

YOU NEED ANY HELP?

Contact the Cathedral Office for all necessary information and the Office will direct you to the appropriate persons to help. Below are the Contact Persons.

- A. **For Booking of all Services of the Church**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**
The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaia 08033247831
- C. **For Cathedral Societies**
The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies
- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**
The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707
- E. **For The Evangelical Ministry**
The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju; Mr. Cyril Mgbamoka 07053334081
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The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju, Mr. Tunji Odeneye 08033163337;
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- I. **For The Boys' & Girls Brigade; Boys' & Girls' Guild**
The Dean, The Rev. Canon Ayodeji Oluwatusin; Sister 'Seun Oyediran - 07051083385; Mr Ayo Tetede - 08020691247
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- K. **For The Counselling Ministry**
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- O. **For Singles' and Couples' Fellowship**
The Dean; Rev. Canon Ayodeji Oluwatusin; Mr. Steve Aladesawe - 08033261047
- P. **For Intercessory Ministry**
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- R. **For Board of Directors for Economic Empowerment**
The Dean; Rev. Canon Ayodeji Oluwatusin; Dr. Oladimeji Alo;
- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**
Mrs Mercy Adewole, 08062910315; Mrs. Folake Owolabi - 08023156546
- T. **For Chaplains to Societies**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- U. **For The Choir**
The Dean; Mr Sunday Olawuwo - 08023030357
- V. **For Booking of the Hall**
The Dean, Mrs. Tola Famade - 0803-3109378,
- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

Below are the Telephone Numbers of the Cathedral Office, the Dean and the Cathedral Priests. You can contact these phones as need be.

The Dean	0806-2766051
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The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem	0803-3081617
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Our Vision:

“CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS”

Our 2023 Theme:

“THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU” Exodus 14:14.

IN GOD'S PRESENCE, THERE IS FULNESS OF JOY AND AT HIS RIGHT HAND, PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE. A GOOD INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS EAGERNESS TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. WELCOME TO HIS PRESENCE.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 31st Dec. - Saturday, 6th Jan., 2024

CHRISTMAS 1

Theme: At The Fullness of Time

Colour: WHITE

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Sir. Charles Ojo
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole
Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji
The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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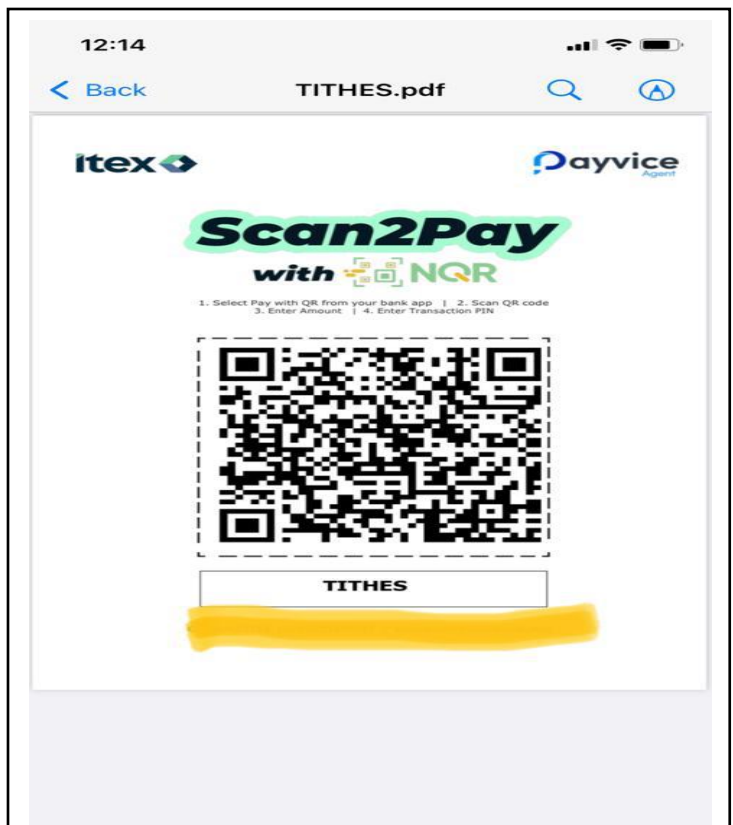
Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed
Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 31st Dec. 2023
- A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
 - Celebrant: The Dean
 - The Epistle: Lay. Ada Ejikeme
 - The Gospel: The Rev. Michael Obembe
 - Preacher: The Dean
 - Intercessor: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 66 (I)
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence –Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
- ❖ The Epistle Galatians 4:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: A Time like this (*Tune: Higher ground*)...pg 4
- ❖ The Gospel: John 1:14-18
- ❖ SERMON
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses
{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CONH 462, 503, 397
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 419
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving:
 - i. End of the Month Thanksgiving
 - ii. Birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Kate Ejike and God's numerous blessings.
 - iii. Mrs Mercy Ugochi Nwokoro thanking God for safety of her sister (Esther) from Air Mishap, healing of her daughter from sickness, journey mercies and numerous blessings.
 - iv. St. Timothy Bible Study Group thanking God for His faithfulness and God's numerous blessings.
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491 (*page 9*)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 570

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FIRST TIMERS IN JESUS NAME. WE REQUEST THAT YOU PLEASE MOVE TO THE LADY'S CHAPEL AFTER THE SERVICE WHERE OUR EVANGELICAL TEAM IS WAITING TO ATTEND TO YOU. REMAIN BLESSED AND RAPTURABLE.

