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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.

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- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
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The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye	0803-5552146
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Vol. 21/3/12/2025

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, 23rd Mar. - Saturday, 29th March, 2025

Lent III

Theme: Suffering Pain Before Glory

Colour: Purple

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuyi
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 – 23rd March, 2025

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. B. Okere
 Epistle: Layreader Ada Ejikeme
 The Gospel: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem
 Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
 Intercessor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 295
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence –Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
- ❖ The Epistle Colossians 1:24-29
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 82
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 9:18-27
- ❖ 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 614, 416, 628, 440
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 419
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving
 - i. Birthday thanksgiving of Mr Sobechukwu Emecheta & God's numerous blessings.
 - ii. 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr & Mrs Ifeatu Onwuasanya, successful graduation of their sons from University & God's numerous blessings.
 - iii. Annual thanksgiving by Abia State Fellowship and God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. The Churching of Mrs Onwuka Miriam for the gift of a baby girl and God's numerous blessings.
 - v. 5th year remembrance thanksgiving of late Mrs. Mojisola Olorunhundo (wife of Chief Benson Olorunhundo of YMCA) and God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.

- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 420

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

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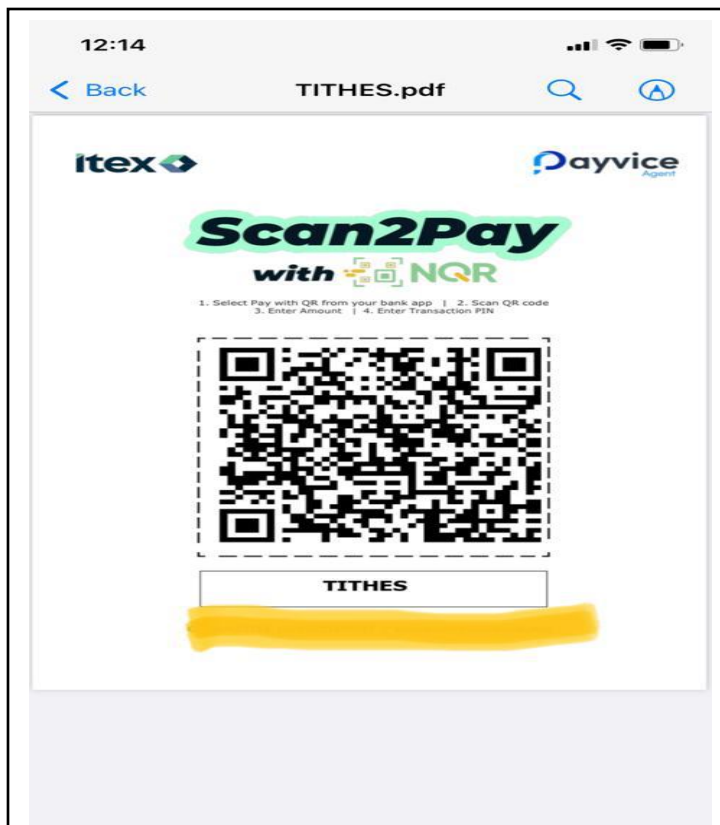
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23. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

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ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund

WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
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GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering & Thanksgiving
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FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
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FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
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STANBIC IBTC	9200212515	221150027	First Fruits
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GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
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ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
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ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
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FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir
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WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund
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For the New Cathedral Development Account details please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.



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2025 MOTHERING SUNDAY

CHIEF LAUNCHER / FATHER OF THE DAY –
THE VEN AZUBIKE AHUBELEM

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR / LAUNCHERS

1. Mrs Bolanle Adesulu
2. Mrs Yomi Akintemi
3. Mrs Folake Akinola
4. Mrs Toyin Akinjayeju
5. Chief Mrs Toyin Oluwole
6. Mrs Folake Ojo
7. Mrs Chidinma Opara
8. Mrs Modupe Kolawole
9. Mrs Abiola Bankole
10. Mrs Philomena Echedom
11. Mrs Yejide Osunkeye
12. Mrs Abiodun Shadare
13. Mrs Nwamaka Nwokedi
14. Mrs Funmi Wale Adegbite
15. Mrs Ngozi Okafor
16. Prof. Mrs Ibironke Akinsete
17. Mrs Ihuoma Obi Azuru
18. Mrs Segilola Olawoyin
19. Mrs Funmilayo Sodipo
20. Mrs Kike Adegbite
21. Dr. Mrs Ijeoma Amaechi
22. Mrs Foluso Olawunmi
23. Mrs Tokunbo Adegbonmire
24. Mrs Gloria Afamefuna
25. Mrs Bisi Tugbobo
26. Mrs Faith Okoli
27. Mrs Iyabowale Aluko
28. Mrs Adebola Afun
29. Mrs Lilian Ikoku
30. Mrs Imelda Madubuike

