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PROJECT**



Theme:

**HEAVEN
ON EARTH**

Mat. 6:10

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A 30-DAY PRAYER AND FASTING PROJECT

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PRAYER PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. The prayer project for year 2023 begins on the 31st of Dec 2022.
2. Conclusion of the prayer project will be centralized and held in Papal's ground on 29th Jan 2023.
3. Fasting and prayer duration is 30 days.
4. This prayer project is a four weeks programme.
5. The first two days are exclusive for *personal retreat and prophetic prayer declarations*. It is important to prepare adequately for this exercise before engaging.
6. Focus of the four weeks programme:
 - a. *Week 1: The World in Darkness (Expose the activities of Darkness)*
 - b. *Week 2: Jesus the light of the World (Introduce Jesus the only true solution)*
 - c. *Week 3: Living for His Will (Analyse God's purpose for creating man)*
 - d. *Week 4: Heaven on Earth (Expose the Nature and principles of God's Kingdom)*
7. Critical Notes:
 - a. **Week 1, day 4;** On bloodshed – Counseling/ sacramental confession with a priest encouraged.
 - b. **Week 1, day 5;** On immorality and habitual sinful life – Reach out to the following
Numbers for helpful counseling and deliverance prayers (Bwari - 07052695972, Garki - 08036909481, G-lada - 08038340648, Lugbe - :08036462455, Karu - 08035951711 and Wuse - 08034087843)
 - c. **Week 2;** Programme should be concluded with special deliverance and impartation.
 - d. **Week 3, day 4;** Massive soul winning by all prayer groups. ADSC evangelical ministry to coordinate through denary leaderships.

- e. **Week 4, day 2;** A special day of intentional prayers for divine intervention over Nigeria, her coming elections and that of CCRN leadership.
 - f. **Week 4, day 5;** Unusual day of worship, praise and adoration to God. Prayer groups encouraged to observe.
8. Seed sowing will be done on rally day. Do give generously to God.
 9. The theme and objectives of this manual will serve as guide and vision for the Archdiocese through the year 2023.
 10. Sincere commitment to this programme will bring about God's light and the repositioning of lives for greatness in 2023.
 11. Observe daily personal quiet time for at least 30min and sustain same after this programme.
 12. Prayer groups are encouraged to meet as often as possible during the week for prayers and meditation.
 13. Where allowed, prayer groups should run the deliverance programme as vigil in week 2.
 14. Deanaries should hold their vigil in the 3rd week provided venue is secured.
 15. Do note that, all prayer groups will be assigned speakers on day of prayer meeting. Deanary leadership will be responsible for this exercise.
 16. Take note of daily litany chant and Hymn.
 17. COVID' 19 protocols and security alertness should be maintained during this programme.

SECURITY TIPS FOR THE RALLY

1. Bags will not be allowed in the premise of the rally
2. Coordinated security checks will be carried out, please cooperate fully with the stewards/agents.
3. Loitering during the program is prohibited
4. Please report all unclear and abnormal actions to the stewards/security agents
5. Trust God and relax in His presence.

FOREWORD

HEAVEN ON EARTH

Some of the lines of the Lord's prayer are: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There's a sense in which earth experiences heaven through the pious actions of believers. I believe that our prayer project is a bold attempt to key into this reality

Heaven is ultimately the presence of God. 'Heaven on Earth' is our literary way of saying God dwells and manifests himself through our actions of faith. After Jesus baptism in Luke's gospel 3, the bible said the heavens were opened as he prayed. Luke connects the opening of heaven with Jesus' prayer. This is exactly what our prayer rally wants to achieve. This is our hope and faith. We believe heaven will be opened and power and presence of God made manifest through this year's rally.

Heaven is the realm of light, Jn 1:3 says the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. May the light of heaven, the light of healing, liberty, emancipation, breakthrough and sundry favors descend on us as we embark on this prayer project, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Rev Fr Oluoma Chinenye John

Chaplain

INTRODUCTION

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria, Archdiocese of Abuja has been organizing the Annual Prayer Project to mobilize its members, Catholics and the entire Christian faithful in Abuja and its environs to engage in a spiritual exercise that could consciously link them to God from the beginning of the year. Such times has been dedicated to a re-assessment of the previous years' relationship with God and a deliberate move to consider a positive hold on the Lord for the years ahead. Since Year 2005, this has been yielding progressive appeals and manifold impact on all participants, to the glory of God.

This year's Prayer Project titled **“Heaven on Earth”**, takes inspiration from the provisions of Matthew 6:10 which says: **“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”**. As heaven is God's abode and the earth is the dwelling place of men, we must also be victorious and allow God's will on earth, by doing His bidding if we must reign with Christ in the New Jerusalem. For God's Kingdom to come to the Earth, the beauties, provisions, and pleasures which exist in Heaven should be seen on the Earth. The tears, pains, jealousy, hatred, bribery and corruption which are the dominant features on the Earth have to cease. Believers with the right knowledge and will of God through His Word have to bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, perseverance, among others, in order to create a new order to welcome the Kingdom of God on the earth. With this, the World will become a better place to live, and in this manner, the darkness of this World with its associated ills, will give way for the Light of Jesus Christ to shine everywhere on the earth.

It is also interesting to note that this year's theme consolidates on the gains of the past three (3) years. In 2020, we looked at **“The**

Victor's Reward", and in 2021, we took on the subject of **"Reigning with Christ"**. Specifically speaking, Year 2022 Project titled, *"The Joy of the New Jerusalem"*, focused on the glorious destination of believers who travailed through this wretched world to fulfilling the purpose of God's call, and thereby manifesting His glory on the earth in their respective ministerial gifts. Such persons will possess heaven as an eternal inheritance, beholding God's face and presence with unlimited joy and eternal triumphant praise. These experiences as witnessed in heaven can also be brought down to the earth through the believers. They will become the Ambassadors of God on the Earth and light to this dark World, attracting people to God, and then becoming the visible likeness of the invisible God.

This is what we are calling every one of us to do this year in our places of influence. It is our expectation that we should be spiritually committed to this year's Prayer Project so that God can take His place among men on the Earth.

BRO. VITUS CHUKWUDOLUE

Otimkpu Eze Jesus

Chairman CCRN, Abuja Archdiocese.

DAY 1: 31ST December, 2022

PERSONAL RETREAT

The end of a year is a time to take serious stock of one's life. What you do in the past determines what the future will do for you. An understanding of the past can facilitate the undertakings of the future. It is very advisable not to live in history but learn from it. Learning the past is to lead the future. Moreso, a successful closure of the last chapter is the successful opening of the next chapter.

Be consciously prepared for 2023.

GUIDE:

Retire to a quiet place where you can be all alone with God.

Spiritual Reflections:

Evaluate as follows, your walk with God through Year 2022

- ❖ The law of the Lord (Exo 20:2-17)
- ❖ Laws of the Spirit (Gal 5:19-22)
- ❖ Law of love (Matt 22:37)

General Reflections:

- ❖ Identify what to appreciate God for in this passing year, your life, health, etc. (Ps. 103:1-5; 150:6).
- ❖ Understand that, the devil that could not stop your breath cannot stop your testimony (Ps. 150:6).
- ❖ Identify and list principles or secrets that worked for you or others that must be reworked (1 Tim. 4:14-15).
- ❖ Consistency is key to breakthrough.
- ❖ Identify what to do differently in the coming year. At times,

it takes a change of approach to terminate your reproach (Deut. 1:6-7).