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

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



1. Select pay with QR in your Bank App.
2. Scan QR Code
3. Enter Amount
4. Enter Transaction PIN

29. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	SORT CODE	PURPOSE
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
GTB	0570015856	058152120	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
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

For the New Cathedral Development Account details please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.

VESTRY ELECTION 2024

This year's Vestry Meeting and Elections will hold on Sunday 25th February, 2024 after 10.00am Service. The following Offices will be contested for:

- i. Cathedral Warden (1)
- ii. Synod Delegates (4)
- iii. Greater Chapter (8)
- iv. Standing Committee Members (10)

Notes:

- (a) Each Society to nominate only TWO Candidates per position.
- (b) Ministries are not eligible to nominate any candidate.
- (c) Three people must nominate the candidature of the Cathedral Warden. The FORM must be signed by the President & Secretary of the Society and one other member.
- (d) The form for nomination is available in the Cathedral Office.
- (e) Nomination closes by 2.00pm on Thursday 1st Feb, 2024.

Interested persons may wish to collect Nomination Form from the Cathedral Office as from today, 31st December, 2023. Only **FINANCIAL & REGISTERED MEMBERS** of AVMCC can vote or be voted for. You must have paid your **Annual Dues (N5000)** as at 31st Dec. 2023.

24. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2023.
 - (a) **Church Dues:** Kindly note that Church Dues should be paid in the Cathedral Office where receipt will be issued. Direct payment of Church dues into the Cathedral Bank Account is hereby discouraged.
 - (b) All Societies should pay and send in their lists of members on or before December 20, 2023.
 - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2023.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church office.
3. All payments by cheques should henceforth, have the payers name and phone for ease of reference.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL CHURCH DUES N7,500 FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2024. GOD BLESS.

25. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 25th February, 2024. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2023 to tolafamade2012@gmail.com or Cathedral Office.

26. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 25th Feb, 2024. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office or text to Mrs Famade on 08033109378.

- B. 10.00am MATTINS
Cantor: The Dean
O.T. Reading: Layreader T. Gidado
N.T. Reading: Layreader O. Obisesan
Preacher: The Dean
Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 388
- ❖ Praises & Worship
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 2 (*To be chanted*)
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 62:10-12
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 462
- ❖ N.T. Reading: John 1:14-18
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Hymn: A Time like this (*Tune: Higher ground*)...pg 4

SERMON

- ❖ Praises, Prayer - Grace
- ❖ The Offerings Choruses
{*First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings*}

Thanksgiving:

- i. End of the month Thanksgiving
 - ii. 105th birthday thanksgiving of Deaconess Ebunoluwa Onabanjo & God's numerous blessings.
 - iii. Mrs Oluyemisi Oyinlola thanking God for successful retirement from Nigeria Port Authority and God's numerous blessings.
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491(*page 9*)
 - ❖ Benediction
 - ❖ Notices
 - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
 - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 164

C. 9.00pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

D. EVENTS AHEAD

1. New Year Service – Monday, 1st January, 2024 at 7.00am & 10.00am.
2. Alpha and Omega Prayer (14days) 26th Dec. – 8th January, 2024 at 6.00am daily.
3. Universal Week of Prayer – Monday 8th – Sat. 13th January, 2024 at 6.00pm daily – (pg 17)
4. Rededication of Royal Gem & Vessel – Sunday, 21st January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
5. Rededication of DLW Christian Mothers – Sunday, 28th January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
6. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 24th March, 2024.
7. New Year Special Thanksgiving tagged "I Have Returned" – Sunday, 28/01/24.
8. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wed. 14th February, 2024 at 6.00pm.
9. VESTRY MEETING - Sunday, 25th February, 2024 after 10.00a.m service.



D. FIRST FRUIT – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10

1. Your first salary on a new job.
2. The first profit from a new line of business
3. For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
4. When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
6. For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
7. For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year.

TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD – Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8 Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits

**D. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2023
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 - Watch night
2. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 - Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry Members
3. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 - Anglican Fellowship
4. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 - Rededication of Royal
Gems & Vessel
5. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 - Rededication of Diocesan Christian Mothers
6. Sunday Feb. 4, 2024 – Apostle of Peace
7. Sunday Feb. 11, 2024 – Ambassadors of Christ
8. Sunday Feb. 18, 2024 - Agape Sisters
9. Sunday Feb. 25, 2024 - Vestry Meeting

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A TIME LIKE THIS

1. A time like this, God looks for men,
Worthy vessels that He will use;
To accomplish, His great purpose
And make His kingdom widely known.
Chorus: Lord here I am myself I give:
My TALENT, TIME, SILVER & GOLD,
Father use me, to build your Church,
To show your praise among all men.
2. A time like this, Lord help me hear
Your thundering voice and do obey
Where some have failed, others abscond
Lord help me stand what'er the cost.
3. A time like this, a warfare time
When champions rise, and others fall
Satan fights his final battles
Making the race so tough to run.
4. A time like this, I'll fix my eyes
On thee alone, lest I should fall
Living for thee, father of love



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20. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1st Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. All Sunday School Children from ages 5years upward meeting every last Sunday between 7.00am – 9.00am.
- v. Adult Education Programme: This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

21. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS VACANCIES

- i. Office Assistant is urgently required at a company in Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08033348405.
- ii. Teachers are also needed at Destiny Moulder Primary & Nursery School, AVMCC, GRA - Ikeja. Interested persons to submit their applications to the Church Office.
- iii. A medium scale farm needs the service of a sales man/woman at its farm shop in Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08055601679.

23. NOTICE TO DECORATORS AND SANCTUARY USERS FOR EVENTS

To preserve the furniture, fittings and fixtures within the sanctuary, the Church will not allow the use of nails, tacks, staple pins or any other items capable of damaging or defacing the furniture for purposes of installing decorations. Stand-alone decorative items must be used without exception. Decorators and users will be penalized for any damages observed.

The Wardens.

24. AVMCC CLINIC

Specialist/Consultant Clinic days to take off 2024.

Parishioners are hereby informed that the AVMCC Clinic will start operating Specialist/Consultant Clinic days in the clinic with effect from 2024 in the following areas.

- (1) Cardiology
- (2) Urology (Prostate etc)
- (3) Gynaecology

Members or members relative who desire the above specialized health needs should go to the Clinic to Register with their name, phone

2. SENTENCES FOR CHRISTMAS 1

Introductory Sentence

Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly and whatever you do, do everything to the glory of God.

Colossians 31:15, 17.

Collect for the Week:

Almighty God, You have given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Collects for the Season:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty; to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

God showed His love among us, He sent His One and Only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

I John 4:9.

TOWARDS THE NEW CATHEDRAL

THE COLLECT:

Heavenly Father we acknowledge the fact that without You, we can do nothing, for except You build, those who are building are doing it in vain. Empower us to build to Your glory and honour O Lord. Provide for us unto overflowing and over abundance. Make way where there seems to be none, silence every spirit of Sanballat and Tobiah and fill us with the anointing of Zerubbabel unto a glorious timely and speedy completion for with You there is no abandoned project. All of these and many more mercies and grace we ask for in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

- A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations
 - i. Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that many



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 and the world be delivered from satanic rule.
- iii. That the people of Nigeria be genuinely converted and reconciled back to the Almighty God.
- iv. That the spirit of reconciliation be prevalent among our leaders.

C. Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. That members be reconciled back to God.
- ii. That every power causing hatred and strife in church become impotent.
- iii. That the bond of love remains strong in this household of God.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

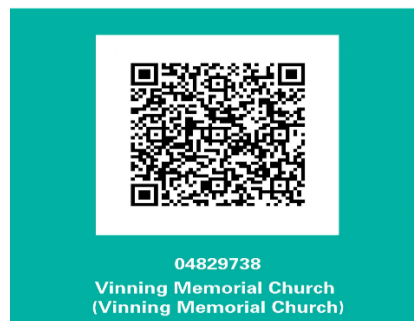
Adeniji Family, Adeniyi Family, Adenle Family, Adenugba Family, Adenuoye Family, Ade-Ojo Family, Adeola Family, Adeolu Family, Ade-Onojobi-Daniel Family, Adeosun Family.

E. Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:

- i. For Mrs Beatrice Ikwuemesi, Dr. Ogo-Oluwa Adeyemi, Mrs Benedicta Amadi, Mrs Caroline Sodeinde, Ms Catherine Ejike, Miss Anayo Hale who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

F. **Prayers for the following people:** Miss Anna Idehen, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs M.O. Ilori, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mr Samuel Chukwudum.

G. **Prayers For:** The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a



COVENANT SEED

18. 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.

