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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2025 Theme:

" BE A BEACON OF LIGHT" – Matt. 5:16

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, 16th Feb. - Saturday, 22nd Feb. 2025 Septuagesima

Theme: God: The Righteous Judge 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOSTLES OF PEACE AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS ANNIVERSARY

Colour: Green

Dr. Davo Omogbehin Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuvi Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West Please Take A Copy

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

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 16th February, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

7TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOSTLES OF PEACE

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: Apostles of Peace

The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: The Diocesan

Intercessor: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

- Processional Hymn: CONH 71
- Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence- **The Dean**
- ❖ The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-13
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 397
 ❖ The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
- **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 624, 810, 608, 418
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 835
- Post Communion Prayer
- **❖** The Anniversary
 - i. Apostles of Peace Anthem
 - ii. Rededication of Members
 - iii. Apostles of Peace members, Patrons & Patroness
- **❖** Thanksgiving
 - i. 84th birthday thanksgiving of Mazi Sam Ajagu & God's numerous blessings.
 - ii. Thanksgiving of Investiture of Sir Chika & Lady Ekpereka Onuorah into the Council of Knight of Saint Christopher (KSC), Birthday of Sir Chika Onuorah and God's numerous blessings on the family.
 - iii Annual thanksgiving for the Special Marshal Unit 25 /Traffic Control Unit of AVMCC.
 - iv. The Churching of Mrs Jessica King for the gift of a baby boy & God's numerous blessings.
 - v. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Chief Benjamin Otitoju Olajide and journey mercies.
- Doxology CONH 491
- Benediction & Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 477

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.

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VESTRY ELECTION 2025

This year's Vestry Meeting and Elections will hold on Sunday 23rd February, 2025 after 10.00am Service. The following Offices will be contested for:

i. Cathedral Warden (1)

ii. Standing Committee Members (10)

As at the close of Nominations, the following persons have submitted valid forms to contest for the posts listed:

Cathedral Warden:

1. Dr. OMOGBEHIN Dayo (APOSTLES OF PEACE)

Standing Committee:

1. Mrs ADEWALE Helen (YWCA)

2. Mr IBIDAPO-OBE Taiwo (FOUNTAIN OF HOPE)

3. Mrs OGHENEKARO Pauline (CHRISTIAN FAMILY)

4. Mrs ALABI Olufunmilayo (BANI

(BAND OF FAITH)

5. Mr OJUOKO Adeoye6. Mrs COOKEY Edith

(TORCHBEARERS) (DAUGHTERS OF LIGHT)

7. Mrs AGU Patience (GOOD SHEPHERD)

8. Mr ADEYANJU Tola

(YMCA)

9. Mr OGUNMOYERO Bosun (ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP)

APOSTLES OF PEACE 7TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME



B. 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION CHRISTIAN FRIENDS SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: The Dean

The Epistle: Christian Friends

The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: The Diocesan

Intercessor: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Processional Hymn: CONH 73

Praise & Worship

Preparation to Penitence— The Dean

❖ The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 397❖ The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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 394, 617, 416, 827

❖ The Ablution: CONH 835

Post Communion Prayer

***** The Anniversary

- i. Christian Friends Society Anthem
- ii. Rededication of Members
- iii. Christian Friends members, Patrons & Patroness

Thanksgiving

- The Okebata Family thanking God for the 60th birthday of Mrs Ifeoma Okebata; successful graduation of their Son (Odinakachi Okebata) at Unilag, gift of another granddaughter and God's numerous blessings.
- ii. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Mr Julius Ayodele Fadahunsi & journey mercies.
- iii. Thanksgiving after burial of Late Mr Anthony Uwa (husband of Mrs Sarafina Uwa) & journey mercies.
- Doxology CONH 491
- Benediction
- Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 435

C. EVENTS AHEAD

- 1. DLW 1st Quarter Vigil Friday, 21st February, 2025 at AVMCC at 10.00pm.
- 2. VESTRY MEETING Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 after 10.00am Service
- 3. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wed. 5th March, 2025 at 6.00pm.
- 4. Wardens & Account Officers Retreat Saturday, 8th March, 2025 at Anglican Ascension, Opebi
- 5. Diocesan Women's Quiet Day 8th March, 2025 at 8.00am.
- 6. Spiritual Conference –Organised by Christian Brothers Saturday, 8th March, 2025 at 9.00am.
- 7. Collation of Mothers Union Sunday, 16th March, 2025 at 2.00pm
- 8. MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday, 30th March, 2025.
- 9. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 2.00pm.

