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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2020 Mission:

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"
Romans 1:17

A GOOD INDICATOR OF YOUR SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE IS YOUR EAGERNESS TO COME TO THE CHURCH (PS 122:1). NEVER ALLOW YOUR SEAT TO BE EMPTY FOR AN EMPTY SEAT IS AN EMPTY HEAD AND IN HIS PRESENCE ONLY ARE FULLNESS OF JOY AND PLEASURES.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 6th Sept., - Saturday, 12th Sept., 2020

TRINITY 13

THEME: LEARNING FROM CHRIST ON PRAYER

Colour: Green

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Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed
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1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 6th SEPT., 2020

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Preacher: *The Rev. Olukayode Fasogbon*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: 'Lord teach us how to pray... '{Pg.9}
Tune:Edgware

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Dean*
- ❖ The Epistle: **Romans 8:18-23** – *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: VSH 19 {Pg.8}
- ❖ The Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13**-*The Rev. Bolarinwa Osineye*

❖ **SERMON**

- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession – *The Ven. James Adekanye*
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
- ❖ All Offerings: Praises
{*First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings*}
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: **VSH 20, CH 512, 21, CH CS 98**
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 164
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
 - i. Monthly Thanksgiving
 - ii. Those born and / or Married in August
 - iii. **ALL MINISTRIES HARVEST**
 - iv. Family Harvest: (*as indicated... pg. 9*)
 - v. Society Harvest: (*as indicated... pg. 9*)
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 258

B. 9.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Preacher: *The Rev. Canon Dr. Benjamin Okere*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 466
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Dean*
- ❖ The Epistle: **Romans 8:18-23**
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH CS 98
- ❖ The Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13**
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession –*The Ven. Festus Olowosile*
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
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- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: **VSH 19, CH 512, VSH 17, VSH 131**
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 215
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
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C. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 7, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Acts 13:44-52*

Gospel: *John 10:19-30*

Hymns: *CH490, CH 202, VSH 64, CH CS 51*

Prayer Points:

1. Every tongue of contradiction and blasphemy against divine purpose for my life be silenced
2. Let no man pluck me out of your hand, O Lord.

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Colour: White

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Epistle: *Galatians 4:4-7*

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-55*

Hymns: *CH516, CH 306, VSH 22, CH 578*

Prayer Points:

1. Release the spirit of adoption over me, O Lord
2. Let there be a performance of your words in my life, O Lord.

BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

GATHERING OF THE NOBLES - ACTS 17:10-11

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Acts 14:19-28*

Gospel: *John 11:1-16*

Hymns: *CH 3, CH 478, CH 369, CH 623*

Prayer Points:

1. I will speak of your goodness, O Lord
2. I shall not die but live to show forth your glory, O Lord.

HOURS OF DIVINE SETTLEMENT – 1 PETER 5:10

Prayer Leader: *The Rev. Canon Dr. Benjamin Okere*

THEME: **“WE TAKE AUTHORITY TO TREAD ON THE LION” –PSALM 91:13**

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Acts 15:1-11*

Gospel: *John 11:17-29*

Hymns: *CH 266, CHCS 551, VSH 21, CH 153*

Prayer Points:

1. Save us by the reason of your grace O Lord
2. Fulfill the desires of my heart, O Lord and let me not be disgraced.

ONE DAY SYNOD

Friday, September 11, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Acts 15:12-21*

Gospel: *John 11:30-44*

Hymns: *CH 374, VSH 25, CH 209, CHCS 18*

Prayer Points:

1. Give me grace to abstain from all forms of spiritual pollutions
2. Raise me up, O Lord my God.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Acts 15:22-35*

Gospel: *John 11:45-54*

Hymns: *CH 441, VSH 59, VSH 63, CH 373*

Prayer Points:

1. Break Satanic yokes in my life, O Lord, and remove the evil burdens placed upon my life.
2. Deliver me not into the hand of the enemy, O God.

4. God of all grace, we come to Thee
With broken, contrite hearts;
Give what Thine eye delights to see,
Truth in the inward parts.
5. Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
On Christ, on Christ alone.
6. Patience to watch, and wait, and weep,
Though mercy long delay;
Courage our fainting souls to keep,
And trust Thee though Thou slay.
7. Give these, and then Thy will be done,
Thus, strengthened with all might,
We, through Thy Spirit and Thy Son,
Shall pray, and pray aright

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**CONSECRATION & ENTHRONMENT
THE VENERABLE ADEGOKE OLUDARE
& MRS OLUTOYIN AGARA**

1. VALEDICTORY SERVICE SUNDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER, 2020
2. CONSECRATION RETREAT WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER - MONDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER, 2020
3. CONSECRATION SERVICE TUESDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER, 2020
*VENUE: THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE
ADVENT, LIFE CAMP, GWARINPA, ABUJA.
TIME: 9.00AM.*
4. GENERAL SYNOD ABUJA - TUESDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER,
2020.
5. DEPARTURE TO IDOANI SATURDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER, 2020
6. ENTHRONMENT - TUESDAY 29TH
SEPTEMBER, 2020
*VENUE: THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY TRINITY, IDOANI
TIME: 11.00AM*

**WE COVET YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

- vi. The Churching of Mrs. Amarachukwu Awuzie for
the gift of baby boy and God's numerous blessings
- vii. 20th Remembrance of Late Mr. Sunday Adedapo
Odutola (Father of Mrs. Adejumo Odunubi of
Band of Faith & Guild of Stewards & God's
numerous blessings on the family he left behind.