Special Launchers (2) All Societies in the Church

26. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kindly register with Rev. Adefope Adetujoye on 0803-5552146. Confirmation Classes: Every Saturday at 5:00pm. Thank you.

SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY

Members of the Cathedral to please donate clean and used Clothes, Shoes, Bags, Household utensils etc to be distributed to the poor and the needy at Easter. Please call: 08033247831. Thank you.

- B. 10.00 am MATTINS
- Cantor: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
O.T. Reading: Layreader Abeke Nubi
N.T. Reading: Layreader Joy Nwadiugwu
Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
- ✦ Processional Hymn: CONH 268
 - ✦ Call to Worship
 - ✦ Psalm 115:1-7 (*To be chanted*)
 - ✦ O.T. Reading: Genesis 7:17-24
 - ✦ Hymn: CONH 824
 - ✦ N.T. Reading: Luke 9:18-27
 - ✦ Apostle's Creed - Collects
 - ✦ Hymn: CONH 82
 - ✦ SERMON
 - ✦ Worship Songs
 - ✦ Intercession – Grace
 - ✦ The Offerings Choruses
{*First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings*}
 - ✦ Doxology CONH 491
 - ✦ Benediction
 - ✦ Notices
 - ✦ Diocesan Anthem
 - ✦ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 452

1.00PM LECTURE ON MENTAL HEALTH –
BY THE MEDICAL BOARD

C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday, 30th March, 2025.
2. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 2.00pm.
3. PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, 13th April 2025.
4. MAUNDY THURSDAY- Thursday, 17th April, 2025.
5. GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, 18th April, 2025.
6. JESUS FESTIVAL – Saturday, 19th April, 2025
7. EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 20th April, 2025.
8. EASTER CANTATA - Sunday, 20th April, 2025 sponsored by Fountain of Hope Society @ 4.00pm.



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

1. Sunday Mar 23, 2025 - Band of Faith
2. Sunday Mar. 30, 2025 - Band of Grace
3. Sunday April 6, 2025 - Enrolment of Mothers
4. Sunday, April 13, 2025- Union Palm Sunday
5. Sunday, April 20, 2025- Easter Cantata - FOH
6. Sunday, April 27, 2025- Band of Light
7. Sunday, May 4, 2025 - Band of Glory
8. Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Band of Mercy
9. Sunday, May 18, 2025 - Synod Thanksgiving
10. Sunday, May 25, 2025 - Rogation Sunday

E. ANNOUNCEMENT

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F. ANNOUNCEMENT

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G. 7.00am & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Theme: Suffering Pain Before Glory

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 268
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Genesis 7:17-24
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Luke 9:18-27
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Intercession
- ❖ Offerings: Praises

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

- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction



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23. 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.

24. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OBITUARIES

1. 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.
2. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Rachael Oluyemisi Oduba of CUBN & Elderly Ministry. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep: On Wednesday, 28th May, 2025
at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Thursday, 29th May, 2025
at AVMCC at 9.00am

- ## 25. LET THERE BE PEACE (ADAPTED)
- Let there be PEACE shared among us
Let there be Peace in our hearts
May NOW your Peace sweep this church
Cause us O Lord to Arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of Brotherly Peace that is Real
Let there be Peace shared among us
Let there be Peace

- G. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG
Cantor: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*
Cantor: *Layreader Elizabeth Osibajo*
Preacher: *Layreader Esther Alofe*
Sponsor: *Band of Faith*
Organist: *Mr Muiwa Olagoke*
- ❖ Opening Hymn: CONH 131
 - ❖ Call to Worship
 - ❖ Praise Worship
 - ❖ Lesson: Acts 12:1-17a – *Band of Faith*
 - ❖ Hymn: CONH 403
 - ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
 - ❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering)
 - ❖ Thanksgiving
 - ❖ Closing Prayer
 - ❖ Closing Hymn: CONH 452

2. SENTENCES FOR LENT III

Introductory Sentence

Therefore be imitators of God as beloved children.
Ephesians 5:1.