- ❖ Identify what you must put behind you in order for your destiny to manifest (Phil. 3:13-14).
- ❖ Evaluate how much you invested into God's Kingdom this year (You time, gifts and money/resource). Understand that God's project attracts His budget and with Him, you won't struggle.

Pray with Psalm 51, 139 and further as led

DAY 2: 1st January, 2023

PROPHETIC DECLARATION FOR YEAR 2023

Praise God Beloved Brethren in Christ Jesus!

The first day of any year is a gateway to the entire year; to possess the year therefore, you must take hold of its gates on the 1st Day of January through prevailing prayers and prophetic declarations. Kindly join the CCRN of Abuja Archdiocese to raise hands and voices today and through the month to secure the year 2023. The Word of God says: ***“You shall decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee: and the light will shine upon your ways” (Job 22:28).***

This prayer/declaration should be said in faith between 12.00 midnight (Cross-Over) and 12:00noon (midday)

PRAYERS: Almighty Father, your people, the members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria, Abuja Archdiocese, raise hands and voices this day, 1st January 2023 to thank you for the gift of life and your benevolence through the year 2022, a year we reckoned your great mercy and goodness.

All Kneel...

Father, we will not stop praising you for your faithfulness all these years; you have been our provider in times of need, our healer in sickness and affliction, our protection from dangers and like the Israelites, you have kept us safe as a people year after year not considering our many failings. Today Father, we sincerely repent of all our sins and humbly confess them to you. We ask for mercy and forgiveness. Thank you Father, for answering us in Jesus name – Amen.

Now, celebrate your successful crossover into the New Year!!!! (Worship the Lord in praise). Also, make a commitment here to God, what you would want to pursue and achieve for Him through the New Year. (Top on the list must target – touching lives)

DECLARATIONS: The word of God says in *Numbers 14:28* “*As surely as I live declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say*”.

Year 2023 you are welcome and blessed in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

We declare 2023, the year of “Heaven on Earth. - *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.*

May the presence of God be lifted and go ahead of us through the year in the name of Jesus Christ.

May the grace for new life in Holiness and righteousness rest upon us to do His will in the name of Jesus Christ

- ❖ I declare 2023, my year of multiple possibilities in the name of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ I declare 2023, my year of victory over sin and limitations in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ I declare 2023, my year of all round success in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ I declare 2023, my year of breaking higher grounds in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ I declare 2023, my year of divine protection and preservation in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ No more denials and stagnation in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ No more LOSS in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Divine intervention in the 2023 elections both in CCRN and the government of Nigeria in the name of Jesus Christ.

The year 2023 restores lost glory, power and honor of God in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria (CCRN), so that we serve God in Spirit, truth and total commitment to bring about new and higher encounters in lives, homes, marriages, professions, the church, governments, our country Nigeria and the world at large in the name of Jesus Christ.

By the anointing of God, may this new year refocus and redirect us more on godly interests as the Spirit of the living God regenerates, recharges, reinvigorates, revives and rekindles in us boldness and enthusiasm to serve God with optimum capacity in the name of Jesus Christ.

May we all multiply in grace, zeal, willingness, positivism and results as God helps us to achieve Heaven on Earth, especially as we progress with the program tomorrow and live His will through the year in the name of Jesus Christ.

Open your two hands now.....By the mantle of God's calling upon my life, I hereby declare the year 2023, a year of peace, joy, love, mercy, kindness, favor, goodness, good health and all-encompassing blessings of God upon you, your families, Prayer Groups, Ministries, Deaneries and the entire Archdiocese in the name of Jesus Christ - Amen.

On behalf of the entire leadership of the Archdiocese, I wish you all a very ***HAPPY NEW AND PROSPEROUS YEAR***. Be plentifully blessed, Heaven at last in Jesus name.

Yours-In-Kingdom Service,

Bro. Vitus Oby Chukwudolue

(Otimkpu Eze Jesus)

Chairman, CCRN Abuja Archdiocese

WEEK 1

THE WORLD IN DARKNESS

(Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 9:2)

INTRODUCTION:

Our world has a problem of sin and darkness. Looking back over the years of human history, we see a long list of sin and struggle. The world as revealed from the beginning, was in deep darkness until God's Word and Light redeemed the hopeless situation. ***“And the earth was formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters” (Gen 1:2).***

In the age of Noah, the world was caught deep in darkness of sin, wickedness and an offensive demonic pollution of the human race. Evil and wickedness in the world at that time were to the extent that God could not bear it, and so He destroyed all of them by a flood, leaving only Noah's household of eight and a pair of all animals.

God is love and would not abandon man and his world in perpetual hopeless state. His elaborate plan for redemption became fully revealed in Christ when the ***“Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).*** Over two thousand years after this redemptive work on the Cross of Calvary was achieved and the price for sin and death was fully paid, the world still is in darkness. Today like never, the world has systems governed by knowledge, patterns, standards imported from hell destroying mankind, boundless wickedness in men's heart, killings and bloodshed, rebellion against God, outright rejection of God's love, worship of idols and demons, whoredom and unimaginable immoral pervasions (seduction, fornication, adultery, pornography, masturbation, lesbianism, homosexuality,

bestiality, etc), unholy quest for material possession leading to ritual sacrifices, initiation into all kinds of satanic kingdoms, occultic and witchcraft activities. These and more are manifestations of darkness in our world today. The consequence for this grave situation is the judgment by fire. *“By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly (2 Pet 3:7).*

Child of God, now is the time to reject the life of darkness, and submit totally to God to be saved from the imminent danger. The door of mercy is still open now. *“Today as you hear His voice, harden not your heart” (Heb 3:15).*

DAY 1: Monday, 2nd January, 2023

THE WORLD SYSTEM (2 Tim 4:4; 1 Cor. 3:19)

There are two kingdoms operating on this earth, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. All ideas, beliefs, and methods of operation fall under one of these categories; there is no gray area. The kingdom of darkness operates through a system referred to as “the world.” It is a system that opposes the Word of God. The world system is based on the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life and is headed towards destruction (1 John 2:16). God desires that Believers switch to the right “system” so that they can get consistent results from the Kingdom of God.

The world system is governed by Satan. From the way relationships are conducted, to finances, it is based on principles that are designed to steal, kill, and destroy. We were all born into this corrupt system; however, as Christians we are now a part of a new kingdom and, consequently, a new system of operations.

Believers are a part of God's Kingdom and should no longer be governed according to the world system. Our King is Jesus and our Constitution is the Bible, which contains the guidelines on how we are supposed to conduct ourselves in the Kingdom of God. The territory that belongs to us is the entire earth. Though the enemy has taken a lot of ground for his purposes, our job is to reclaim what God originally intends for us to have by living the kingdom life and spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore, challenge this world's system with the gospel of our Lord Jesus and bring about the necessary changes to God's glory for we are light in the midst of darkness.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Which kingdom do I belong to?
- ◆ Is my life governed by the world's system?
- ◆ How ready am I to submit totally to God?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, I confess and reject all alliances with the world's system.
- ◆ Oh God, break the powers of the world system controlling any area of my life.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, that I be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus (Col. 2:6-8).