- Development of our landed properties
- Painting of the Adetiloye & Vining halls
- Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m
- 400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls
- 80 Plastic Tables for the Halls
- 2 Hiace Buses
- 1 Coaster Bus
- 2 Money Counting Machine
- 2 Desktop Computer System
- 6 "86" LG Television
- 4 "32" Television
- 2 Dispenser, 2 DVD Player & 2 TV (for AVMCC Creche)
- 40 Sewing Machines @ N80,000 each for Diocesan Vocational Centre, City of God, Ipaja.

MURAL & CREATIVE PAINTING OF A MODERN CRECHE AND PLAYGROUP	= 642,000
SCREEDING OF THE WALLS	= 1,130,000
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	= 84,000
EDUCATIVE/PLAYTIME SAV FLEX	= 169,000
FLOOR SYNTHETICS (TURF)	= 765,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for crèche	= 47,800

19. ICT LOUNGE:

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am - 5.00pm on Monday to Friday, for your: Typing, Printing, Photocopy, Scanning, Bulk SMS, Laminating, Tinted Permit, Internet Work, Binding, Scratch Cards (Jamb, WAEC, NECO etc) and Computer Training. *Contact: Call/Whatsapp 07063214646.*



ACCEPTANCE FORM FOR HOSTING HOUSE FELLOWSHIP
Name: _____

Address (with local government):

WhatsApp Num: _____
*If you desire to host but have some fears, challenges, or
limitations; please list your constraints below:*

1. _____
2. _____

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**13. REVISITING AND RESUSCITATING
HOME FELLOWSHIP CENTRES IN AVMCC 2023**

AREA	AREA
AKUTE	MOWE
WEMABOD ESTATE IKEJA	OGBA
PALMGROVE	OKE-ARO, AGEGE
EBUTE META	BANK ANTHONY WAY, IKEJA
ALAGBADO	ONIGBONGBO MARYLAND
AGBADO	ALIMOSHO
OJOTA	VICTORIA ISLAND
SHOGUNLE	AYOBO
KETU	IKOYI
EJIGBO	
ANTHONY VILLAGE	OKE-IRA
IKOTUN	ABIOLA GARDEN, IKEJA
IKOYI	AGUDA SURULERE
IKORODU	IKEJA AIRFORCE BASE
DIDEOLU EST. OGBA	SANGO
OBANIKORO	OBAWOLE
ALAUSA IKEJA	OJODU BERGER
ADENIYI JONES, IKEJA	OMOLE PHASE I
MAFOLUKU- OSHODI	VGC, LEKKI
AJAH	GRA, IKEJA
SHASHA AKOWONJO	ALLEN
OGUDU	AJA
ILUPEJU	IKORODU
IKEJA MILITARY CANT.	IJOKO, OTA, OGUN STATE
IJU-ISHAGA	HARUNA-OGBA
YABA	OKOTA

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**5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 2023**

THEME: AT THE FULLNESS OF TIME

**READING: PSALM 2; ISAIAH 62:10-12;
GALATIANS 4:1-7; JOHN 1:14-18.**

Today, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we gather to reflect on the theme: "At the Fullness of Time." Our guiding text comes from Galatians 4:4 and John 1:14-18.

Galatians 4:4 says, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law." This verse, in its remarkable simplicity, encapsulates the splendour of God's extraordinary plan for redemption. The phrase "fullness of time" is not just a reference to a chronological moment; it is a declaration of divine timing, a testament to God's perfect orchestration of events that led to the birth of Jesus Christ.

This perfect orchestration is further echoed in John 1:14-18. Here, the apostle John beautifully explains the essence of the Christian faith. We are reminded that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, came into the world at the appointed time to reveal the grace and truth of God to humanity.

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). This statement is profound. The eternal Word, who was with God and was God (John 1:1), took on human form and lived among us. In Jesus, we see the glory of God - a glory full of grace and truth.

These verses remind us that God operates on a divine timeline, one that is perfectly orchestrated for the fulfillment of His purposes. As we reflect on them, let's explore the significance of "the fullness of time" and how it applies to our personal lives.

Firstly, the "fullness of time" emphasizes God's Sovereign Plan. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." God, the author of time, is in absolute control of all events and circumstances. Just as He prepared the world for the arrival of His Son, He is also at work in our lives, unfolding His plans in His perfect timing. Our lives are not subject to random chance or mere coincidence, but are part of a larger, divine narrative.

Secondly, the concept of "the fullness of time" underscores the importance of Waiting and Patience. Psalm 27:14 instructs us, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" As we navigate through the different seasons in our lives, we may find ourselves eagerly looking forward to blessings, opportunities, or resolutions. However, it's essential to remember that God's timing is perfect, and waiting on Him can lead to spiritual growth and maturity.

Thirdly, "the fullness of time" teaches us about Preparation and Expectation. Proverbs 16:9 says, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." As we wait, we are called to prepare ourselves



Next, the "fullness of time" signifies Redemption and Restoration. Isaiah 43:19 declares, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." The arrival of Jesus signaled the ultimate act of redemption for humanity, and it reminds us of the potential for God to bring about healing and restoration in our personal lives.