D. **AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2025 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

- Sunday Feb. 16, 2025 Ascension Fellowship 1.
- 2. Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 – Vestry Meeting
- Sunday Mar. 2, 2025 -Ambassadors of Christ 3.
- Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 -Agape Sisters 4.
- 5. Sunday Mar 16, 2025 -Collation of
 - Mothers Union
- Sunday Mar 23, 205 -Band of Faith 6.
- 7. Sunday Mar. 30,2025 -Band of Grace
- 8. Sunday April 6, 2025 -**Enrolment of Mothers**

Union

9. Sunday, April 13, 2025- Palm Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform parishioners and other users of our facilities, that may need to have services at the Tent church or reception ceremonies at any of our halls, that decorations must be done the day prior to the event, and must be concluded by 10pm. This is for security reasons amongst others. Thank You.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

G. 7.00am & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

The Rev. Michael Obembe Celebrant: **Preacher:** The Rev. Michael Obembe **God: The Righteous Judge** Theme:

Opening Hymn: CONH 71 The Preparation to Penitence

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13 The Gospel: * Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

- Nicene Creed to Intercession
- The Peace
- Offertory: **Praises**
- (a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Worship Songs
- Post Communion Prayer
- Youth Anthem *
- Notices
- Prayer & Benediction
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 477





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21. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. <u>Venue:</u> The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. <u>Time:</u> 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. <u>Adult Education Programme:</u> This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

22. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OBITUARIES

We announce the passing into glory of our Father,
Mr Emmanuel Adedeji Oyeneye of Charity Band and
Choir. Burial arrangements are as follows:
 Service of Songs: On Wednesday, 19th February 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
 Commendation Service: On Thursday, 20th February, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

2. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Agnes Fawole of YWCA. Burial arrangements are as follows:

<u>Wake Keep:</u> On Thursday, 20th February, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

<u>Funeral Service:</u> On Friday, 21st February, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

3. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Oladiran Rufus. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Wake Keep: On Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 at No 57, Haruna Street, off College Road, Ogba, Lagos State at 4.00pm.

<u>Funeral Service:</u> On Wednesday, 26st February, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

4. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Chief Clement Babatola of CUBN. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Service of Songs: On Thursday, 27th Feb. 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

Funeral Service: On Friday, 28th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

5. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Chief Babatunde Adefarati of CUBN. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Service of Songs: On Tuesday, 8th April. 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.

Wake Keep: On Thursday, 24th April, 2025 at Oka Akoko at 4.00pm.

Funeral Service: On Friday, 25th April, 2025 at St. John's Anglican Church, Oka Akoko at 9.00am.

H. 6.00pm. EVENSONG

Cantor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Cantor: Layreader Success Okeke
Preacher: Layreader Yemisi Agbaniyaka

Sponsor: Asension Fellowship
Organist: Sir Chinedu Osinigwe

❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 867

Call to WorshipPraise Worship

❖ Lesson: Mark 4:1-20- Ascension Fellowship

❖ Hymn: CONH 822

Short Exhortation & Prayer

❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed

& Sunday Offering

❖ Thanksgiving

Closing Prayer

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 131

2. SENTENCES FOR SEPTUAGESIMA Introductory Sentence

Whoever keeps the Word of Christ grows perfect in love for God. I John 2:5.

Collect:

Eternal God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is for all mankind the Way, the Truth, and the Life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth, and to share His risen life; who is alive and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

Post Communion Sentence

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. **Psalm 19:7.**

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.