DAY 2: Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023

WICKEDNESS AND REBELLION

(Jer. 17:9; 1 Sam. 15:23; Rom. 1:29; Isa. 50:6-7)

We are in a world of utter wickedness and rebellion. When the devil fell in Revelation chapter 12, the Bible says woe has befallen the human race. The rebellion of

Satan in the beginning is one of the reasons for the challenges we have in the world today. After the fall of Adam and Eve, murder, violence, and all sorts of evil practices became widespread. The target of the devil is to ruin the souls of men in hell. When God saw the wickedness and evil intentions of man in Genesis 6, He regretted the creation of man. Wickedness and rebellion are the order of the day in our society. Today in our world, we have seen this wickedness and rebellion in a heightened and strange manner. We hear of death, rituals, occultic practices, prostitution, kidnapping, accidents, wars, bloodshed of all kinds and in large scale. A lot of people have given up their faith because of the pressure of compromises and heightened wickedness.

The root of evil and wickedness is in the depravity of man's heart. Satan proliferates his mission of wickedness and destruction by sowing evil seeds in the hearts of men who submit to his wiles. He in turn uses them to perpetuate wicked and heinous acts of killing, pollution, destruction, corruption and rebellions in this age and time. Darkness describes the destructive mission and end-time agenda of Satan and his cohorts; while light characterizes the goodness of God and all that Jesus brings to us. The activity of Satan and his agents are amplified in this time and season that the devil knows that his time is short. His mission is to increase the traffic of several millions of souls to hell fire and plunge them into eternal destruction. We must reject his offer and spread the light of the gospel everywhere to deter his operation of rebellion and wickedness.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What is the state of my heart?
- ◆ Am I wicked and cruel to others?
- ◆ Have I been rebellious to authorities over me? (Father, mother, leaders, etc).

PRAYERS:

- ♦ Oh Lord, I confess and reject all acts of wickedness and rebellion in my life.
- ♦ Father, break the yoke of wickedness and rebellion in my home, fellowship, church and the country.
- ♦ Father, increase your love in our hearts to bear testimony of your presence on earth.

DAY 3: Wednesday, 4th January, 2023**MODERN IDOLATRY (1Cor. 10:14, Ps 16:4)**

The word, idol in Greek, is called *eidolon* which means an image that is for worship. By implication, it is a heathen god. The point in this meaning is that an idol is anything that takes the place of the worship of God. In our time, it can be a physical image or a spiritual one. In other words, we have idols in the forest and idols in the heart. Anything that takes the place of God in your life is an idol. St. Augustine buttressed the meaning of idolatry in these words, “Idolatry is worshipping anything that ought to be used, or using anything that is meant to be worshipped.” Modern idolatry is the complex world system, inventions and discoveries that contend with the place of God in our hearts. Some of the modern day idols include ICT, modernization and neo-civilization, New Age Movement (NAM), One World System, computerized systems, the antichrist cults (Illuminati), materialism, electronic gadget system (TV), and so forth. Other idols include money (mammon), beauty (Venus), food and hedonism (Bacchus) and so forth. Today, ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) is one of the core idols of the 21st century. The world is a global village and with the phone in your hand, everything that goes around the world, whether evil or good, is shown in it. There is a high addictive tendency with these

systems in such a way that they tend to take the place of God in the lives of most people, churches, and communities. An example is when you spend several hours watching a television movie but hardly spend an hour with the bible. Some people prefer to go to movie centers or betting points and spend bulk of their time than doing that in the house of God. For some, their work/business has become the idol in their hearts.

The seat of modern idol is the heart. What occupies your heart determines what occupies your life. Who is exalted in your heart? We must decide in 2023 that nothing takes the place of God in our hearts. Our God is a jealous God and requires absolute worship. In 1 John 5:21, we are admonished to flee from idols. We must be resolute in 2023 to give complete devotion and worship to God. Decide that nothing can take the place of God in your life. Amen.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What have I given the greater attention of my life?
- ◆ What is my attitude towards money, phone, wears and other material things?
- ◆ What lusts are there in my heart?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Holy Spirit, reveal to me all the hidden idols in my life.
- ◆ I sincerely confess and repent of all the conscious and unconscious worship of idols in my life.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, please increase the love of God in my heart.

DAY 4: Thursday, 5th January, 2023

KILLINGS AND BLOODSHED

(Exo. 20:13; Ps 106:38-39; Jer. 1:5)

Human life is sacred to God for in His own image and likeness, He made them, male and female (Gen 1:27). Death is a tremendous doorway through which human beings pass into one of the two eternal destinations (Heaven or hell). God alone has the supreme right to open that door and therefore commands, “Thou shall not kill” (Exo. 20:13).

Any deliberate action that results into the death of another is killing; this happens when there are physical/emotional/psychological abuses, quarrels and violent fights, sales of fake and expired drugs/food to the public, poor civil/mechanical works with regards to buildings, roads and vehicles, bad leadership, among others. On the other hand, such acts as outright killings or abortion are grievous sins against God and humanity. Every human life exists from the spirit realm before conception in the womb (Jer. 1:5). God allows all lives in the world for a purpose, and therefore, termination of such life is a termination of destiny which capable of totally alienating one from God. ***“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken falsehood, your tongue mutters wickedness”*** (Is 59:2-3).

Our nation today is polluted and drenched with innocent blood. Great punishment awaits killers of all kinds on the Day of Judgment, and even now God still uses governments to punish such evil. Child of God, you are God's special task force against evil; take a gospel position today and draw men unto salvation.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Am I a killer? (Evaluate your thoughts, words and actions).
- ◆ In what ways have my actions aided the death of another?
- ◆ How many souls are crying out against me before the Most High God.

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Cry for mercy and pray with Psalm 51.
- ◆ Ask the Holy Spirit to make you His agent of healing and restoration.

(NB: *If you have shed innocent blood, please meet a Priest for counselling, sacramental confession and prayers.*)

DAY 5: Friday, 6th January, 2023

MORAL PERVERSIONS (Rom. 1:26, Col. 3:5)

Moral perversion is a complex matrix that encompasses every form of immorality and associated acts. Acts like pornography, masturbation, homosexuality, lesbianism, fornication (premarital sex), incest, nudity, adultery, bestiality (sleeping with dogs) and much more are acts of moral perversion (Leviticus 18 and 20). In the New Testament, Paul adds licentiousness, uncleanness, and lewdness, which largely deal with liberal attitudes towards sexual matters (Eph. 4:19).

The world system is likened to the Babylonian system of old where the predominant practice is sexual perversion. Revelation 17 calls the woman Babylon, the mother of prostitutes. Moral perversions is seen in every strata of our world today, especially in the entertainment industry, schools, internet and several forms of advertisement. The idea of the devil is to make these perversions appealing and acceptable to the senses. We must not allow our hearts to be captured in this end time. By grace, we must reject

every form and appearances of these perversions this year and beyond.

Make bold to take a stand in Christ today and shut your senses against these odds plaguing the world. Don't forget that you are God's temple and must keep to purity.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Am I living morally perverse life?
- ◆ Am I ready now to repent?
- ◆ Jesus calls you now to come and have rest (Matt. 11:28)

PRAYERS:

- ◆ A cry for mercy and restoration of the spirit of purity.
- ◆ Oh Lord..... Break the hold of sin in my life.
- ◆ Father... please restore my lost life and destiny.