Collect:

Almighty God, Whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Collect for the Season:

Almighty and merciful God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit a broken and contrite hearts, O God, You will not despise.
Psalm 51:17.

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, 23RD MARCH, 2025

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 that many more parishioners under their Episcopal jurisdiction shall turn to the Lord as the sole solution to their challenges.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. Nuhu Yohanna, his family and all members of the Diocese of Katsina.

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 God will raise for us men and women using them as His vessels of solutions to the challenges of our nation.
- iii. For restoration of peace to every troubled areas of the world.
- iv. That the Lord will fight for and defend all Christians all over the world.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. That God be enthroned permanently over the affairs of AVMCC.
- ii. That AVMCC shall become a solution centre to all Parishioners.
- iii. That this season shall cause us to draw nearer to God more than ever before.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Ekwunife Family, Ekwuribe Family, Elegbe Family, Elekeokwuri Family, Elemo Family, Elezie Family, Elijah Family, Elue Family, Elugbaju Family, Eluwa Family.

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

- i. For Mr Olugbenga Adebamiwa, Miss Christiana Enendu, Mr Seun John, Mrs Udochukwu Ajomiwe, Mrs Amarachi Agbo, Mr Olusola Badejo, Mrs Evelyn Okeke, Mrs Chinonye Onwuzirike, Mrs Ifeoma Okeke, Mrs Nnedi Okonkwo, Miss Ihuoma Osuokwu, Mrs Udeaku Egbudiwe, Mrs Aderike Awe, Me Ikenna Okonkwo, Mr Ebenezer Achebe, Miss Onyeka Chioke, Miss Abisola Kilo 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



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AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

22. 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 Adetiloyle & 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
4 "60" Inch Television
1 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
WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS	= 84,000
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for crèche	= 47,800

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**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.

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19. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Male teachers needed at Sunday School, kindly see or call:

Revd Yinka Akinpeju - 08024060758

Adetunji Odeneye - 08033163337

Mrs Folake Owolabi - 08023156546

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20. 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.*

**21. 2025 Intersociety Bible Quiz
Competition.**

The Books and Area of Study are:

1. The Book of Ezra
2. Galatians
3. 2025 Bible Study Outline (Jan-June)

**4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2025**

THEME: SUFFERING PAIN BEFORE GLORY

READING: PSALM 115:1-7; GENESIS 7:17-24;
COLOSSIANS 1:24-29; LUKE 9:18-27.

INTRODUCTION

It is with great joy that I welcome you again into another new week in this Lenten Season; the third Sunday in Lent, it is my prayers that God will visit you and all your interests at the point of their need this week in Jesus name (Amen). The topic we are considering this morning is "Suffering Pain before Glory" and it is one of the very crucial topics to be addressed in the church especially in contemporary times.

WHAT EXACTLY IS SUFFERING?

Suffering is one of the oldest experiences that is associated with following God in righteousness, that traversed both the Old and New Testaments. It is associated with pain and the experience of unpleasantness or aversion. It possibly goes along with the perception of harm in an individual often categorized as physical, mental or emotional that could come in degrees of intensity from mild to intolerable. This could be part of reason this present generation have rejected this subject and could resist every teaching presenting same though the Scripture says that in the latter days men shall be lovers of their own selves, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. 2 Tim.3:2-4. The Christian faith handed down to us was founded upon the Apostles and the prophets with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

By this we note that none of the prophets nor the apostles bypassed suffering in their lives, not even our Lord Jesus Christ who learnt obedience by the things he suffered. Suffering has become an inevitable path that leads to life which everyone that must end up where these apostles ended must go through. We cannot in this present time advocate for a suffering-free Christianity as we see amongst members this day. The same grace that sustained the people of old as they labored for the gospel through the comfort of the Holy Spirit is still available today for every believer. The hope of eternal life in Heaven which is reserved for those who endured to the end kept the saints who walked by faith through times of sufferings. In this discuss, we shall look at what things could constitute correct suffering for the present-day



WHAT CONSTITUTE SUFFERING FOR A CHRISTIAN?