3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2025

- A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for **Christian Denominations and Organizations**
- Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola for grace to hear from the Lord on daily basis in line with God's mandate in their episcopacy.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Babatunde Ogunbanwo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu South West.

B. Prayer for Nigeria & the World

- 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 Islamnization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.
- ii. Pray that the Lord shall silence every rumour of war in the world especially in those countries where they are not at rest as at today.
- iii. Pray for the political leaders in our country that fear of God shall overshadow them.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- Pray for those who are waiting on God for favour in our
- ii. Pray for grace of God and divine help concerning the forthcoming harvest.
- iii. Pray that the joy of the Lord will be our portion in AVMCC.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Alukanna Family, Aluko Family, Aluko-Obafemi Family, Amade Family, Amadi Family, Amaechi Family, Amah Family, Amah-Jerry Family, Amaikwu Family, Amam-Okeke Family.

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

- For Miss Modupe Asefon, Arc. Amara Nwokeji, Mrs Dorothy Kalu, Ms Olutunu Ogunleye, Mr Paul Egbo, Mr Nnamdi Ugwuanyi, Mr Omoyeni Oni, Mrs Stella Ohuabunwa 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, Mrs. Gladys Odedairo, 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 book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.





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20. 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
- Money Counting Machine
- Desktop Computer System
- "60" Inch Television
- Sony XDCAM PMW-EX3 Camera for AVMCC Media
- 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 VINYL FLOOR CARPET = 469,220 Premium underlay for crèche 47,800

15. 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.

16. VACANCIES

(A) Maintenance Officer: Is urgently needed. 5 years working experience in reputable Construction Firm Registered Builder (NIDB) B.Tech in or HND in Building Interested persons to submit their application to the Cathedral Office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

17. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHOIR

Arrangements has been made to start music classes to improve music literacy of Choristers and others who intend to join the choir. The classes has started. **Time** 9am – 12noon at the Chapel.

18. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kindly register with Rev. Adefope Adetujoye on 0803-5552146. Thank you.

19. <u>2025 Intersociety Bible Quiz Competition.</u>

The Books and Area of Study are:

- 1. The Book of Ezra
- 2. Galatians
- 3. 2025 Bible Study Outline (Jan-June)
- 4. History of AVMCC (The Chronicles)
- 5. Anglicanism

4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2025

THEME: GOD: THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE READING: PSALM 34:11-18; ISAIAH 30:18-21; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-13; MATTHEW 5:1-12

On this Septuagesima Sunday, it is with great joy that I welcome you to church and it is my prayers that "El-Roi" (The Lord who sees) will step into your matter or situations this week and surround you and your family with great testimonies in name of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

Today is Septuagesima Sunday and historically, Septuagesima Sunday is the ninth Sunday before Easter and the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The word Septuagesima comes from the Latin word for "seventieth" signifying that it is a period which falls within 70 days before Easter

This is a signal that we are closer to the Lenten Season because this Septuagesima Sunday is a period which is sometimes called Pre-Lent that begins on this day and ends on Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) when lent begins. Once again, I say congratulations to you for seeing this special Sunday again in Year 2025.

The topic before us this morning is a critical one which speaks about one of the Characters of God in ensuring orderliness and sanitizing the creation He has made. This topic is God: A Righteous Judge. However, before examining this truth, let us carry out some definition of terms:

WHO IS A JUDGE?

By definition, a judge is a government official responsible for presiding over court proceedings, interpreting the law and making judgments or decisions on the cases brought before them. The role of judges in the society cannot be undermined as they play a crucial role in the administration of justice, ensuring order and upholding the rule of law

WHO IS A RIGHTEOUS PERSON?

To be righteous is to do thing in a right way without seeking for people's approval or accolade. From this definition, a righteous judge is a person that dispenses right judgment without bias or prejudice and he or she is consistent in doing this.

THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES OF A JUDGE

Going from the known to the unknown; in order to be more precise, there are some important responsibilities or duties that are peculiar to a judge and they will be itemized for proper understanding below;

- Interpreting the law: in carrying out this task, the judge analyzes statutes, precedents and constitutional provisions to apply the law to specific cases. It is the duty of the judge to provide clarity to the law so that a layman can properly understand its interpretation.
- **Presiding over court proceedings:** here, the judge is vested with the responsibility of managing the flow of cases brought to the Law Court for hearing and also ensuring that fairness and impartiality is meted out to all.
- Making judgment and decisions: one of the critical areas
 of the duties of a judge is to make tough decisions or
 judgment and when doing this, the judge weighs evidence,
 arguments and applicable laws to render verdicts or
 decisions. Since these decisions or verdicts are crucial, they
 are always careful in ensuring that the needed evidences are
 gotten before making pronouncements.
- Ensuring due process: it is not only enough that verdicts are made by the judge, he or she also ensure the protection of the rights of all parties involved including the defendants, plaintiffs and witnesses.

Maintaining Courtroom decorum: another duty that the
judge performs is to ensure that respect, order and dignity is
being enforced in the courtroom. The judge is supposed to
take charge of his or her courtroom no matter how tensed
the case being handled is.

We needed to understand these responsibilities so that we can have a solid foundation for understanding God as a righteous judge for humanity.

A CURSORY LOOK AT GOD BEING A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

That God is a judge is a truth attested to in the Bible, but He is not only a judge, He is called the just and the Righteous judge both in deed and in words. This can be seen in passages of the scriptures likes Psalm 89:14, John 5:30, 1 Peter 1:17, Romans 2:5-11, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 among several others. Furthermore, in the Bible also, there are certain attributes that distinguishes God as a Righteous judge, this will be examined below;

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD AS RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

- Impartiality: if there is anything that is more pronounced about God being a righteous judge, it is that He is not partial. God judges without bias, favoritism or prejudices and all these are confirmed in different passages of scriptures like Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Romans 2:11.
- 2. Omniscience: this is another attribute that puts God in a class of Himself; He knows all things, His complete knowledge of all things including human thoughts, intentions and actions makes God superior to the judges of the World who are limited to certain information or knowledge before giving their verdicts. However, God is aware of all things; nothing is hidden before Him and this helps Him judge rightly (Psalm 139:1-4, Hebrews 4:13).
- 3. Righteousness: the judgment of God are based on His perfect righteousness, justice and holiness, that is why people run to Him for justice because they are aware that due to His nature He cannot lie or change justice to favor anyone regardless of their class, ethnicity or gender etc. Scriptural backing for this is contained in Psalm 96:13, Revelation 19:2.
- 4. Mercy and Compassion: the judgments of God are tempered with mercy and compassion, offering forgiveness and redemption to those who repent genuinely. This attribute shows that God is not interested in destroying people especially those who have erred but rather He is concerned about their restoration and rehabilitation. So as He gives His judgments over them, He does it with mercy and compassion also. This is found is Psalm 103:8-14 and Luke 6:36.
- 5. Giving Audience to all parties: this attributes is a very crucial one when it comes to God being called the righteous God. Although, He is aware of what had already happened, God will still allow both the offended person and the offender to speak before Him, He would give thosepeople chances to report their deeds and weigh their intentions peradventure as they speak the offender would recognize his or her fault and repent. This attribute also strengthens the claim of God as impartial and fair in all His dealings.

There are several practical examples of God giving His righteous verdict as a Righteous Judge in the Bible; three of those instances are as follow;

• The Judgment of God as regards the Flood: this is recorded in Genesis 6-9, here God pronounced His righteous judgment over the wickedness of humanity after several warnings to them and they failed to repent. However, in the midst of the judgment, He preserved only Noah and His family who were known to have walked perfectly before Him while the rest of the humanitywere soiled in their wickedness or evil deeds.

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- . Strictly Feminine Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 3.00p.m
- iii. Youth Fellowship every Saturday by 3.00pm.