(NB: You may seek practical help with special counseling/prayers - Refer to the phone numbers on the guideline of this booklet)

DAY 6: Saturday, 7th January, 2023

UNFAITHFULNESS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Ezek. 8:17-18, 44:6-7)

Unfaithfulness is the act of being unfaithful. To be faithful is to be committed and firm in the things of God. Unfaithfulness has to do with instability and lack of commitment in the matters of God. When you are unfaithful to a thing, you have no commitment to it. You are not serious about ensuring that a particular task or responsibility is fulfilled. Answering the call to the Christian faith is not the problem but staying committed to the call is what matters in the eyes of God. Luke 18:8 says, "...when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith

on the earth?" One major challenge we have in the Christendom today is unfaithfulness. To be faithful also means that you are committed and devoted to God's purpose on earth. A faithful servant is always available. He or she is committed, consistent and accountable in discharging his/her role in God's house.

In the body of Christ today, gross unfaithfulness abound. Deceptive men of God who use God's name, hypocrisy amongst Christians, dubious approach and swindling money from unsuspecting members, terrible immoral behaviors, disunity, pride, rebellion, witchcraft and cult practices which have desecrated the body of Christ and dragged His name to the mud. These and more are reasons for broken covenants with God and many unanswered prayers (Ezek 44:6-7).

God is seeking for faithful men and women who would reclaim the Church through prayers, intercessions and righteous living from evil plunderers. Make yourself available to God.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Am I a faithful servant of Christ?
- ◆ Have I taken a public stand for Christ, even in the face of danger?
- ◆ How committed am I?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, have mercy upon your Church.
- ◆ Look with pity upon us Lord.
- ◆ Pray for the unity of the body of Christ.

DAY 7: Sunday, 8th January, 2023

RETURN TO GOD NOW (Joel 2:13; 1 John 1:9)

Nothing demands urgency like the salvation of souls. Delay is dangerous. A man who rejects the urgent and timely call to return to the Father, faces the terror of death and inevitably will face the danger of the second death in hell fire. It is possible that as you are reading this manual, you have lost touch with God. It is also possible that you have blocked the grace of salvation through mortal sins and wandered far from God like the prodigal son. God is giving you yet another opportunity to return to Him.

This call to return is a loving invitation to you by God for a sincere and remorseful change. The prodigal son made up his mind to return to the Father rather than wallowing and dinning with pigs. Until this decision, he lived in pains and misery. Life outside Christ is full of crisis and confusion. The time is now and not tomorrow or any other day. Never postpone this decision. Never allow the pleasures and fears of life to delay you again. Take that bold step today and return to God. As you do, repent and sincerely confess your sins to obtain mercy and forgiveness. *“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”* (Isaiah 55:6-7).

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What is God saying to me this week about my life?
- ◆ Where is my life heading to?
- ◆ I take a final decision today to follow Christ.

PRAYERS:

- Lord, I have heard your word, help me not to harden my heart.
- I surrender and submit to your authority, O Lord.
- My God, I rededicate my life to you today and onwards.

WEEK 2

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Jn. 8:12; Isa. 9:2)

INTRODUCTION

“In the beginning when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the waters. And God said, let there be Light and there was Light” (Gen. 1:3).

The world from its beginning has been in deep darkness with a serious need for light. This darkness as seen in the heart of people permeates every sector of life, manifesting itself in human wickedness (sin), ignorance, etc. The Prophet Isaiah lamented that darkness covers the earth; a thick darkness over the people, but the Lord rises upon you and His Glory appears over you (Isa. 60:2). The world and its systems are in total confusion. Attempts made so far to take people out of darkness only leads to more darkness.

Jesus Christ came therefore to bring light and declares ***“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life”*** (John 8:12). In declaring Himself as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ is the exclusive source of spiritual light and truth availed to mankind. It is therefore, only in Him that we have life, and this life is the Light of men (John 1:4). We therefore walk in this light when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior becoming obedient to His commands. We witness to this light by the good things we do in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week therefore, presents Jesus Christ as the only solution to

the darkness that has taken over this world. Indeed, as He becomes the light of our life, He will usher in the true knowledge of God to lead us through the path of life and freedom in order that we might commit totally to bringing glory to His name and serve as wise and faithful servants for the Father's blessing.

DAY 1: Monday, 9th January, 2023

JESUS THE LIGHT OF LIFE (Jn. 1:4)

In the gloomy days of the people of Zebulun and Naptali, the glorious future of Galilee of the Gentiles was prophesied by Prophet Isaiah that a Child would be born and a Son would be given to usher in a great light capable of dispelling darkness and bring forth freedom for those under the shadow of death (Isa. 9:1-2). That Son, Jesus Christ, manifested as a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and eventually secured release for the oppressed, sight for the blind, and proclamation of freedom for the prisoners, and year of jubilation for all (Isaiah 9:6; Lk. 4:18-19). This is otherwise, the light - life that Jesus brings to humanity.

John 1:4 holds: **“In Him was life, and that life was the light of men”**. The breath of God into the nostrils of a molded image produced life in a living being named Adam (Gen. 2:7), that life was Jesus the co-creator. Therefore, whoever carries the life of Christ carries light and that light brings life to men. The man who carries Jesus carries miracles, healing, deliverance and such a man becomes a mobile gospel capable of causing the blind to see, the lame to walk, the captives to regain freedom, with life and jubilation. Wherever Jesus went, He was doing good because of the life - light He carried. In like manner, we should be the light that dispels evil and darkness created by Satan and driven by world systems.

MEDITATION:

- Do I know that Jesus is the only hope for the darkness in the world today?
- Am I obedient to His commands?
- Am I a source of light in my family, place of work/business and neighborhood?

PRAYERS:

- Father, Thank you for the revelation of light in my life.
- Father, may your Word find expression through my life.
- Make me oh Lord, a channel of light to this world.

DAY 2: Tuesday, 10th January, 2023**THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

(Psalm 119:105; 2Cor. 4:6)

In the beginning, darkness was ruling the world as everything that existed was under the dominion of darkness but the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters (Gen. 1:2). Anything hiding under the darkness of the earth cannot be known except it is revealed by light. When the Lord commanded light into existence, the hidden things were brought to knowledge - the sky, the dry land, the vegetation with all the tree bearing fruits of all kinds. In other words, the proclamation of Light (Jesus Christ) brings to knowledge all the hidden treasures of the earth.

The advent of Christ brought the knowledge of all things in heaven and on the earth. Jesus Christ is the Word of God and the Word commanded everything to glare just as it is written: **“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path”** (Ps. 119:105). Without the Word of God, knowledge cannot be given and nothing can be revealed. **“That Light shines in darkness and darkness cannot comprehend it”** (John 1:5). The Word of God brings clear

knowledge of Jesus Christ, the light brings illumination and freedom from oppression, lack, demonic attacks, sickness, corruption, adultery, witchcraft, and all their associated problems. Ignorance of the Light is a platform for all the evil circumstances of life.

Beloved, seek earnestly to have the experiential knowledge of God, to sail safely in life; for the scriptures says; *“My people perish for lack of knowledge”* (Hosea 4:6).

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Have I had any personal encounter with Christ?
- ◆ Do I have the knowledge of Him?
- ◆ Am I walking with worldly knowledge?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Lord, release the light of your knowledge in my life.
- ◆ Father, deliver me from worldly knowledge.
- ◆ Increase my faith, oh Lord.

DAY 3: Wednesday, 11th January, 2023

WALKING IN THE LIGHT (1Jn. 1:17; Eph. 5:7-9)

No one goes to anywhere without the light to brighten the way, or else he stumbles or takes an unintended direction (Jn. 11:9-10). In the same manner, no one fulfills life's destiny without walking in the light and Jesus is the Light of the World (Jn. 8:12). It is only when we have the Light that we can spread it.

