

## Merry Christmas, 2017

Simeon and Anna, two faithful saints in the first century, each spent a lifetime preparing for the moment when God's son would be revealed. When Mary and Joseph arrive at the Temple with the baby Jesus, Simeon and Anna immediately recognize him as the Christ. Their example inspires us to a daily, weekly and monthly commitment to grow in our faith, and become more aware of what God is doing in our day.



### My "Simeon & Anna Plan" to Grow in Faith during 2018 (check as many as apply)

#### Daily Commitment to Prayer and Bible Study

- I will pray before meals and at bedtime every day.
  - I will pray at set times throughout the day, and when the need arises.
  - I will read my Bible at least once a week.
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  - I will adopt a plan to read all the way through the Bible during this coming year.
  - Other (please describe):
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#### Weekly Commitment to Worship

- I will worship on Sundays when it is convenient for me and my family.
  - I will worship every Sunday when I am in town.
  - I will find a place to worship on Sunday, even when I am traveling.
  - I will worship at mid-week services when they are available (Advent, Lent, special occasions...).
  - Other (please describe):
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#### Monthly Commitment to Community Service

- I will find a way to serve the needs of others in my community at least once every month.
  - I will establish a personal, on-going, supportive relationship with a service organization.
  - I will work to create a new way for people to be involved in serving the community.
  - Other (please describe):
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#### Ongoing Commitment to Financial Generosity

- I will grow in financial generosity every year.
  - I will adopt a 5-year or 10-year plan toward tithing (giving away 10% of my income).
  - I will tithe this year.
  - I will tithe to my church this year, and give beyond a tithe to other charitable organizations.
  - Other (please describe):
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#### Commitment to Gather with a Faith Partner or Small Group

- I will find a faith partner, and gather regularly to study, pray and support one another.
  - I will join a Christian small group, and have a plan to grow together in faith.
  - I will start a new Christian small group with others who aren't already in a group.
  - Other (please describe):
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