Sunday:7.00am. & 10.00am. Services

Venue: Youth Chapel (2nd Floor, Adetiloye House) **Strictly Feminine** – **Co-ord** –**Sola Aladesawe** - **08135431392. Just 4 Guys Co-ord.** – **Okechukwu Ofoegbu** - **08064463886**

D. Elderly Ministry

All Senior Citizens are welcome every first and second Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00pm.

- i. Medical Check-up in the Clinic; Spiritual Talks; Games /Exercises and Handicrafts in the Vining Hall.
- Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.
- iii. 2025 Bible Quiz Book The Book of Zechariah

E. Evangelical Ministry

i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1st& 3rd Monday of the Month at 1st Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2nd Saturday has been shifted to 3rd Saturday.

ii. Home Fellowships:

All Parishioners and their friends are encouraged to attend a Home Fellowship of their Choice and convenience near their homes or work places. Please check the list of Home Fellowship Centres.

iii. Visitation:

Do you know any Parishioner who needs to be visited by the Church? Please send the name and address to the Evangelical Ministry, the Intercessors or the Dean for a follow-up.

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

(a) Hospital Visitation every 3^{rd} and last Sundays of the month. (b) Prison visitation every 2^{nd} Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2^{nd} 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 fellowshipping 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. 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*.

F. 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.

G. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos

Admission interview into Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) takes place on Saturday, 22nd February, 2025 at 10.00am at LABICO Office, 17 Broad Street, Lagos. Please obtain your admission form at the Church Office or contact: 08033083851. Admission form is N3,000.

H. Admission to Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin

The form for the school is out at the rate of N10,000.00. Payment should be made into Wema Bank Account No.0120980406. Account Name: Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin. Forms can be obtained from the Cathedral Office, please fill and submit to the school.

I. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools

- Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,
- Anglican Girls Grammar School, Surulere,
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga
- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, Bariga

The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of \$\text{N15,000}\$. Payment should be made into Union Bank Acct \$N0\$ 0002516850. Account Name: Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice.

14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPSA. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biros. 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.

Counsellees 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.

- The Judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah: this story is found in Genesis chapter 18 and 19 where God released His judgment upon the two cities due to their heinous acts of wickedness. He also warned them severally and even gave them opportunities to return to Him but they failed to do so and because He is a righteous judge He had to destroy the cities with all its inhabitants with only Lot and His family excluding His wife escaping that destruction.
- The Judgment of the Israelites in the Wilderness: Israel were promised during the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they will reach the promised land of Canaan; a land flowing with milk and honey, however because of their disobedience and unbelief especially as they sent 12 spies to spy Jericho and only two of them returned with faith-inspired positive news while the remaining 10 brought faithless report which invested the hearts of the people with fear; God then placed a judgment on the people that only Caleb and Joshua with their families will enter the Canaan land and it was so. Other references are in Numbers chapter 13 and 14 respectively.

IMPLICATIONS OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT TO US BELIEVERS

From the above discourse about the righteous Judge who is God, there are several implications of this profound truth to us as believers and it is important that we know them so that we can run the race before us without being condemned at the last day. the following are the implications we should note keenly;

- 1. It shows that we are all accountable to God: the fact that God is our creator and also a righteous judge portends that everything we do here on earth; our actions, intentions and decisions, we are accountable to God and we will give account of them to Him on the Day of Judgment. Every positions we are privileged to man or chair, the opportunities given to us shall be accounted for that day before His judgment seat and nothing shall be hidden from Him on the Day of Judgment (Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- 2. It provides Hope and Redemption: the righteous judgment of God offers hope for forgiveness, redemption and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ as it is found in John 3:16-18, Romans 5:1-2. Because we know He is a righteous judge who is compassionate and merciful, we can run to Him in repentance so that we don't have to face His wrath in judgment on the last day.
- 3. It gives us motivation for righteous living: since we are well aware that God is a righteous judge, this should motivates to keep doing the right things, knowing fully well that God will never deny us our rewards on the Day of Judgment (2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 1 Peter 1:13-16). If after knowing all this and we still choose to do the wrong things, we should then expect His righteous judgment, in releasing to us on the Day of Judgment the attendant punishments for our actions. God is not partial we will all be judged according to our deeds.

