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- V. **For Booking of the Hall**  
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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, 9<sup>th</sup> March - Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

#### Lent 1

Theme: The Ploys of Satan

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 – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025
- A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
  - Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
  - Epistle: Layreader Success Okeke
  - The Gospel: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem
  - Preacher: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
  - Intercessor: The Dean
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 266
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence— Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
- ❖ The Epistle James 1:2-19
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 448
- ❖ The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
- ❖ 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 590, 276, 440, 293
- ❖ The Ablution: CONH 428
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving
  - i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
- ❖ 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.

**AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT**

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund

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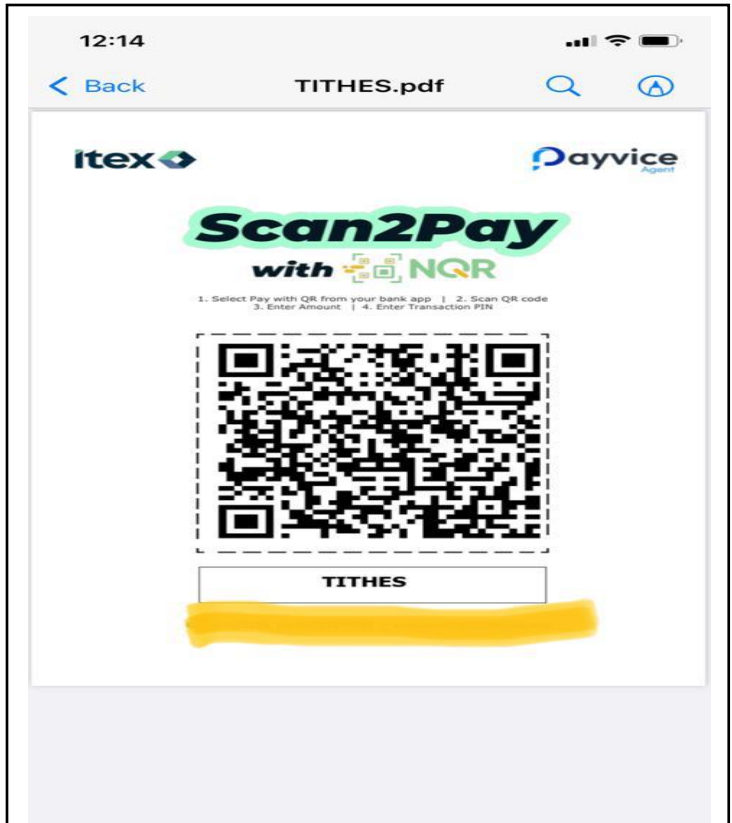
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**26. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS**

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ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC	9200212515		
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

### 20. 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.

### 21. CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

### 22. 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. History of AVMCC (The Chronicles)
5. Anglicanism

### 23. 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.

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### 24. ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

**Revd Yinka Akinpeju - 08024060758**

**Adetunji Odeneye - 08033163337**

**Mrs Folake Owolabi - 08023156546**

### 25. 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.*

B. 10.00 am **MATTINS**  
Cantor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju  
O.T. Reading: Layreader Tosin Faloyin  
N.T. Reading: Layreader Esther Randle  
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe  
Intercessor: The Dean

❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 275

❖ Call to Worship

❖ Psalm 119:1-8 (*To be chanted*)

❖ O.T. Reading: Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7

❖ Hymn: CONH 279

❖ N.T. Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects

❖ Hymn: CONH 448

❖ **SERMON**

❖ Worship Songs

❖ Intercession – Grace

❖ The Offerings Choruses

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

❖ **Thanksgiving**

i. Family Altar Thanksgiving

ii. YMCA thanking God for successful Annual General Meeting & God's numerous blessings.

iii. The Churching of Mrs Eunice Chiwendu Okeke for the gift of a baby girl and God's numerous blessing.

❖ Doxology CONH 491

❖ Benediction

❖ Notices

❖ Diocesan Anthem

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 269 (*page 18*)

### C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. Swearing-in of Standing Committee & Wardens – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 10.00am Service

2. Collation of Mothers Union – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 2.00pm

3. MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

4. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 2.00pm.

5. PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

6. MAUNDY THURSDAY- Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

7. GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

8. JESUS FESTIVAL – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

9. EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

10. EASTER CANTATA - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 sponsored by Fountain of Hope Society @ 4.00pm



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

1. Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 - Agape Sisters
2. Sunday Mar 16, 2025 - Collation of Mothers Union
3. Sunday Mar 23, 2025 - Band of Faith
4. Sunday Mar. 30, 2025 - Band of Grace
5. Sunday April 6, 2025 - Enrolment of Mothers Union
6. Sunday, April 13, 2025- Palm Sunday
7. Sunday, April 20, 2025- Easter Cantata - FOH
8. Sunday, April 27, 2025- Band of Light
9. Sunday, May 4, 2025 - Band of Glory
10. Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Band of Mercy

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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:** The Ploys of Satan

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 275
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Matthew 4:1-11
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Intercession
- ❖ Offerings: Praises

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

- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 269



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## 18. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 19. 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, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.  
Wake Keep: On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at Oka Akoko at 4.00pm.  
Funeral Service: On Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.  
Funeral Service: On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

G. 6.00 pm. FAMILY EVENING  
Cantor: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*  
Cantor: Layreader Nathan Eze  
Preacher: *Layreader Ada Ejikeme*  
Sponsor: *Agape Christian Sisters*  
Organist: *Mr Muiyiwa Olagoke*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 133
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: Hebrews 4 – *Agape Christian Sisters*
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 431
- ❖ 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 LENT 1

### Introductory Sentence

I am the vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in Me and I in them, bear much fruit.  
**John 15:5.**

### Collect:

Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit: and as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".

**Matthew 4:4.**

## 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



**3. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY,  
9<sup>TH</sup> 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. Samuel Egbeunmi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ilesa South West.

**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**

Chukwuere Family, Chukwujioke Family, Chukwuka Family, Chukwukelu Family, Chukwuma Family, Chukwura Family, Clement Family, Cletus Family, Coker Family, Cole Family.

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

- i. For Mrs Abiola Aderibigbe, Mrs Abimbola Soyinka, Mr Funsho Adegboye, Dr. Folorunso Afelumo, Mrs Ngo Deal, Mr Adetokunbo Olofin, Miss Chinenye Onukwube, Prof. Babajide Elemo, Mr Oluwaseun Yusuff, Mr Izunna Okpara, Mrs Gloria Afamefuna, Mr Ifeatu Onwuasoanya 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



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**AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT**

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17. **AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS**

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

- Development of our landed properties
- Painting of the Adetiloye & Vining halls
- Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m
- 400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls
- 80 Plastic Tables for the Halls
- 2 Hiace Buses
- 1 Coaster Bus
- 2 Money Counting Machine
- 2 Desktop Computer System
- 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

19.

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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WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 10.00AM SERVICE CONH 269

1 Be Thou my guardian and my guide

And hear me when I call

Let not my slippery footsteps slide

And hold me lest I fall.

2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell Around the path I tread

O save me from the snares of hell

Thou, quickener of the dead.

3. And if I am tempted to sin

And outward things are strong

O Lord my God, keep watch within

And save my soul from wrong

4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

THEME: THE PLOYS OF SATAN

READING: PSALM 119:1-8; GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7; JAMES 1:2-19; MATTHEW 4:1-11.

Introduction

Glory be to God, who has graciously brought us safely into the holy season of Lent and to this first Sunday in Lent. This sacred season holds deep significance in the Christian calendar, marking a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. As we fast and pray, may our hearts be drawn ever closer to God, deepening our fellowship with Him in spirit and truth. May this Lenten journey strengthen our faith, refine our character, and prepare us for the joy of Christ's resurrection.

The word "ploy" simply means a tactic, strategy, or cunning plan designed to deceive, manipulate, or gain an advantage over somebody. In relation to the topic for meditation today, "the ploy of Satan," is his strategic methods to deceive, tempt, and lead people away from God. According to Genesis 3:1, the Bible describes him as being *more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made*. He came into the Garden with the sole aim to craftily make Adam and Eve disobey God. He did not force them to do so but only asked a question that set their heart at motion against God. In a nutshell, this is temptation.

Why does Satan tempt us? Temptation is Satan's invitation to give in to his kind of life and give up on God's kind of life. Satan tempted Eve and succeeded in getting her to sin. Ever since then, he's been busy getting people to sin. He even tempted Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). But Jesus did not sin!

Satan's ploys involve using deception, distortion of truth, and appealing to human weaknesses to achieve his evil purposes. His ultimate goal has always been to thwart God's plan and lead humanity into sin. From the Garden of Eden to the wilderness temptation of Christ and even today, he employs subtle and deceptive strategies to achieve his purpose.