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). It is only when we catch the brightness of the light from Christ that we can fellowship

together since light and darkness has no common association (2Cor. 6:14). Again, the only one that has the light of Christ to share is the man who walks with Jesus the Light, and it is that light that reveals sin for cleansing through the blood of Jesus. Having being cleansed from every unrighteousness, going back to it again is distasteful. Separate therefore, yourselves from darkness exemplified in drunkenness, witchcraft, hatred, backbiting, and be associated with the Light of God evidenced in love, joy, peace, kindness, and faithfulness which are necessary for fellowship (Eph 5:7-9).

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Do I know that outside Jesus there is no light?
- ◆ What is drawing me back from walking in the light?
- ◆ Do I know that my walking in the light also draws others to walk in the light?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, thank you for the revelation of light.
- ◆ I command every darkness in my life; be dispelled in Jesus name.
- ◆ Lord, grant me your grace to constantly walk in the light.

DAY 4: Thursday, 12th January, 2023

DELIVERANCE FROM DARKNESS

(Col. 1:13; Acts 26: 17-18)

Just like you can strike your foot against the stone or can be bitten by snake or scorpion because they are hidden in the dark, so also you can manifest evil if the light of Jesus Christ has not been revealed to you. Unless and until you are delivered from the powers of darkness, you cannot deliver anyone. Darkness is the quality or state of being without light. A person is said to be in

darkness when the light of God's presence is absent. St. Paul was living in the darkness of zeal without the true knowledge of Christ until he was rescued from it.

In the determination of God to save the world, He offered up Jesus Christ as the price to deliver us from darkness. **“Jesus rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves”** (Col 1:13). Those He delivered were adopted as sons, and then prepared as servants and witnesses to perpetuate the business of rescuing and delivering others from wrong foundations and bring them to the Kingdom of Light.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What sin has kept me hostage in darkness? Am I aware that Satan's access point is sin?
- ◆ Am I ready to totally renounce Satan and his evil works?
- ◆ Can I completely surrender to Jesus now?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Lord, I ask for mercy.
- ◆ Lord, I renounce and reject every sin and ties with Satan in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ I take authority in the name of Jesus to break all holds of darkness over my life. Pray against all forms of manipulations.

(NB: Special Day for Deliverance Prayers in all Prayer Group)

DAY 5: Friday, 13th January, 2023

TOTAL COMMITMENT (Phil. 1:20)

Total Commitment is a state or quality of being dedicated to a cause and an activity. Commitment is the foundation of our relationship with God. It involves giving oneself wholly to God without reservation or restraint. Matthew 22:37 puts total commitment very clearly: ***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength”*** (Matthew 22:37).

Total commitment is a product of a conviction of the fact that God will not do what is against your mutual relationship with Him. Whatever God allows is for your interest. Including hunger, sickness, nakedness and children’s welfare (Rom. 8:28-35). When this proves true, you become more committed to your relationship with him.

Philippians 1:20 says: **“eagerly expect and hope that I will, in no way, be ashamed but would have sufficient courage, so that now as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, either by life or death”**. This presupposes that in the midst of provocation, hunger, peril, rejection, and expulsion from a comfort zone, one should not have operated differently from his/her position in God. Daniel, Shedrach, Meshach, and Abednego stayed loyal and committed to God in the midst of the intensely heated fire. Do not be ashamed of God even when He seems far away as His distance in times of adversity is a test of your loyalty and commitment to Him.

MEDITATION:

- Do you know that your area of commitment is your area of priority?
- What do you place above God in your life?

- ♦ What can you not do for God?

PRAYERS:

- ♦ Oh God, help me to be totally committed to your work.
- ♦ Detach me oh Lord, from every distractions to my commitment.
- ♦ Revive your zeal in me Lord.

DAY 6: Saturday, 14th January, 2023

THE WISE AND FAITHFUL SERVANT (Matt. 24:45-46)

It is only a wise and faithful man that shows faithfulness to his master's business because of the relative derivable benefits. A wise man takes careful decisions on his duties taking advantage of the information available at his disposal, while a faithful servant does everything to ensure that the works committed to him by his master does not suffer decrease and/or delay.

Believers are differently gifted for various purposes and if one is not wise and faithful, he/she may be losing a generational opportunity to serve and make impact on the lives of those connected to him. As a wise and faithful servant, it is expected that you increase or double the gift given to you for the benefit of the Church in order to enter eternal reward. **“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things, come and share your Master's happiness”** (Matt 25:21).

Remember, the woman at the well of Samaria who met Jesus and introduced the people of the Samaritan town to Him and their salvation was assured. Apostle Paul also met Jesus on the way to Damascus, and later reconciled the gentile world to Him. You too have been called, be wise and faithful for our rewarder is coming.

MEDITATION

- ♦ How am I managing the things entrusted to my care (people, finances, etc?)
- ♦ Do I know that every little actions matter?
- ♦ Am I a faithful steward?

PRAYERS:

- ♦ Lord, help me to be faithful to what you entrusted to my care.
- ♦ Lord, help me understand the length and breadth of my assignment.
- ♦ Oh God, open the eyes of my mind to see what you hold for me.

DAY 7: Sunday, 15th January, 2023**THE FATHER'S BLESSINGS** (Prov. 10:22; Gen.1:28)

Fathers are the Priests and Prophets of their homes and whatever they declare in accordance with their desires within their authorities and plans of God do come to pass (Gen. 49:8-12). The Holy Spirit, the gift of love through all generations, was the wishes and declaration of our Lord Jesus Christ, to His disciples forever, and so we are blessed today because of the fulfillment.

“The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it” (Prov. 10:12). If believers of our time become the light that God expects them to be in the World, they will certainly be blessed against any curse projected by their enemies. The counsel of the Lord is that which would stand and that counsel is the Father's blessing. Abraham was blessed by the Lord in Genesis 13:14-16, and it came to pass. Today, his generations across the world are blessed. Judah was blessed by Jacob and it holds true forever. On

the contrary, anything promised by the enemy is deceptive; it cannot stand. The only counsel for man that stands is the Counsel of God. At creation, God pronounced an everlasting blessing upon His people **“Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground” (Gen 1:28)**. That the world’s population according to United Nations estimate is 7.97 billion by year 2020 is the testimony of God’s declarative blessings upon the earth. Whatever statements He makes to bless you today will come to pass.

Let us be aware that, to lay hold of these blessings of the Father, we must represent God in our families, communities, offices, and market places through the solutions provided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Do you know that true blessings only come from God?
- ◆ Yes I believe, God still blesses His own.
- ◆ Faithfulness to God’s principles makes way for blessings.

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Oh Lord, bless me like you blessed Father Abraham, in Jesus name.
- ◆ Father, put in me your Spirit of obedience in Jesus name.
- ◆ Oh Lord, teach me the principles of your blessings.
- ◆ Pray as the Spirit leads you.

WEEK 3

LIVING FOR HIS WILL

(Heb. 10:7- NLT; Ps. 40:7-8)

INTRODUCTION:

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are made to know God, love Him, and serve Him in this world, and be happy for ever with Him in the next.

Desire for God is written in human heart because man is created by God and for God. He never ceases to draw men to Himself. Only in God will man find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for. The dignity of a man rests above all on the fact that he is called into communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is demanded of man as soon as he comes into being for on account of God's love was he brought into existence, and through love will God continue to hold him in existence. Man cannot fully live according to truth unless he acknowledges God's love and entrusts himself to his creator. To live for, and follow God's will, the believer must enter into a personal fellowship with Him, actively study His Word and obey His commands regardless of circumstance.