CONCLUSION

If you are reading this thought for the week this morning and you have not given your life to Jesus Christ, your judgment is already pronounced as recorded in John 3:16-18 and your end is eternal damnation, however if you repent today and run to Him for mercy, surrendering your life to God you can be rest assured that He will save you on the last day.

For the believers in Christ, this topic this morning is both a revelation and also a warning to us as believers; God is a righteous judge who will not bend the rule to favor anyone regardless of our class, titles, ethnic background or financial commitment to His kingdom. If we live according to His injunctions or His commandments as contained in the Bible, we can be sure that our rewards on the last day are certain but if after this understanding we continue in our wicked ways we should be prepared to face His judgment on the Day of Judgment also. Each of us will be judged according to what we use the opportunities of life (Talents, Treasures and Time) to do. I want to implore us as we prepare for the Lenten season that we retrace our steps, examine our lives to see whether we will not be ashamed when we face God on His judgment Seat on the Day of Judgment. Think about these!!!

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

February 9 – February 15, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	705
7.00 am Youth Service	245
7.00 am Sunday School	357
10.00 am Mattins	698
10.00 am Youth Service	135
10.00 am Sunday School	214
Tuesday Bible Study	98
Wednesday Holy Communion	145
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	105

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after service:

- **♣** Band of Grace Society
- **♣** Band of Glory Society
- **Band of Light Society**
- **♣** Band of Mercy Society
- **♣** Christian Unity Band
- **♣** Fountain of Hope Society
- Ladies Christian Circle
- **↓** Ladies Progressive League
- **↓** Lords Labourers Fellowship
- **♣** Good Shepherd Society
- **♣** Torchbearers Society
- **♣** The Lord Vessel Society

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 16th Feb., 2025 7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah. 10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm Ranti Adedeji, Sis. Nike Adefila, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 23rd February, 2025 7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Mrs Gina Okolo. 10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm Dele Ajala, Dr. Remi Oladapo-Sanu, Mrs Chinelo

B. **Security & Traffic Control**

Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

Sunday 16th Feb. - Saturday, 22nd Feb. 2025 i. Funso Fagbuyiro, (Captain), Helen Arhagba (Assistant Captain), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Odanye Mojisola, John Okocha, Anthony Uwa, Afam Ogeleka.

Sunday 23rd Feb. - Saturday, 1st Mar., 2025 ii. Bolaji Dania (Captain), Ogunleve Adeboboye, (Assistant Captain), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke, Segun Openiyi, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo, Ola Martins, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale.

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sexagesima February 23

Theme: **God: The Ultimate Healer**

Colour: Green

7.00 am: **HOLY COMMUNION**

> The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu Celebrant:

Epistle: James 5:13-16a

Layreader Pauline Oghenekaro

Mark 2:1-12 Gospel:

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: The Dean

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe The Rev. Michael Obembe Preacher:

MATTINS 10.00 am:

VESTRY MEETING

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju Cantor:

O.T. Reading: II Kings 5:1-14

Layreader O. Obisesan

N.T. Reading: Mark 2:1-12

Layreader Temitayo Gidado

The Dean Preacher:

1.00 pm: **VESTRY MEETING**

12. **BANNS 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 Ben Akachukwu & Miss Rose Alli

13. **NOTICES**

Α. **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:

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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, which opens at 9.00am-5.00pm Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am-4.00pm on Saturdays and 9.30am-2.00pm on Sundays.