Reflecting on "the fullness of time" reminds us to trust in God's Faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23 assures us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." We are encouraged to trust in His promises, knowing that in His perfect timing, He will fulfill them.

Points to note

1. **God's Purposeful Timing:** The understanding of "the fullness of time" also reveals God's purposeful timing. He does not act randomly or haphazardly, but with purpose and intention. Romans 8:28 reminds us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." This tells us that even during periods of waiting or uncertainty, God is working out His purpose in our lives.
2. **The Role of Faith:** Emphasize the role of faith in understanding and accepting the "fullness of time". Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Even when we cannot see God's plan, faith assures us that God is working in His perfect timing.
3. **The Fullness of Time and the Power of Hope:** The concept of "the fullness of time" also provides a source of hope. Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." As we trust in God's timing, we can maintain a hopeful attitude, knowing that He will fulfill His promises.
4. **The Fullness of Time and God's Unfailing Love:** The unfolding of God's plan in the "fullness of time" is a testament to His unfailing love for us. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God's plan was set in motion because of His great love for us, and that love is constant and unfailing regardless of

2024 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Date: Monday, 8th January, 2024
Venue: First Baptist Church Olowu
Worship Leader: Methodist Priest
Intercessors: Rev. David Osagbodje
Preacher: Ven. G.A. Fawole

Date: Tuesday, 9th January, 2024
Venue: Bola Memorial Ang. Church, Ikeja
Worship Leader: First Baptist Church, Olowu, Ikeja
Intercessors: Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
Preacher: Very. Rev. O.E. Daramola

Date: Wednesday, 10th January, 2024
Venue: Archbishop Vining Mem. Church Cathedral
Worship Leader: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Alausa
Intercessors: Ven. E Oluwadare
Preacher: Rev. Dr. K.S. Ogokunle

Date: Thursday, 11th January, 2024
Venue: St. Leo's Catholic Church, Toyin, Ikeja
Worship Leader: St. Luke's the Physician, LASUTH, Ikeja
Intercessors: Rev. Dr. Dele Ajayi
Preacher: Rev. Canon Opeyemi Ibikunle

Date: Friday, 12th January, 2024
Venue: Methodist Church, Opebi, Ikeja
Worship Leader: Strong Tower Baptist Church, Opebi
Intercessors: Rev. Lekan Adeosun
Preacher: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Omoroke SMMM

Date: Saturday, 13th January, 2024
Venue: Anglican Church of Ascension, Opebi,
Worship Leader: DIMAC, G.R.A. Ikeja
Intercessors: Rev. P.O. Okunlola
Preacher: Ven. Ebenezer Adewole

Sunday, 14th January – Thanksgiving in every church

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

(a) Hospital Visitation every 3rd and last Sundays of the month.
 (b) Prison visitation every 2nd Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2nd Sunday of the month after 10.00a.m Service at the Church gallery. For more information, call (08033136370 and 08036695837).

G. Intercessory Ministry

This Group meets for prayers every Tuesday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. They visit the sick and all those needing spiritual support and prayers etc after 7.00am Midweek Communion service every Wednesday. Please avail yourself of the services of this group as and when required.

H. Men & Women of Grace Fellowship

1. Are you a widower or a widow?
2. Are you aware of the existence of above fellowship for widowers and widows?
3. If yes to no. 1, Are you a registered member of the fellowship?
4. Kindly pick and complete a registration form to register or update your data.

Identify with one and other via care, love and support by fellowshiping of God's grace every last Thursday of the month at 11. 00am.

For the fellowship's objectives, registration form and other information, visit the church office or call 08023125243.



D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3rd Floor of Vining house within the Church complex. Laundry services are also available. Contact us on 09158070000 and 09158060000.

E. Admission to DLW Vocational Center, City of God, 10 Majiyagbe Layout, Ipaja.

The form for DLW Vocational Center is out. The programme includes *(Catering, Clothing & Fashion, I.T. Computer, Textile Design, Photography, Shoe & Leather work, Barbing & Hairdressing)*. Kindly note that registration forms are available in all Archdeaconry Headquarters and the Dean's Office.

17. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biro. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. Children are better and safer in the Sunday School.

B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session. Counselees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding, undergo crash programmes because of their time limitations.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR ALTERNATE POWER SUPPLY i.e. SOLAR AND INVERTER TO ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL

We invite reputable and competent contractor and power providers to please submit quotation for the provision and installation of Solar panels and inverters as necessary and applicable to serve as alternative source of power generating to the entire Cathedral buildings i.e the Dean's building, the Canon Residency house, the Priest Quarters, the service building and the entire security office of the Cathedral.

Premises to be visited during office hours of between 9.00am and 4.00pm contact Mr Daniel Oluwaseun on 08127112493 for access to the premises.