Finding your purpose of existence is one way to daily enter His will. You do this when understanding is gained on why you exist, and an acceptance of the Cross of redemption, living a new life in Christ, bearing witness to Christ, offering acceptable services, and having a thankful heart always.

Child of God, this week affords you the opportunity to willingly surrender to, and live for God's will in order that you may become an evidence of His kingdom.

DAY 1: Monday, 16th January, 2023**THAT I MAY KNOW HIM (Phil 3:10)**

No man can serve God acceptably unless he gains the correct knowledge of God. And no man knows God except those to whom the Son chooses to reveal. And I hear the Son saying **“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”** (Matt 11:27-28).

At an instance of the experiential knowledge of God following His written Words, Christian life becomes real. *“All things have been committed to me by my father. No one knows the Father except the Son and no one knows the Son except the Father and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him”* (Mt.11:27). Throughout the Ministry of Jesus, we see concurrently how He boldly testified about His knowledge of the Father. His messages about God the Father were clear because He comes from the Father and He always communed with God in the place of prayer. He was sure of what He was preaching and did without fear.

Brethren, we need to experience God as a person not just a Spirit; we need to have an understanding of the deep things of God because we are God's children. One of the best ways to know God is to seek Him with all your heart as prophesied by Prophet Jeremiah. *“If you seek to know him with all your heart you will find him”* (Jer.29:13).

“That I may know Him” is a lifelong desire for those who want to finish well in this race. Make it your prayer and desire in life.

MEDITATION:

- ♦ Do I really know God?
- ♦ Have I had an encounter with God?
- ♦ Who is God to me?

PRAYERS:

- ♦ Oh Lord help me to know you more.
- ♦ Holy Father teach me to know Your ways.
- ♦ Oh lord let my generation come to the knowledge of you.

DAY 2: Tuesday 17th January, 2023**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** (1 Cor.13:4-7; 1 Jn 3:16)

Unconditional love, simply put, is that love without limits. It is the love one offers freely. It is not based on what someone has done or will do in return. You simply love and want nothing in return other than happiness. This type of love is sometimes called compassionate or Agape love. (1Jn.4:18).

Love is a command from God, and we are expected to pour our hearts to God for who He is, for what He has done and what He will do, especially now that Christians are facing trials and tribulations on a daily basis on account of their love for God. You must never be tired of loving God because He first loved us even while we were sinners (Rom. 5:8). At all times required, give Him your strength, time, talents, and treasures.

On the other hand, none of us can genuinely love men without loving God. Loving men, according to God's definition of love, is only an overflow of our love for God. Until the love of God for us connects with our love for Him, it is difficult loving others unconditionally. Most of the time when men come to us, they come with offences. Their manners are very irritating, as they come

looking for what to gain therefore, without the love of God, we may not be able to help.

Unconditional love should also extends to our enemies for it is the teaching of our Lord Jesus (Matt. 8:44). It must not have any barrier; it must not be determined by religion, tribe, color, height, status, etc. It is love without sentiment. Pray therefore, that the Holy Spirit will ignite God's kind of love in your hearts that you may love God and humanity.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Do I understand what unconditional love is?
- ◆ Do I have love for God and my neighbors?
- ◆ Is my love for God or neighbor based on what I stand to gain?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, I want to love you more.
- ◆ Help me Oh Lord, to love even those that hate me.
- ◆ Oh Lord, make my life a testament of love.

DAY 3: Wednesday 18th January, 2023

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE (Matt 23:11; Rom. 14:17-18)

To have run a whole course only to discover that it was on the wrong path or have to ascend so high on a ladder leaning against the wrong wall is a tragedy. The Lord God has an acceptable way He must be served among men and with His works. He insistently told Moses, "**See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.**"(Heb 8:5).

Have you being to the mountain of God to receive instructions or you are building because others are building? Who gave you the

pattern? Who gave you the leadership model you are using? Who gave you the message you are preaching? Who gave you the song you are singing? Who sent you? Let it not be that God is saying, “I did not send him yet he ran the course”.

In everything, Christ left an example for us to follow (1Pet 2:21). Are you following His steps? He fed His followers, why milking yours? He served His followers, why lording it over yours? Surely, this is not from Christ because He was humble in serving people in everything; don't be arrogant and proud. Stick to the pattern and “see to it that you do not drift” (Heb. 2:1-4).

If you are feeling confused at this point, return to the ancient path that you may walk in it again. Remember, there is an acceptable pattern of dealing with God and what is highly valued in the sight of men can be abomination to God.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What is the acceptable service?
- ◆ How do I render acceptable service to God?
- ◆ Where do I render the service?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ O Lord, teach me how to serve you.
- ◆ My Father, my Father, give me hunger to serve you.
- ◆ Merciful God, let my service be acceptable to you.

DAY 4: Thursday, 19th January, 2023

WITNESSING (Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:18)

You cannot witness to what you have not seen or heard. God's instructions are clear. **“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”** (Matt. 10:27-28).

A witness therefore, is someone who testifies to the deeds he has seen, the words he has heard, and the events at which he was present. ***“This is what we proclaim to you, what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and our hands have touched concerning the Word of Life”*** (1Jn. 1:1).

The whole essence of life is to bear witness to the risen Lord and His finished work on the Cross as it is the only bridge between men and God. We witness to bring souls to God's kingdom. The question you may ask now is, “what is the effect of my witnessing? Has it simply earned me a name among men or truly have brought souls to God?”

Witnessing is not only by words of mouth but by way of life. What does your lifestyle preach in the neighborhood, office or market place? Does your dressing bear witness to the risen Lord? What about your words? Let it not be that the name of the Lord is blasphemed because of you. Let your life spread the aroma of Christ among men.

Remember that it is written: ***“whatever you do, do it for the glory of God”*** (1Cor 10:31; Col 3:17).

MEDITATION:

- ◆ When last did I witness for Christ?
- ◆ Between my personal ambitions and Jesus Christ, which stands out?
- ◆ Do I still have passion to win souls for Christ?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Lord Jesus, strengthen me to preach your Word without fear.
- ◆ Help me Jesus, to have hunger to do your will.
- ◆ Lord God, let your burden keep on burning in my heart.

DAY 5: Friday, 20th January, 2023**DISCIPLESHIP** (Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15)

Discipleship is teaching biblical precepts, while modeling and guiding others towards living righteously as followers of Jesus Christ. It is also the process of making, nurturing, and molding men for God's kingdom. It is the making of the whole man and not skill acquisition or mere mentorship.

The commission we received is “make disciples” and not just to convert them. Though discipleship begins with conversion, it does not stop at conversion as a convert cannot be called a disciple. He becomes a disciple when he takes the yoke of Jesus upon himself and begins to learn from Him. Bringing men to the point of taking the yoke and guiding them in this learning process is discipleship.

The most important characteristics of discipleship is that it develops an intimate relationship with God through Christ rather than just learning about him. The reason for the half-baked Ministers/Christians in the field today is the result of poor formation process of believers. There is so much haste to manifest but little or no transformation in the believers. You may not be able to transform a life if the Word you preach is not reflected in your life. The rule is to live the life and then preach the Word. Disciples are impacted more by practical living.

Child of God, you are called to disciple men by way of the apostolic mantle passed down through generations to us. Now is the time, answer the call and get to work, for Jesus is coming very soon.