We begin by looking at what Christian suffering is not. If a man suffers as a murderer, as a thief, as an evil doer or as a busybody in other men's affairs, such suffering does not glorify God. 1Pet. 4:15-17, when a person suffers for sins committed, it could not be seen as suffering for a Christian. But if a Christian is persecuted and insulted for righteousness' sake, then it attracts God's attention (Matt.5:10-11). When you are falsely accused and you endured it for the sake of your faith in Christ (Matt.10:17-20); when your rights are denied for the reason that you are a Christian, or you are discriminated against for your faith in Christ (John 15:18-21); when you are beaten or assaulted for preaching the gospel (Acts 16:23,14:19-22,2 Cor.11:24-25), and many more, then we are talking about Christian's suffering. Suffering for a Christian could also be seen when he goes through troubles, afflictions, distresses, fasting, hardship (2 Cor.6:8-10) and such as these. The list goes on since diverse kinds of experiences could be witnessed by the Christian for the sake of his faith, yet the goal remains that whoever suffers in the flesh should seize from sin. 1 Peter 4:1. When a Christian suffers, God gets involved because of His name.

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUFFERING?

The Scripture assures believers that suffering is not a strange thing seeing that even our Lord and Master Jesus Christ suffered for us in the flesh and to such we were called; that we should have the same mind or attitude (1Peter 2:21-25; 4:1). The prophets of old, the apostles of Jesus and Christ Himself provide us with the correct template for the right attitude for believers towards suffering. They endured suffering (Heb.12:1-2,2 Tim.2:3-5). The apostles understood it to be light and momentary (2 Cor.4:17). They rejoiced for having such opportunity to suffer for Christ' sake. (1 Peter 4:13, Matt.5:10; Acts 5:40-41). They took it with patience (James 5:7-11, Heb.6:15). They were strengthened by hope of the recompense even unto a better resurrection (Heb.11:32-40). They were constrained by the love of Christ (2 Cor.5:14). When a believer sees suffering as a positive expression that we no longer belong to this world, and that it is our lot to suffer if we must partake in the glory that Christ had reserved for us, then he takes it with joy. (James 1:2-3) It is therefore inconsistent with the gospel for

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. 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 -Kemi Oyedokun - 08161844858.

Just 4 Guys Co-ord. - Mayowa Oshadare - 08034544366

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.
- ii. 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 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 fellowshipping of God's grace every last Thursday of the



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.

F. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos

Admission into Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) is still ongoing. Please obtain your admission form from LABICO Office, 17 Broad Street, Lagos or from the Cathedral Church office or contact: 08033083851. Admission form is **N3,000**.

G. Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary, Ikorodu

The forms for the above school are out at the rate of **N20,000**. Payment should be made into **Zenith Bank Plc: Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary Account No 1015133015**. Collect your own at the Cathedral Office and submit at the school. **Examination Date:** Saturday, 7th June, 2025. Interview on Saturday 14th June, 2025 at 8.00am.

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 **N15,000**. Payment should be made into **Union Bank Acct NO 0002516850**. **Account Name:** Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice. **Examination Dates:** Saturday, 5th April, 2025, Saturday, 3rd May, 2025, Saturday, 7th June, 2025 and Saturday, 5th July, 2025.

14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

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

THE GLORY THAT FOLLOWS SUFFERING

For our Lord Jesus to enter His glory, he suffered even to the point of death on the cross and left us such as an example that we should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:21-25)

The apostles and the prophets likewise suffered even to the point of martyrdom to enter the glory that was promised. When a Christian suffer for the sake of Christ, it brings glory to God and brings souls to the kingdom of God. (Rom.8:17-18; 2 Cor 4:11-17; 1 Peter 4:14-16)

When Saul was converted, the Lord Jesus revealed to him what things he must suffer for the sake of Christ; Paul made it his utmost desire to know Jesus and to fellowship in His sufferings which was his glory. (Phil.3:10, Rom.5:1-5)

He finally rejoiced in the expectation of the crown of life which the Lord promised those who suffered with Him in this world and will wear same in Heaven. (2 Tim.2:12) What a glory awaits those who suffer now for Christ. (Rom.8:17-18.) This glory is eternal and not worldly or temporal but it is heavenly.

CONCLUSION

Seeing that suffering is a must for any pilgrim that will end at the feet of Jesus, we then must turn to the Holy Spirit who is the Comforter to comfort us in tribulation. He is God's guarantee that our sufferings are not in vain neither are we suffering for nothing. He sheds the light of the glory of heaven in our hearts and this produces the joy that propels the believer during suffering.