All tenderers to pay and submit a non-refundable application receipt of Twenty thousand Naira only (N20,000) to AVMCC Zenith Bank 1011097083.

Submission of tender comprising current prices, validity period, work experience/similar work executed etc, duration of work should be addressed in a sealed envelope to THE DEAN, AVMCC, IKEJA. And to reach him not later than 3 weeks from the date of this publication of this tender invitation. (Date to be after 1st publication in the bulletin) or send an e-mail to

5. The Fullness of Time and the Call to Action: Just as God acted in the "fullness of time", we, too, are called to act when the time is right. Ecclesiastes 3:17 says, "I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work." As we understand God's timing in our lives, we also recognize when it's our time to act - whether that's to serve, to give, to speak, or to remain silent.

6. The Fullness of Time and Eternal Perspective: This concept also helps us to cultivate an eternal perspective. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Understanding the "fullness of time" helps us to focus not just on our present circumstances, but also on the eternal significance of our lives. In Conclusion, As we step into the new year, let us carry the profound truth encapsulated in "the fullness of time." May we approach 2024 with hearts prepared to trust in God's timing, to wait with hope and expectation, and to embrace His faithfulness in every aspect of our lives. In doing so, we can find assurance and peace, knowing that the same sovereign God who orchestrated the arrival of Christ at the perfect moment is also at work in our lives, guiding us according to His loving and purposeful plan.

May God fill us with His wisdom and grace as we embark on this new year. Amen.

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7. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices and Thanksgiving must get to Church Office not later than Thursday of the week.

HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)

1. Let Your blessings, Lord, attend us,
As we go out of this place,
And abiding in Your presence
Basking in Your joy and grace.
2. Let us in Your sight find favour
In all on which our hands lay
Make Your face Lord shine upon us
As You lead us on our way.
3. May Your heavenly peace surround us
Turn our darkness into light,
Give us strength, now and forever
So, to live within Your might.
4. God, our compassionate Father,
Look upon us with mercy
Let Your Name receive our praises

9. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 24 – December 30

7.00 am Holy Communion	795
7.00 am Youth Service	230
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	523
10.00 am Youth Service	123
10.00 am Sunday School	-
-	-
Tuesday Christmas Service	1,045
Wednesday Holy Communion	90
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	-

10. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church

- *Anglican Fellowship*
- *Lord Labourers Fellowship*

11. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 31th Dec. 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs A. Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Sis Boladuro Ajibola.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 7th Jan., 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs Amah- Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs E. Osibajo.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 31st Dec. - Saturday, 6th Jan., 2024

Bolaji Dania (**Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, (**Assistant Captain**), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioké, Segun Openiyi, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo.

ii. Sunday 7th Jan. - Saturday, 13th Jan. 2024

Oyebanji Toba (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba, (**Assistant Captain**), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioké, Olusegun Esan, Eniola Michael Ojika, Femi Femi Odeyemi

14. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Epiphany 1 January 7

Theme: How God Leads

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38a

Layreader F. Okey Ogbu

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Preacher: The Dean

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ayodeji Oluwatusin

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ayodeji Oluwatusin

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38a

Layreader Bisi Onayemi

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Preacher: The Diocesan

6.00 pm: EUCHARIST WITH ANOINTING

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon A.

Oluwatusin

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38a

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

15. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

3rd NOTICE:

1. *Mr Jackson Ifeanyi & Miss Uchenna Nwagbo*

16. NOTICES

A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:
Monday – Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm
Closed on Saturday & Sunday.

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity.

C. Vining Bookshop

Kindly patronize the Bookshop at Adetiloye House,



Friday, January 5, 2024 Colour: White
 6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
 7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Old Age Concerns
 Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*
 Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Psalm 71:1-24
Lay. Helen Adewale

Gospel: *John 11:17-27, 38-44*
 Hymns: *CONH 116, CONH 677, CONH 120*
 Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*
 Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Oluwaseun Aderogba, his family and all members of the Diocese of Jebba.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ebenezer Okuyelu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Osun North East.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Mojinyinolaoluwa Adelus, Mrs Adefunke Odumosu, Mrs Olufunke Adeyanju, Miss Anulika Onwuazor, Danladi Joseph, Miss Chidindu Victoria, Mrs Eunice Ogungbe.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Afere Family, Afolabi Family, Afolayan Family, Afun Family, Afuye Family, Agara Family, Agazie Family, Agbaje Family, Agbakwu Family, Agbaniyaka Family.