Friday, February 21, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion Theme: Peter's Denial

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: II Cor. 4:1-12 -Lay. Bolaji Dania

Gospel: John 18:24-27

Hymns: CONH 118, CONH 282, CONH 452

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ephraim Ikeakor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Amichi.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Emmanuel Okwuchi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger Delta.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Lotachukwu Anyakora, Mr David Onwukanjo, Mr Chidi Ilo, Mrs Olabimpe Odutola-Osinaike, Mr Olufolahan Ogedengbe, Mrs Oyefunke Oshifowora, Mr Toba Oyebanji, Mrs Chinyere Gift-Okorie, Mr Mayowa Animasahun, Mr Uduehi Ighodalo, Mr Dominic Achon, Mr Taiye Bamigbola, Miss Kehinde Bamigbola.
- * For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Anyadikwa Family, Anyakora Family, Anyalewechi Family, Anyanechi Family, Anyaneti Family, Anyanti Family, Anyanwu Family, Apantaku Family, Ara Family, Arah Family.

9.00am Funeral Service for Late Mrs Agnes Fawole

11.00am 50th Birthday Service of Mrs Folasade Oyebanji & 50th birthday of Mr Toba Oyebanji

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion Theme: Born for a Reason

Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Epistle: II Cor. 4:13-5:10- Lay. Raymond Agu

Gospel: John 18:28-40

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 596, CONH 878

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Prof. Nneoyi Onen Egbe, his family and all members of Diocese of Calabar.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Sir. Olabode Ogunlela, Mrs Grace Amanumbu, Miss Temmidayo Ewenla, Mr Quadri Akintunde, Miss Chidinma Bielonwu, Mrs Ogochukwu Ezeokoli, Mr Charles Chinwuba, Miss Winifred Okolie, Mr Uchenna Ekwem, Mrs Temitope Mesinoye.
- * For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ardel Family, Are Family, Aregbesola Family, Areo Family, Arhagba Family, Arigbede Family, Arikenbi Family, Ariyibi Family, Ariyo Family, Aroboto Family.

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

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S/N	NAMES	LOCATIONS	PHONE NO
1.	SIS. SUCCESS	VINING	08170342970
2.	LADY GINA OKOLO	MANGORO	08033235796
3.	SIS. AMARACHUCKWU	IKEJA	08127786418
4.		CEMENT	08038503506
5.	BARR. OKEY OGBU	IYANA PAJA	08023192145
7.	MR. I. O. ODENIRAN	ОРЕВІ	08023096565
8.	MRS. AKINROTIMI	ABORU	08022791113 08134382592
9.	MRS. ALOFE	IJAIYE	08034857240
10.	BRO. MAYOKUN	ANIFOWOSE	08069530744
11.	SIS. OBUM OSY- ONYEKWELU	MARYLAND CRESCENT	08036684298
12.	VICTOR ADENUOYE	FAGBA	08069206291
13.	RTD. COL. C.O. AJALA	54, NEW IPAJA ROAD	08081654907
14.	CHINYERE UMEALO	OREGUN	08033052131

10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion
Theme: The Lord's Prayer

Ante Communion: Layreader Abeke Nubi Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: II Cor. 1:1-11 – Lay. Success Okeke

Gospel: John 17:1-19

Hymns: CONH 124, CONH 805, CONH 458 Preacher: Lavreader Louisa Nzekwe

Prayer Points:

❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Owen Nwokolo, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Niger.

- ❖ For the Most Revd. Alexander Ibezim, his family and all members of the Diocese of Awka.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Princess Adebola Omisore, Mr Christopher Mbonu, Engr. Gabriel Akingbade, Mrs Uchechukwu Mbakwe, Mr Emeka Nwabuike, Mrs Oluchi Nnadi, Mr Chiedozie Ike, Mrs Gozy Ijogun, Mrs Ifeoma Ozoadibe, Mrs Tejiri Aondofa, Mr Alex Omoregie.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Amanambu Family, Amanchukwu Family, Amarikwa Family, Amatu Family, Amisu Family, Amobi Family, Amucheazi Family, Amuchie Family, Amusan Family, Amushan Family.