The temptation of Jesus occurs immediately after His baptism (Matthew 3:13-17), where He was publicly affirmed as the Son of God. The Spirit then leads Him into the wilderness to be tested by Satan. The wilderness setting echoes Israel's 40-year journey, signifying a time of testing and proving faithfulness to God.

In Matthew 4:1 – *"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."* The phrase "led up by the Spirit" indicates divine intentionality. Jesus was not caught off guard by Satan's attack; rather, God permitted the testing to demonstrate Christ's obedience and readiness to fulfil God's greatest plan to redeem mankind from the bondage of sin. In God's will, testing refines His children: in Satan's hands it is meant



1. **Satan's first ploy: The temptation of the flesh:** Matthew 4:3 – "And the tempter came and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'" Matthew 4:4 – "But He answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Satan knew that after Jesus had fasted for forty days and night, the next thing he needed was food. The appeal to hunger is similar to how he tempted Eve (Genesis 3:6 – "good for food"). Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 8:3, affirming that dependence on God's word is greater than physical needs. So, Satan often tempts us through legitimate needs, but yielding to temptation outside of God's will is sin. This temptation tested Jesus' reliance on God rather than using His divine power for personal and fleshly needs.

2. **The Second Temptation (Pride and Presumption):** Matthew 4:5-7 -Satan takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and challenges Him to jump, quoting Psalm 91:11-12 out of context. Jesus responds with Deuteronomy 6:16, rejecting the idea of testing God.

Satan distorts Scripture to deceive. We have his likes in our generation who twist the truth to bamboozle the people of God. This is why we must soak our heart in the Word of God. In the second temptation, Satan took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and challenged Him to throw Himself down. This was a test of pride and presumption. By challenging Jesus to force God's intervention, Satan tempted Him to prove His divine status through a spectacular miracle. This would have been an act of spiritual pride, demanding God's protection as a display of power. Jesus rejected this by quoting Deuteronomy 6:16, saying, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." As believers, we must avoid prideful demands on God and to trust Him humbly without seeking self-glorifying signs.

3. **The Third Temptation (Lust for Power and Glory):** Matthew 4:8-10 –Satan offers Jesus the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. Jesus rebukes him with Deuteronomy 6:13, affirming that worship belongs to God alone.

In the third temptation, Satan took Jesus to a high mountain and offered Him all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship (Matthew 4:8-10). This was a test of lust for power, glory, and materialism, tempting Jesus to gain authority and wealth through compromise rather than obedience to God. Jesus rebuked Satan, declaring, "You shall worship the Lord your God,

### C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. Strictly Feminine - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 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) 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday has been shifted to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> and last Sundays of the month.
- (b) Prison visitation every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- (c) Meeting comes up every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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





#### D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 interview into Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) takes place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### 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, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. Interview on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 and Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

### 14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

#### A. Children's Ministry

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

#### B. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session.

Counselees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding,

The ploy of Satan has not changed even till today. It was what he did in the garden of Eden that he repeated in different forms in the wilderness with Jesus. If Eve had used the power of God's word, she would have overcome. Whenever he comes, he targets our weaknesses. Just as he exploited Jesus' hunger, he tailors temptations to our vulnerabilities. So, yielding towards the direction that led to sin. How could Eve have resisted temptation? We must realize that being tempted is not a sin. We have not sinned until we give in to the temptation. Then, to resist temptation, we must do the following.

1. Pray for strength to resist (James 4:7, Eph. 6:11-12, 2Cor. 10:4-5, Matt. 4:10).
2. Run, flee from evil environment (Gen. 39:12, James 1:14-15, 2Tim. 2:22)
3. Say no when confronted with what we know is wrong. James 1:12 tells of the blessings and rewards for those who don't give in when tempted.
4. Use the power of God's Word (Matt. 4:4 & 10, Psm. 119:11, heb. 4:12))
5. Do not trust in human's strength but God (Isa. 41:10, 2Thes. 3:3, Psm. 37:5, Prov. 3:5-6).

