2nd Friday – 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM EST

New River Community Church
314 Woodbridge St
Manchester, CT 06042

SAN JOSE, CA

Worship Service:
3rd Friday – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Church of the Living Rock
675 E Taylor Ave
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Indira
Throne of Grace Ministries, 2134 Michelson Dr, Irvine CA 92612
Cell Phone : (949) 923-5178 Office Phone : (949) 502-5521

venue details @ www.throneofgrace.us