3.00pm STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus prays for all believers Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere Epistle: II Cor. 1:12-22 - Lay. U. Akabike

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Hymns: CONH 126, CONH 802, CONH 877

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ndubuisi Obi, his family and all members of Province of Nnewi.
- For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Samuel Ezeofor, his family and all members of Diocese of Aguata.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Mercy Alukanna, Mr Love Awunor, Miss Uchenna Ebilah, Mr Moyosola Osibamowo, Mr David Melaiye, Mr Chinedu Uwadike, Barr. Oluseyi Olurotimi, Mr Samuel Yusuf, Mr Ikechukwu Bielonwu, Engr. Emmanuel Okojie.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Amuta Family, Amuzie Family, Anadu Family, Anaduaka Family, Anakor Family, Ananaba Family, Andrew Family, Aneke Family, Anekwe Family, Anemeje Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm 5.00pm - 6.00pm 6.00pm BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW Intercessory Prayer BIBLE STUDY

4.00pm Service of Songs for Late Mrs Victoria Ogagavworia - Vining Hall Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion Theme: The Power of I Am

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

Epistle: II Cor. 1:23-2:17 -Lay. Louisa Nzekwe

Gospel: John 18:1-11

Hymns: CONH 455, CONH 590, CONH 596

CONH 120

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

For the Rt. Revd. Prosper Afam Amah, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ogbaru.

- For the Rt. Rev. Prof. Israel 'Kelue Okoye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ihiala.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Olufemi Ogunyemi, Mr Francis Anyanechi, Mr Olusegun Ketiku, Mrs Kehinde Majekodunmi, Mrs Taiwo Mayuku, Mr Chukwuogor Nwofor, Mr Adegbola Ojarojade, Miss Omolola Fakeye, Mr Olaniyi Olorunsola, Mr Victor Okebata, Mr Akwenuke Oghenekaro, Mr Edozie Okeke, Mr Nwakanma Obinna, Mr Folashade Igun.
- * For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Angulu Family, Ani Family, Anibuali Family, Anieto Family, Anifowoshe Family, Anigbogu Family, Anikwe Family, Anikwenwa Family, Animasahun Family, Anionwu Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

12.00noon 60th birthday Service of

Mrs Olubukola Ajomale-Iyanda

4.00pm Service of Songs for

Late Mr Deji Oyeneye – Vining Hall

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

THEME: SALT & LIGHT - Matt. 5:13-14

Thursday, February 20, 2025 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion Theme: They bound Jesus

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: II Cor. 3:1-18 - Lay. Remi Onabolu

Gospel: John 18:12-23

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 570, CONH 1176

Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Prayer Points:

- For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Johnson N. Ekwe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger West.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Oluwafunmilayo Braimah, Miss Obiageli Iloeje, Rev. Tochukwu Enetanya, Mr Jameson Nwode, Mrs Bolaji Otegbeye, Mr Wole Ajomale, Mr Gbeminiyi Iyanda, Mrs Olubukola Iyanda, Miss Omowunmi Olugbusi, Miss Chinyere Ikene, Barr. Obinna Okereke, Mr Benson Onyemelukwe, Mrs Folasade Oyebanji, Mr Emeka Afamefuna, Mr Ibeawuchi Nwachukwu.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Anisiobi Family, Anoliefo Family, Anolue Family, Anozie Family, Anthony Family, Anukaenyi Family, Anuma Family, Anwo Family, Anyadiegwu Family.

9.00am Commendation Service for Late Mr Deji Oveneye

4.00pm Wake Keep Service for Late Mrs Agnes Fawole – Vining Hall

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 Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief (Nehemiah 6:2).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, empower and make me a man to further the refurbishment of Your church. When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel (Nehemiah 2:10).

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).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do the miraculous as the work of the Cathedral kicks off, honour your word and your name.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

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.
 - then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries (Exodus 23:22).
- 5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do not hold your peace before, during and after this project, let praises and Thanksgiving be our testimonies at the end of the day. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth (Isaiah 62:1).

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 offering of the sanctuary. So, the people were restrained from bringing (Exod 36:6).
- 5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, release the grace to enjoy constant access to divine treasury.

For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much (Exod 36:7).