Saturday, January 6, 2024 Colour: White
 The Epiphany of our Lord

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
 7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Two needs of a Leader
 Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*
 Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Psalm 72:1-14
Lay. Edith Cooney

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*
 Hymns: *CONH 126, CONH 509, CONH 455*
 Preacher: *The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin*
 Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Festus Sobanke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Omu-Aran.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Ebunoluwa Adesanya, Mr Abiodun Akinjayeju, Mrs Alice Owolabi, Miss Sandra Ibeneme, Mrs Blessing Mgbemena, Mrs Enitan Obe, Mr Jonathan Odia, Mr James Ononiwu, Mrs Agnes Williams.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Agbara Family, Agbasi Family, Agbasimalo Family, Agbeje Family, Agbo Family, Agbola Family, Agbonkhina Family, Agbonviri Family, Agboola Family, Agbugba Family.

4.00 pm Baptism
 4.00 pm Youth Fellowship



12. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATION	PHONE NO
1.	Mr. Cyril Nwannunu	Egbeda	08033480112
2.	Mrs. Georgina Bamigboye	Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1	08023414415
3.	Obum Osy-Onyekwelu	Maryland Crescent	08036684298
4.	Victor Adenuoye	Fagba	08069206291
5.	Lady Gina Okolo	Mangoro Ikeja	08033235796
6.	Ugochi osinwe	College Road, Ogba	08092147012
7.	Rtd. Col. C. O. Ajala	54, New Ipaja Road	08081654907
8.	Mrs. Ebele S. Okere	Ajao Estate	08023270247
9.	Chukwuemeka Ejiofor	Dopemu	07030463556
10.	Adekoya M. O.	Toyin Street, Ikeja	
11.	Olusunkanmi King	Maryland	
12.	Chinyere Umealo	Oregun	08033052131
13.	Ada Obi	Cement	08062074465
14.	Obi Divine	Cement	08062074465
15.	Mrs. Udoka Omoniyi	Fagba	08023082792
16.	Mayokun Ogedengbe	Anifowose	08069530744
17.	Gbadeyan Ademola	Alagbole /Akute	08171373722
18.	Chinyere Okpara	Adealu	08035792201
19.	Umeadi Juliana	Dopemu	08057474558
20.	Bro. I.O Odeniran	Opebi	08023096565
21.	Umeadi Christopher	Dopemu Road, Agege	08055901853
22.	Tochi Anyalewechi	Oke-Ira, Ogba	
23.	Mrs Teju Akindolire	Ogudu, GRA	08175160830
24.	Mr Tunji Odeneye	Gbagada	08033163337
25.	Mr Makinde Ogunleye	Omole Phase 2	08033078004
26.	Barr. F. Okey Ogbu	Iyana-Ipaja	08023192145
27.	Princewill Ihemerendu	Mafoluku	

13. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 1, 2024 Colour: White
6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
7.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion
Theme: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Celebrant: *The Diocesan*
O.T. Reading: Genesis 17:19-24
Epistle: Romans 4:8-14
Gospel: Luke 2:21-24
Hymns: *CONH 164, 509, 50, 60, 403, 428, 168.*

Preacher: *The Diocesan*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Wisdom Ihunwo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger Delta North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Ogochukwu Anukaenyi, Mr Samuel Chukwudum, Mrs Folasade Ogunsakin, Mrs Ngozi Ekekezie, Mr Demuvi Eferakeya, Mr Obinna Kanu, Sir Chitto Ezeani, Engr. Chigozie Nze, Mr Paul Igbide, Mrs Amaka Joe-Nwagbo, Mr Madu Manhattan, Engr. Gabriel Okoli, Engr. Uche Nwoji, Mr Nnamdi Obi, Mrs Florence Oguchi, Mrs Chinyere Okeke, Ms Susan Olorunhundo, Miss Chidinma Olugbuo, Mr Samuel Olanrewaju, Mr Abiodun Oluseye, Mr Iziken Omiunu, Mr Humphrey Opara, Mr Alexander Okorochoa, Ms Chinazor Agbasimalo, Mrs Ada Agbasimalo, Mrs Frances Nwadigo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adeoya Family, Adeoye Family, Adepoju Family, Aderemi Family, Adereti Family, Aderibigbe Family, Aderinboye Family, Aderoba Family, Adesakin Family, Adesanya Family.

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: Recount His Deeds
Celebrant: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*
Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Psalm 9:1-20 –
Lay. Obi. Achonye
Gospel: *John 6:1-14*
Hymns: *CONH 18, CONH 32, CONH 22*

Preacher: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Solomon Olusola Akanbi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Offa.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Prosper Afam Amah, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ogbaru.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Beatrice Agbola, Miss Shirley Agu, Mr Frank Ajala, Arc Omololu Akinbobola, Mr Adeolu Aladesawe, Mrs Amarachi Diala, Mrs Oluchi George, Mrs Elechi Godson-Ikoro, Onyedikachi Ejike-Kanu, Mrs Grace Nwosu, Mrs Phoebe Ogbu, Mr Festus Okiya, Miss Divine Agbo, Mr Nwabueze Ubani, Mr Oduntan Dada, Mrs Joy Ubaka, Mr George Eze, Mr Ugochukwu Anemeje.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adesegun Family, Adeshina Family, Adesida Family, Adesina Family, Adesina-Ola Family, Adesoye Family, Adesulu Family, Adesunloye Family, Adetayo Family, Adetola Family.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: Be sincere with God
Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*
Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Psalm 10:1-18 –
Lay. Y. Agbaniyaka
Gospel: *John 6:15-27*
Hymns: *CONH 123, CONH 834, CONH 827, CONH 458.*