#### Conclusion

Satan's primary strategies are deception, temptation, and destruction. But the Scripture provides clear guidance on how to recognize and resist his schemes. The temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11) demonstrates the power of God's Word in overcoming temptation, while James 1:13-16 reveals the process by which sin takes root. By staying grounded in Scripture

## 6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

March 2 – March 8, 2025

7.00 am Holy Communion	878
7.00 am Youth Service	297
7.00 am Sunday School	350
10.00 am Mattins	679
10.00 am Youth Service	135
10.00 am Sunday School	
203	
Tuesday Bible Study	95
Wednesday Holy Communion	108
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	340

## 7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

- *Christian Household Society*
- *Anglican Fellowship*
- *Ambassadors of Christ Society*
- *Y.W.C.A.*
- *Y.M.C.A*
- *Charity Band*
- *Busy Bees Society*
- *Band of Mercy Executive*
- *Christian Family Society*
- *Light of the World*
- *Christian Morning Star*
- *Lords Labourers Fellowship*

- Christian Morning star meeting today at No 1, Ilaka Street, off Coker Road, Ilupeju, Estate, Lagos

## 8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar., 2025

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

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Dr. Olivier Akinola, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Dr. Remi Oladapo-Sanu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Mrs E. Osibajo.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March. - Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2025

Omotola Onakoya, (Captain), Goke Uthman; (Assistant Captain), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Juliet Chimezie, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujoke, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo, Ola Matins, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale.

#### ii. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. - Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar., 2025

Funso Fagbuyiro, (Captain), Helen Arhagba (Assistant Captain), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Danja, Funmi Ladala, Ekweh Lilian, Michael

## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lent II March 16

Theme: The Worth of a Lost but Found Soul

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant: The Dean*

*Epistle: 1 John 3:1-10*

*Layreader Raymond Agu*

*Gospel: Luke 15:1-10*

*The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

*Preacher: The Dean*

### THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: *The Adetiloye House*

Celebrant: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant: The Dean*

*Epistle: 1 John 3:1-10*

*Layreader Patricia Olagbaju*

*Gospel: Luke 15:1-10*

*The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

*Preacher: The Dean*

2.00 pm: COLLATION OF MOTHERS UNION

## 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.



- ❖ Miss Blessing Osuchukwu, Mr Adegoke Ahade, Mr Benjamin Jaiyeola, Mrs Adunni Akinrosotu, Mr Lawrence Ezealigo, Mazi Sunday Oji, Master Ibukunoluwa Okunnuga.
- **80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mr Tunji Adegboye today.**

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

**Colour:**

**Purple**

**6.00am**

**Lent Revival**

**7.00am**

**Holy Communion**

**Theme: Believers as salt and light of the earth**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe**

**Epistle: Hebrews 4:11-16- Lay. Y. Agbaniyaka**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**

**Hymns: CONH 117, CONH 259, CONH 455**

**Preacher: The Ven. Dr. B. Okere**

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Stephen Ayodeji Akinwale, his family and all members of the Diocese of Owo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Chibuike Okeke, Mr Kunle Bamtefa, Mrs Judith Chike, Mr Adeshina Koiku, Mr Chidi Ezeani, Mrs Patience Iwekuba, Mr Oluchi Odimuko, Mr Ademola Kuku, Mrs Mosunmola Kuku, Mr Ifeanyi Ogbuka, Pharm Kenny Okojie, Mrs Yewande Olorunsola, Barr. Oyindamola Iwajomo, Mrs Ethel Onwuegbusi-Adeleye, Mr Kanayo Nwodika, Mrs Judith Ogadimma, Mrs Uju Onwuegbusi, Mrs Ebun Onabanjo, Mrs Juliet Amobi, Miss Deborah Olayemi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Deji-Bejide Family, Delaja Family, Dele-Alimi Family, Denedo Family, Denwigwe Family, Deru Family, Diala Family, Diana Family, Dibiaelue Family, Dibiaezue Family.

**6.30pm**

**Choir Practice**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**Colour: Purple**

**6.00am**

**Lent Revival**

**7.00am**

**Holy Communion**

**Theme: Jesus Christ: The Fulfilment of the Law**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle**

**Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 – Lay. P. Enwezor**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:17-26**

**Hymns: CONH 118, CONH 379, CONH 509**

**Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju**

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Most. Revd. Simeon Oluwole Borokini, his family and all members of Diocese of Akure.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Olufunmilayo Omogbehin, Mrs Lauretta Anozie, Mr Obiora Asiegbu, Miss Chiamaka Agbo, Mr Andrew Egube, Mr Peter Inekwe, Mrs Joy Eke, Mrs Chinonso Okedurum, Mr Andrew John, Mrs Patricia Onwuama, Miss Chimdinma Okeke, Miss Onyechere Nwaugo, Mrs Stella Ige, Mr Nonso Amobi, Mrs Esther Iyamu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Diji Family, Dike Family, Dim Family, Dimka Family, Doherty Family, Dolu-Adebisi Family, Dosumu-Onijide Family, Dosunmu Family, Dugbo Family, Dunu Family.