- ❖ Closing Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 255

C. 11.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean

Preacher: The Rev. Bolarinwa Osineye

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 18
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Dean*
- ❖ The Epistle: **Romans 8:18-23**
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: VSH 254
- ❖ The Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13**
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession – *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
- ❖ All Offerings: Praises

*{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday
Offering & All other offerings}*

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: **VSH 19, CH 522, VSH 21, 25**
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 56 *{Pg.9}*
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
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 - iii. **ALL MINISTRIES HARVEST**
 - iv. Family Harvest: *(as indicated... pg. 9)*
 - v. Society Harvest: *(as indicated... pg. 9)*
 - vi. 12th Year Birthday thanksgiving of Master Mathew
Onwadike & God's numerous blessings.
 - vii. Thanksgiving after the successful burial of Late
Mrs. Christiana Famuyide and journey mercies.
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH CS 51

EVENT AHEAD

ONE DAY SYNOD – 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

2. SENTENCES FOR TRINITY 13

Introductory Sentence

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in
spirit and truth.

John 4:24.

Collect for Trinity 13:

Lord God, the protector of all who trust in You, without
whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and
multiply upon us Your mercy, that You being our ruler and
guide, may so pass through things temporal that we may
finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, Heavenly
Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Sentence

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.

Psalms 103:17

3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 2020

A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations

- i. Pray for Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that wisdom and understanding to lead the people of God shall be multiplied upon them
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Johnson C. Onuoha, his family and all members of the Diocese of Arochuku/Ohafia.
- iii. *Prayer of thanksgiving for Mrs. Janice Yetunde Olopade for divine healing from Cancer.*

B. Prayer for Nigeria & the World

- i. *Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. That Nigeria will experience a divine turn around.
- iii. That the Lord will use His power to free our nation from all the works of the devil.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. That the joy of prayer shall not elude us
- ii. That God shall visit us in a special way this ember season
- iii. That the Lord will preserve our children and household

G. 7.00a.m, 9.00a.m. &11.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Celebrant: *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

Preacher: *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

Theme: *Learning from Christ on Prayer*

❖ Processional Hymn: CH 497 / 425 / 201

❖ Opening worship

❖ Preparation to Penitence

❖ The Epistle: *Romans 8:18-23*

❖ The Gospel: *Luke 11:1-13*

❖ Testimonies

❖ Sermon

❖ Creed – Intercession & Peace

❖ Offerings: Praises

(a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*

❖ The Eucharistic Prayers

❖ The Administration to Ablution: *Worship Songs*

❖ Post Communion Prayer

❖ New Month Thanksgiving

❖ Youth Anthem

❖ Notices

❖ Prayer & Benediction

❖ The Withdrawal Hymn: CH (CS) XVI 'Lord dismiss us...'

4.

HARVEST NEWS

A. Family Harvest for today- Sunday 6th September, 2020

7.00am: & family,

9.00am: *Engr. Tokunbo Oyenuga & family,*

11.00am: *Pharm. Chijioko Onwadike & family,*

B. Society Harvest for today - Sunday 6th September, 2020

Christian Unity Band & Band of Grace Societies

C. Society Harvest for Next - Sunday 13th September, 2020

Busy Bees & Anglican Fellowship Societies

AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.

* Walkie-Talkie (4pcs) Hand sfree – (N160,000.00)

* Multimedia Headset (2pcs) – (N280,000.00)

* Proper Lighting – (N150,000.00)

NEW LOCKDOWN RULES

1. **Wash your heart with Christ's blood (Psalm 73:1).**
2. **Keep a social distance from evil (Job 28:28)**
3. **Avoid the crowd of wickedness and wicked men (Psalm 1:1)**
4. **Cover your mind from being infected from the sneeze of sin and hatred (Lev. 19:17)**
5. **Do not shake hands with abomination (Deut. 25:16)**
6. **Do not hug, heresy and false teachings (2 Pet. 2:1)**
7. **Be safe so that you will be saved (Jer. 17:14)**
8. **Sanitize your life with the Word of God (Psalm 1:2)**
9. **In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in PRAYER (Jer. 33:3)**
10. **Always remember to boost your spiritual immunity With Faith and the Power of the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20)**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM

1. Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
With reverence and with fear;
Though dust and ashes in Thy sight,
We may, we must draw near.
2. We perish if we cease from prayer;
O grant us power to pray;
And when to meet Thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.
3. Burdened with guilt, convinced of sin,
In weakness, want and woe,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Lord, whither shall we go?

9.

GRADUAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grief's to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

2. Have we trials and temptation
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Saviour, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there.

AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>SORT CODE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC	9200212515		
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
 Account Number: 1021733207
 Sort Code: 033154512
 Branch Address, UBA Plc, 51A Adeniyi Jones Street, Ikeja

**4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

THEME: LEARNING FROM CHRIST ON PRAYER
READINGS: PSALM 119:145-160; 1 KINGS 3:5-12;
ROMANS 8:18-23; LUKE 11:1-13.

INTRODUCTION:

The ministry of prayer is very important in the church of God. Take away prayer from the life of a Christian, such person becomes empty and powerless, hence, it is said that a prayerless church is a powerless church. This implies that the place of prayer in the life of individual believer, and the Church as a whole, can not be over emphasised. If prayer was not important to the disciples of Jesus, they would not have requested that their Master teach them to pray while making a reference to the prayer ministry of John and his disciples (**Lk. 11: 1**).

Prayer is the key, the master key that every believer must possess to open and close any door.

What is prayer?

Prayer is one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith. Everybody prays irrespective of his/her religious affiliation. Thus, prayer is a universal practice yet least understood of human experiences. From the Christian perspective, prayer means communication with God. We pray to God based on the belief and or assumption that we can enjoy intimate relationship with the One who hears, cares and able to do what we ask in prayer.

Prayer is an act of humble worship whereby we seek God with all our heart, for the Lord said we will find Him when we seek Him with all our heart (**Jer. 29:13; 2Chr.7:14**)

Prayer is an expression of an intimate relationship with someone whose love and resources are at our disposal as Jesus would always commune with his father in a lonely place, always found in the wilderness praying (**Mk. 1:35**).

Effective prayer, therefore, includes adoration, confession, commitment and requests as we can see in the Scripture (**Neh. 1: 4-11**).

In his response to the disciples' request, Jesus taught that prayer is an intimate relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This relationship is based on the premises of dependency for daily needs, commitment to obedience, and forgiveness of sin.

By all indications, Jesus Christ was a man of prayer during his earthly ministry. He started with prayer and ended also with prayer. In his absence, he has given us the Holy Spirit to make intercession on our behalf (**Rom. 8:26**). Our Lord Jesus Christ remains our perfect example of what should be our attitude on prayer. Why should we learn from Jesus on prayer?

1. Jesus took priority in prayer. The disciples wanted to emulate their master in prayer. They had watched their master pray and understood his commitment to prayer. They knew he prioritised prayer, and this is evident by unfolding events as recorded in the Scripture

- A. Jesus prayed at his baptism (**Lk. 3:21**).
- B. He prayed before appointing the Twelve Disciples (**Lk. 6:12**).
- C. He prayed on the increase of the crowds (**Lk. 5:16**).
- D. He prayed while asking the Twelve for their confession of faith (**Lk. 9:18**).
- E. He prayed during his Transfiguration (**Lk. 9:29**).
- F. His disciples noticed that their master was oftentimes praying alone (**Mk. 1:35**).
- G. Jesus depended on prayer during "the days of His flesh" (**Heb. 5:7**).

2. Jesus had a unique pattern for prayer. This is called "The Lord's Prayer". In the prayer, Jesus teaches us that true prayer depends on a spiritual relationship with God, and that relationship enables us to call Him, "Father". However, this can come only through faith in Jesus Christ (**Rom. 8: 14-17; Gal.4:1-7**).

The Lord's Prayer centers on the universal Fatherhood of God to all believers giving the impression that the followers of Christ are members of the one big family of God. Elements of the Lord's Prayer include:

- **Acknowledgement of the universal Fatherhood of God.**
- **Recognition of His holy name.**
- **Expectation of His kingdom**
- **Obedience to His will**
- **Request for daily provision**
- **Forgiveness of sin**
- **Deliverance from evil**

3. Jesus taught us to be persistent in prayer: Persistence in prayer does not mean we can forcefully make God do what He is not willing to do. It is not an attempt to change the mind of God but to get ourselves to the place where God can trust us with the answer. Persistence in prayer connotes praying without ceasing (**1Thess. 5:17**); keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking (**Matt.7:7**). God has promised to answer us when we pray to Him (**Lk. 11:11-13 cf. Matt.7:11**).

4. Everyone needs prayer: We all need prayers irrespective of our status and spiritual inclinations. John the Baptist was a "miracle baby"; he was filled with the Holy Spirit, yet he was a man of prayer, even the disciples of Jesus recognised that. More so, Jesus described him as the greatest of the prophets (**Luke 7:28**). Upon all this, John depended on prayer. What about our Lord, Jesus Christ? He was the anointed of God, and yet he was Man of prayer.

Having followed their Master for a while, the disciples still did not know how to pray, even though they understood the importance of prayer. So, they asked the Master, "**teach us to pray.**" They were ready to learn from Jesus the concept of prayer.

CONCLUSION: Prayer brings us into intimate relationship with God our Maker. Anytime we pray, we come into the abiding presence of God just as Elijah brought down the glory of God through prayer. Jesus' prayer life is a challenge to every believer who wants to be fervent in prayer. It is the duty of everyone to intensify more on the prayer ministry of the church, because without prayer the altar will be powerless. May God give strength to His church to pray always.