MEDITATION:

- Am I a true disciple?
- Am I learning Jesus? (Matt 11:29)
- Whose follower am I? (1 Cor. 11:1)

PRAYERS:

- Lord, help me to be humble and learn at your feet.
- Holy Spirit, unveil to me the deep things of God.
- Help me to follow your footsteps, Lord Jesus Christ.

DAY 6: Saturday, 21st January, 2023**A THANKFUL HEART (1Thess. 5:18; Col. 4:2)**

The disposition of the heart the Lord wants us to bear is that of a thankful heart regardless of what we are going through. This is only possible when we have reached the point of trusting that the Lord God is in charge of our lives and that all things work for the good of those that love Him. Knowing that He has committed Himself never to abandon us in whatever situation, we must exercise courage and cheerfulness as we thank God in all situations. His commitment is: **“when you pass through the fire, it shall not consume you, and when you pass through the waters, I will be with you”** (Isa 43:2).

Thanksgiving was the greatest attitude of Christ while on earth. He always gave thanks to the Father even at the most difficult times. In the tomb of Lazarus, He gave thanks to the Father; at the breaking of bread, He also gave thanks to the Father; and as He performed the miracle that fed 5,000 men, He gave thanks to the Father (Jn. 11:41; Lk. 22:17; Lk. 9:16). Being thankful at all times must be an attitude a child of God should have. It opens the door to God's presence and provokes multiple blessings.

Take a decision in your heart today to be thankful. Offer God a seed of thanksgiving in this year's Prayer Project and watch what amazing result the year 2023 turns out for you and your family. ***"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully"*** (2cor 9:6-8). Prioritizing God's Kingdom is the doorway to unusual favours.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What has been my attitude to thanksgiving?
- ◆ Do I wait for miracle before thanking God?
- ◆ Do I know that thanksgiving brings about deliverance and answered prayers?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, thank you for the wonders of my life.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, give me a thankful heart.
- ◆ Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

DAY 7: Sunday, 22nd January, 2023

DWELLING IN HIS PRESENCE (Ps 91:1)

There is a realm that men must meet God to contact power. It is called the "secret place". Jesus often sought the Father's will in a secret place called the Mount of Olives. You need an encounter and understanding of the secret place to do His will. The secret place is a place of separation, a place of meeting with the Master, a place of formation, and a place of preservation. It is impossible for a man to carry the understanding of God through this generation without encounters in the secret place. ***"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of Almighty"*** (Ps 91:1).

God dwells in the secret place. As children of God, we must seek after Him. In His presence, men are prepared, trained and instructed for public manifestations. Unfortunately, men today have neglected the secret place which largely accounts why God's manifestation is scarce in our generation. "Thus says the Lord" has further become abused and manipulated.

Child of God, you can be used by God to wrought signs and wonders in our time if waiting at the secret place becomes your lifestyle. Being in His presence entails entering into the mind of the Father and partaking in His burdens per time for humanity. Know this that your secret sacrifices and action for God will be met with an open reward.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ What is my understanding of the secret place?
- ◆ Do I know that it is only in His presence that men encounters God?
- ◆ Do I know that the secret place is my place of formation and preservation?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Oh Lord, show me your glory.
- ◆ May I never depart from your presence, Oh Lord.
- ◆ Restore me to continually seek your presence Oh Lord (Ps 105:4).-

NB: Day of special worship and adoration in His presence - Prayer groups encourage to carry it out.

WEEK 4

HEAVEN ON EARTH

(Matt. 6:10)

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to the fourth week of this year's Prayer Project captioned "Heaven on Earth". This week which officially marks the conclusion of the prayer aspect of this project, commences our living the heavenly patterned lifestyle in this world as we await the coming of Christ. But can heaven really come down on the earth or its principles and practices fully complied with on the earth that is fully under the influence of the evil one (1 Jn 5: 19)?

Surely, Heaven can fully happen on earth when God, through His grace at work in the life of men, is involved (Lk 1:37; Titus 2:11-14). Actually, one of the reasons why God placed man on the earth is to dominate it (Gen 1:28). This mission is the very heartbeat of God, a top priority in His Kingdom agenda. Jesus revealed this to us when he taught us that having adored God, we should first and foremost, ask that His Kingdom come on earth and that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven (Matt 6:10). If we carefully consider that mission, we will realize that it was not just a prayer point but the most important necessity that occupied the topmost position in God's scale of preference for man.

Truly, our call as Christians is not first and foremost to make Heaven but ensure that our God fully influences and reigns in the lives and affairs of all men on the earth. Surely, we must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to us (Matt. 6: 33). Therefore, to seek for God's Kingdom on earth is to declare our great desires for God's presence,

provision, love, and redemption on earth as it is in heaven. We are to carry the kingdom of God with us everywhere we go and release this kingdom through everything we do. We are called by Jesus to bring Heaven to Earth. God has placed within us keys to the doors of heaven, and longs to have us release His love, grace, peace, mercy, and redemption to others in desperate need of Him. He longs to call us out from our daily chores into a higher pursuit of seeing the earth transformed by his goodness.

Being used by God to bring heaven on earth is meant to be a part of our normal, daily Christian life. We are called to more than simply working a job, going to school, hanging out with friends, and trying to enjoy life. No matter what job you do, God wants to bring His kingdom to earth through you. If you will say yes every day to the adventure of being used by God, your life will begin to take on a whole new purpose so much fulfilling than anything else ever experienced.

May you live to see God's kingdom come to earth through your life this week and forever.

DAY 1: Monday, 23rd January, 2023

REIGNING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS (Eph. 4:17-32)

God's call on every Christian is to continue with the mission given to the first man, but terminated by the devil in Eden. That mission is to dominate, rule and reign on earth with Christ the last Adam and the second man in compliance with His commands (Gen 1:28; 1 Cor 15:45). A converted child of God is a king in this life, and called to reign in righteousness.

Righteousness gives us the ability to stand in the presence of God without condemnation; to stand in fellowship with God, having His righteousness in our spirit. This is where our audacity of faith comes from.

“It was by one man's offence that death came to reign over all, but how much greater the reign in life of those who receive the fullness of grace and the gift of saving justice, through the one man, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:17).

This is the reason why we are bold to make demands in His Name. We decree a thing and have it established immediately. It is because our righteousness is of Him, not what we did or didn't do, but what Jesus did. Righteousness makes us masters; it gives us dominion.

God has imparted His nature of righteousness into us, and that is what makes us like Him. That nature makes us think, see, and talk like Him. We have been raised to His level through Christ. We have received grace to reign over and above Satan and the elements of this world.

MEDITATION:

- ◆ Do I desire God's presence?
- ◆ Am I walking righteously before Him?
- ◆ Am I an example of righteousness?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Oh Lord, help me to come into your presence.
- ◆ Father, put in me a righteous spirit.
- ◆ Father, make me the Noah of my generation.

DAY 2: Tuesday, 24th January, 2023**EXALTED ABOVE FEAR AND TORMENT (Ps. 23:4)**

Fear is a powerful force. Its impact often pierces the deepest part of us, quickly dismantling our sense of safety, security, and state of calm. The truth is that we cannot escape the reality of fear in our world today. From the on-going uncertainties in the North-East region, the ravaging banditry in the North-West and North-Central, the amorphous rampage of unknown gun men in the South-East, to the growing religious intolerance in the whole Northern part of Nigeria, this year has been infused with panic in various forms. Yet in such highly anxious times, God's Word meets us with uncommon invitation, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled*" (Jn. 14:1).