**3.00 pm**

**Youth Fellowship**



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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 10, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Follow Me

Ante Communion: Layreader Titi Afolabi

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*  
*The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 - *Lay. C. Mgbamoka*

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-22

Hymns: *CONH 18, CONH 503, CONH 413*

Preacher: Layreader Esther Alofe

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Isaac Oluyamo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijesa North.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Ebenezer Okuyelu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Osun North East.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Samuel Ihuonye, Mrs Diana Oguine, Mrs Stella Ogunrinde, Mr Eytayo Koiku, Justice George Oguntade, Mr Emeka Nwobi, Mr Kene Anekwe.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Cookey Family, Dachom Family, Dachon Family, Dada Family, Daina Family, Dairo Family, Daisi Family, Dalumo Family, Damilola Family, Dania Family.

12noon Social Welfare Ministry

6.30pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus our Healer

Celebrant: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-11 - *Lay. Edith Cookey*

Gospel: Matthew 4:23-25

Hymns: *CONH 16, CONH 808, CONH 452*

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Joseph Olusola, his family and all members of Province of Ijesa North East.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Stephen Adeniran Oni, his family and all members of Diocese of Ondo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Adaeze Anaduaka, Mr God's Victory Okeke, Mrs Glory Anyanwu, Mr Uzoamaka Udunze, Mr Gabriel Iwuoha, Mr Uchenna Emeruwa, Mrs Lilian Elue, Mr Olakunle Jegede, Mr Akhigbe Imongan, Mrs Chinyere Kanu, Mrs Omotunde Adesanya, Mrs Judith Ohiomokhare, Miss Ayodele Osundeko, Mrs Chidera Echedom.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Daniel Family, Dappa Family, Daramola Family, Dasar Family, David Family, David-Osuagwu Family, David-West Family, Dawodu Family, Deal Family, Dehinde Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm

BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Beatitudes

Celebrant: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19 - *Lay. Oyin Oshikoya*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-9

Hymns: *CONH 124, CONH 840, CONH 184*  
*CONH 810*

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Andrew Olusola Ajayi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Dr. Dayo Omogbehin, Mrs Jacinta Olusoga, Mr Israel Anemeje, Miss Nneoma Madubuike, Miss Uloma Nwokedinobi, Mrs Nwanneka Chukwuere, Mrs Ehimare Ogbewe, Mr Moses Ohiookhare, Engr. Oladayo Egbedeyi, Mr Chibundo Madueke, Mrs Ibironke Bamigbola, Mr Onyeka Ezeoke, Mr Kayode Osinoiki, Dr. Ayoyinka Shyllon, Mrs Ehi Ogbewe, Mrs Adebola Afun, Mrs Yvonne Adeola, Mr Aaron Idhalama.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm LENTEN SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Preacher: *The Dean*

Intercession: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

Theme: *Unbelief: The Pathway to Spiritual darkness*

1. Processional: Organ Recital
2. Opening Hymn / Introit: *CONH 278*
3. The Preparation to Penitence - *Ven. Dr. B. Okere*
4. The Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19
5. Gradual Hymn *CONH 812*
6. The Gospel John 2:23-3:15
7. The Message
8. Nicene Creed - Intercession
9. Peace
10. Offertory Hymn: *CONH 847*
11. Eucharistic Prayers
12. Administration: *CONH 282*
13. Ablution Hymn: *CONH (Self Denial Envelopes)*
14. Post Communion Prayer
15. Closing Prayer and Benediction
16. Notices
17. Withdrawal: Organ Postlude

Thursday, March 13, 2025 Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Believer and Persecution

Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-10 - *Lay. Esther Randle*

Gospel: Matthew 5:10-12

Hymns: *CONH 123, CONH 427, CONH 877*

Preacher: *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Jacob Olajide Bada, his family and all members of the Diocese of Akoko.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Bolaji Oluwole, Mr Tunji Adegboye, Engr. Emmanuel Adedeji, Mr Nonso Agudosi, Mrs Olubunmi Adegbokun, Mrs. Olivia Akinola, Mr Dipo Sodipo, Dr. (Miss) Olufolakemi Cole, Mr Ivy Ikokwu, Miss Peace Obla, Mr Chris Ohuekwe, Mrs Rebecca Oribolu, Pharm Dennis Okolo



## WISDOM / TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CONTRACTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SPEEDY COMPLETION, NO DELAY

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

*That Sanballat and Gashem sent unto me*

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

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

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

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

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

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

### REVIVAL AND MIRACLE SEASON

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

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

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

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

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

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



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***