We therefore must not faint during suffering but rather turn our hearts to the Holy Spirit who is our available help in times of trouble. If Jesus suffered in the body while He walked on earth, and left us an example, then we must learn to embrace suffering whenever it comes though prayerfully.

PRAYER

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ learnt obedience through the things He suffered, give us grace to imbibe the same attitude in times of suffering that we with patience may steadfastly

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

March 16 – March 22, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	876
7.00 am Youth Service	245
7.00 am Sunday School	303
10.00 am Mattins	475
10.00 am Youth Service	178
10.00 am Sunday School	203
Tuesday Bible Study	98
Wednesday Holy Communion	123
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	201

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

- *Band of Faith Society*
- *Ladies Christian League*
- *Christian Friends Society*
- *Lords Labourers Fellowship*

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 23rd Mar., 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm. Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs Amah-Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Sister Nike Adefila, Sis Boladuro Ajibola.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 30th March, 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Mrs Gina Okolo.

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

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 23rd March - Saturday, 29th Mar. 2025

Bolaji Dania (**Captain**), Ogunleye 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.

ii. Sunday 30th Mar. - Saturday, 5th April., 2025

Oyebanji Toba (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba, (**Assistant Captain**), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi,

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lent IV March 30

Theme: The Roles of the Husband and the Wife in Home Building

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: II Corinthians 3:4-18

Christian Mother

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: Christian Mother

Intercession Christian Mother

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

MOTHERING SUNDAY &

LADIES PROGRESSIVE ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

O.T. Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Christian Mother

Epistle: II Corinthians 3:4-18

Ladies Progressive League

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Preacher: Christian Mother

Intercession Christian Mother

6.00 pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: Layreader Fikayo Adenle

Cantor: Layreader Esther Alofe

Psalm: 23

Lesson: II Peter 1:1-19

Preacher: Layreader Gloria Okeke

12. BANNES OF MARRIAGE LENT – NO WEDDING

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



Mr Moses Orji, Mr Oladayo Ariyo, Mrs Uche Uba, Mrs Folake Owolabi, Mr Babajide Bejide.

- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Enetanya Family, Enoch Family, Enone Family, Enujiokke Family, Enuke Family, Enuoyibo Family, Enwezor Family, Enyioko Family, Enyi-Okoro Family, Ephraim Family.

Friday, March 28, 2025

Colour:

Purple

6.00am

Lent Revival

7.00am

Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus, our Great Physician

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11 - Lay. Adeola Sanya

Gospel: Matthew 8:14-17

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 808, CONH 835

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Yusuf Ishaya Janfalan, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikara.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Chinedu Ikwudima, Mrs Icheche Ihunwo, Miss Oluwamayowa Poluyi, Mrs Mercy Nwokolo, Miss Ogechi Igbom, Engr. Adesina Adetunji, Mr Bethram Akubueze, Miss Oreoluwa Osinubi, Miss Nmachukwu Obi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Erinne Family, Eriobu Family, Erogbogbo Family, Esan Family, Etabebe Family, Etuk Family, Etuka Family, Evezi Family, Ewenla Family, Ewurum Family.

6.30pm

Choir Practice

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Colour: Purple

6.00am

Lent Revival

7.00am

Holy Communion

Theme: Faith in impossible situations

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: Romans 8:12-23 – Lay. H. Adewale

Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26

Hymns: CONH 123, CONH 821, CONH 428

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Chukwuma Chinekezi, his family and all members of Diocese of Owerri.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Olumide Ajomale, Mrs Bethesda Fadaiyiro, Miss Gift Ajakpovi, Mr Ahamefula Ibileme, Ms Bethesida Jerry, Mr Chukwuka Opara, Mr Adeshina Oyeneye, Miss Happiness Ajakpovi, Engr. Emeka Asugoh, Mrs Chinelo Ndukwa, Engr. Adegboyega Otenaika, Mrs Nwamaka Nwokedi, Mrs Chinyere Chukwu, Miss Oluwafemi Ajala, Miss Ogechukwu Uzor, Mrs Ebele Nwankwo, Mr Austine Ilo, Mr Joseph Suberu, Mr Raphael Okeke, Chika Okpalaoka, Mrs Ikechi Ohagwa, Master Kosidi Nwankwo, Mr Chike Mgbemena.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Eze Family, Ezeagabu Family, Ezeagu Family, Ezeagwu Family, Ezeakolam Family, Ezealigo Family, Ezeani Family, Ezeanya Family, Ezebelu Family, Ezebuilo Family.
- ❖ **40th birthday of Mrs Bethesda Chinonso Fadaiyiro today**