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chukwuma Oparah, his family and all members of the Diocese of Owerri.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Jezreel Vandeh, his family and all members of the Diocese of Zaki Biam.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Unogu Ijeoma, Miss Olubusola Agboola, Miss Ifeoma Agu, Mr Ernest Elue, Mrs Joyce Ezeigbo, Mrs Bolanle Odutayo, Dame Elizabeth Omene, Mrs Titilayo Fasogbon.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adetunji Family, Adewakun Family, Adewale Family, Adewole Family, Adewoyin Family, Adeyanju Family, Adeyelu Family, Adeyemi Family, Adeyemo Family, Adeyoola Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's
Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer
7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: Where do you take refuge
Celebrant: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*
Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Psalm 11:1-7 –
Lay. Gloria Okeke

Gospel: *John 9:1-12, 35-38*

Hymns: *CONH 785 (I), CONH 822, CONH 821*

Preacher: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Godfrey Ekpenisi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ika.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Joshua Sunday Oyinlola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Irele Ese Odo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief Babatope Bejide, Miss Ogechi Emerenini, Mr Chuka Mgbemena, Mrs Folasade Olupitan, Mr Babatunde Osonuga, Miss Oluwakemi Ojo, Mr Williams Smith, Master Ayodele Osunleti, Mrs Florence Ogunwumi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adeyoye Family, Adiele Family, Adieme Family, Adiqun Family, Adiqwe Family,



WISDOM / TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CONTRACTORS

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your Spirit of wisdom hover over the site and take charge of every thought and activity.

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded (Exod 36:1)

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill us with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skills needed to build to Your glory.

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (Exod. 31:3)

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, saturate the entire atmosphere as we build with wisdom that descend from above.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3:15).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your fear permeate the heart of everyone that will touch this project.

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Exod. 39:9)

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that everyone will hand this project with truth and integrity of heart

And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. (Gen. 39:6)

SPEEDY COMPLETION, NO DELAY

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, frustrate every mischievous plan to wreak havoc on any member/worker to cause a delay on the project.

That Sanballat and Gashem sent unto me

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your divine hand be upon this project for unique supernatural speed.

And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (1Kgs 18:46).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, stir up the hearts of people in high places to support and work for this project and not against it.

Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me (Nehemiah 2:9).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill the hearts of every worker on the site, that no one will be an agent of delay.

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6).

REVIVAL AND MIRACLE SEASON

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, wrought wonders that will proclaim Your majestic power in our midst this season.

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses (Josh 1:3).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your presence be present always to heal and deliver anytime we gather.

"And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17)

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, go before your church and miraculously make a way, and supply every need of this project.

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel (Isaiah 45:2-3).

That Sanballat and Gashem sent unto me



5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that at every gathering, You will send Your Word to us in power.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37)

SHUTTING THE MOUTH OF SANBALLAT AND TOBIAT GERSHEM

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, disappoint every plan of the enemy over this project, show your strength and power to do the impossible.

And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God (Nehemiah 6:16).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, shut up every satanic agent assigned to weaken the hands of the Church.

Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:4-5).

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, close every legal, policy, or religious door opened to attack this project.

Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:23-24).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, as far as this work is concerned, raise a standard against everyone who will stand as enemy.

REFURBISHMENT PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Psalm 127:1).

Prayer is the key in any kingdom assignment. As we finally commence the Cathedral refurbishment project, it is important for every member of the Cathedral (and non-members) to be mobilized in prayer.

The following are scriptural prayer points that God has commanded us to pray at our personal prayer time, family altar, every ministry or society time of prayer and fellowship.

Please let us be committed and dedicated to these prayers.

THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for You are so good to us. Your love and mercy towards us in this Cathedral are boundless and immeasurable. We are extremely grateful. Especially, for the commencement of the refurbishment of the Cathedral. You are always working things out for our good, and we trust that this time You will also come through for us. Help us to rest in the truth that You are our Creator and that there nothing impossible for You. Thank You loving and faithful Father, for who You are in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

ABUNDANT PROVISION

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, open the floodgate of abundant provisions that will be enough to start and complete the work within the record time.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, bless and make every member a channel of blessing

And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning (Exod 36:3).

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let the love of your house fill our hearts to give in abundance as the work goes on.

And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make (Exod 36:5).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that we shall never experience lack and paucity of fund till the work is completed

And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, let neither man nor woman make any more work for the