3.00 pm

Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm

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9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

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	OPEBI	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, March 24, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Acceptable pattern on Prayer

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Epistle: Romans 4:1-12 - *Lay. Amaka Okpara*

Gospel: Matthew 6:6-15

Hymns: CONH 05, CONH 559, CONH 120

Preacher: Layreader Tosin Faloyin

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Idris Ado Zubairu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sokoto.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Markus Danbinta, his family and all members of the Diocese of Dutse.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Ven. Adele Aiyenomuro, Mrs Oyinkan Are, Mr Chibuzor Madu, Miss Chinyere Azunwoke, Mr Ifeancha Egbuna, Mr Martin Oshin, Mrs Geogina Osineye, Mr Jeddy Ononiwu, Arch Olabode Okundero, Mrs Felicia Nwachukwu, Mr Peter Igie, Mr Ikenna Ogbogu, Mrs Agnes Olaniyan.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Emeasoba Family, Emechebe Family, Emeforo Family, Emeka-Ali Family, Emelogu Family, Emenaka Family, Emenalom Family, Emeni Family, Emenike Family, Emerenini Family.

12.noon Social Welfare Ministry

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Colour: White

The Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Prepared for the Master's Use

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19 - *Lay. Ada Ejikeme*

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Hymns: CONH 07, CONH 560, CONH 452

Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Most Revd. Edmund Akanya, his family and all members of Diocese of Kebbi.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Titus Alkali, his family and all members of Diocese of Wusasa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Josephine Chinwuko, Mr Osas Omoruyi, Miss Chioma Okpanyia, Mr Peace Ahumaraeze, Mrs Vivian Asor, Mr Chidiebele Ezomike, Mrs Tosin Olowojoba, Mr Olubunmi Idris, Miss Chioma Okponyia, Mr Ifeanyi Ezenmo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Emeruem Family, Emeruwa Family, Emiade Family, Emmanuel Family, Emokhai Family, Ene Family, Enebeli Family, Eneh Family, Enekwa Family, Enendu Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm

BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Colour: Purple

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Attention from Men or God

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11 - *Lay. Patricia Olagbaju*

Gospel: Matthew 6:16-18

Hymns: CONH 455, CONH 546 (I), CONH 503
CONH 827

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ishaya Ganyidaba Baba, his family and all members of the Diocese of Zaria.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Adekemi Adeyemo, Mrs Tolulope Oyedapo, Miss Olayinka Okeowo, Mr Olumide Ajala, Mr Onyebuchi Nwanjoku, Mrs Ebele Nwankwo, Mrs Nneka Obi, Miss Anointing Nwabueze, Mrs Uchenna Ezuma, Miss Adaora Chine, Miss Chinwe Okafor, Mr Chiemela Awom, Mr Babatunde Ibadapo-Obe, Mrs Mojinyin Adekola, Mr Akpobaro Awowede, Miss Victoria Amuta.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm

LENTEN SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Intercession: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

Theme: Jesus: The Light of the World

1. Processional Organ Recital
2. Opening Hymn / Introit: CONH 276
3. The Preparation to Penitence - Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
4. The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11
5. Gradual Hymn: CONH 570
6. The Gospel: John 8:12-20
7. The Message
8. Nicene Creed - Intercession
9. Peace
10. Offertory Hymn: CONH 184
11. Eucharistic Prayers
12. Administration: CONH 608, 607
13. Ablution Hymn: CONH 394 (*Self Denial Envelopes*)
14. Post Communion Prayer
15. Closing Prayer and Benediction
16. Notices
17. Withdrawal: Organ Postlude

Thursday, March 27, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Focus on the Kingdom

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: Romans 5:12-21 - *Lay. Oyin Oshikoya*

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-34

Hymns: CONH 18, CONH 397, CONH 509

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Raphael Wonole, his family and all members of the Diocese of Bari.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Adeniyi Adegbonmire, Mrs Ola Nwoii, Miss Mmesoma Onvedum, Mr Benjamin Okeke.



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 Sanhallat 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).

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