Looking into the Scripture, we find that this courageous exhortation found throughout the Old and the New Testament is always in response to situations where fear is present. To deny the presence of fear is simply lying to oneself. Therefore, courage fuelled by faith is not the absence of fear but the ability to withstand it. If we are to develop this internal state of strength, we must take time to face our fears, redirect our focus, and rest on the foundation of our faith.

As we learn to acknowledge our limitations and need for God's authority over our lives, we are enabled to rest in our dependency and trust in His sovereignty. In doing so, we are more open to bringing our anxiety to the Lord and casting those burdens on the one who strengthens us (Ps 55:22).

MEDITATIONS:

- ◆ Am I afraid?
- ◆ What are my fears?

- ◆ Do I trust God?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, forgive me for the doubts of my heart.
- ◆ In the name of Jesus, I rebuke the spirit of fear and death.
- ◆ Pray specially for Nigeria and destroy evil gang up.

Special Prayers for Believers all over Nigeria/for Nigeria Elections and CCRN

DAY 3: Wednesday 25th January, 2023

JOY UNLIMITED (Ps. 16:11; 1 Pet. 1:8-9)

Whenver God saves a man, He blesses him with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:3). Though spiritual, these blessings are meant to continually provide for and help the saved man meet with demands and challenges of life. In order to get these blessings to manifest physically, Isaiah 12:11 says, we need joy to draw them from the wells of salvation.

It is God's will that His children experience joy to the full! We know this because of His Word in John 15:11: "***I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy be complete.***" Notice when it was that Jesus spoke these words. If you think that things are bad today, consider the world that Jesus and His disciples lived in and ministered. The Roman Empire at that time ruled over every nation, including Israel. Taxes were through the roof. Freedom of speech and religion were so restricted that you could be imprisoned or killed for believing in God. It was a strange time to talk about joy or live a free life.

In order to bring the true joy that last forever, Jesus the Saviour of the world resigned to dark and lonely Gethsemane where He

submitted to the will of the Father. He was despised, taunted, mocked, hated and crucified. In all of this, He spoke of “My Joy...” The Lord’s provision for all His children is that His joy should be their joy. *“that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete”* (Jn. 15:11).

We must admit however, that often time we are sad, sober and gloomy. The Bible teaches that as Christians, we should be joyful in everything (Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16). We should experience joy at the time of our conversion, when in prayer, even in the midst of fierce trials, when being persecuted for Christ’s sake, when serving the Lord, and this joy should be continuously ours until the end of time (Luke 19:6; John 16:24; James 1:2; Acts 5:41; Luke 15:6; Philippians 4:4).

Child of God, rejoice and do not allow bad news steal your joy.

MEDITATIONS:

- ◆ What is robbing my joy?
- ◆ Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Can I give up the attitude of limiting my joy to provisions?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, restore to me the joy of my salvation.
- ◆ Lord Jesus, be my source of joy and fulfillment and not this world.
- ◆ Lord, put eternity in my heart.

DAY 4: Thursday, 26th January, 2023

EVIDENCE OF THE KINGDOM (Lk 10:19; Mk 16:16-17)

Every child of God, like the Nation of Israel, is not called to serve God in vain but unto a living hope for an inheritance backed up by an exceeding greatness of His power to carry

out his/her mission on earth (Isa. 45:19; Eph. 1:15-22). Whenever a man sets his heart to seek God and His righteousness, heaven automatically releases evidence of the kingdom to such person. Even before creation, this evidence was certain. ***“God said, Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground”*** (Genesis 1:26).

A very important phrase in that scripture is ***“let them be masters.”*** To be master over things is to have dominion. God created man to have dominion over the works of His hand. Verse 28 of Genesis chapter 1 complements this. According to that scripture, God blessed man, and among other things, gave man the mandate to have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves on the earth.

But to exercise dominion, we must act in faith by speaking God’s word. David confronted Goliath by faith and he spoke what he believed both to Saul and to Goliath, and God honoured David’s faith (1 Sam. 17:32-37; 1 Sam. 17:45-47). You need God’s Word in your mouth to frame your world. You have been raised from the dead along with Christ, and you are seated with Him in the heavenly realms where He is seated far above all ruler, authority, power, dominion, and every name that is named, in this world and in the world to come (Eph. 2:6; Eph. 1:21).

We are to exercise dominion not only on creatures but also over the devil and his agents, serpents and scorpions, health challenges, diseases, limitations, bad habits, patterns of the blood line, world systems, and all contrary spirits (Lk 10:19, Mk. 16:16-17).

Child of God, you are born to dominate.

MEDITATIONS:

- Am I experiencing victory over sin?
- Do I exercise authority over the devil?
- Am I fruitful in areas of my life?

PRAYERS:

- Oh that I be saved from self and sin.
- Lord Jesus, help me to exercise my authority
- Lord, help me to submit to your authority always

DAY 5: Fri 27th January, 2023**ADORATION AND WORSHIP** (Rev. 4:8; Rev. 5:9)

The major reason our God is described as Almighty is because He alone has all it takes to do all things (Job 42:2). He is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent, who is the only Creator, while every being is a Creature. No being on earth, in heaven, in hell, in this present world, and in the world to come, can be compared to Him. He alone sits on a throne that no other has ever sat or will ever sit on. He is the only God who is bigger and mightier than all and; rules over all without any exception. This is who He is.

We must adore and worship Him for when we do, He **“inhabits our praises”** and does amazing things amongst us (Ps. 22:3). The Holy Spirit further pours out His presence in the mighty manifestations of gifts in our midst. Like a sweet fragrance, “It fills the whole room” (Matt. 26:6–13, Mk. 14:3–9).

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, because you were sacrificed, and with your blood you bought people for God of every race, language, people and nations and made them a line of kings and priests for God to rule the world” (Rev 5:9).

Adoration must be personal and original from the heart and not an

imitation of another. It may look different to other people, but one way or another it does touch our deepest affections and moves us to express them fully. Adoration and worship comes from our knowledge, understanding and meditation of who God really is.

MEDITATIONS:

- ◆ Do I long to be in His presence?
- ◆ Is my heart given wholly to the worship of God?
- ◆ Does my worship and adoration stem from the heart of love?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, help me to come into your presence with worship and not complaints.
- ◆ Lord Jesus, give me a true heart of worship.
- ◆ Lord Jesus, I confess my love for you.

(Special Day of Worship and Praise)

DAY 6: Saturday, 28th January, 2023

GLORY AND POWER (Rev. 4:11)

Our conversion experience is arranged in such a way that it should not end until we are glorified and empowered (Rom 8:29-30). God has called us to be bestowed with honour, splendour and magnificence. We are created to love God and give Him glory through a deliberately focused adoration.

The glory of God, when translated from the Hebrew word “Kabod” means heaviness, solidity, significance or the very worth of God. Glory connotes that true reality or essence of God; the very attribute that distinguishes Him from others and makes Him who He really is.

The book of Revelation 4:11 tells us something striking about the

Kingdom of God that we are a part of - ***“it is a Kingdom with glory and power”***. The Psalmist also said, “God's saints shall speak of His glory, and talk of His power” (Psalm 19:1; 72:19; 145:11). He then uses another beautiful expression: **“the glorious majesty of His Kingdom”** (Psalm 145:12). This means, in God's Kingdom, there is beauty and splendour.

We need to have our spiritual eyes open to see and appreciate the awesomeness of God's glorious Kingdom that we are born into! It is a Kingdom of power, glory, abundance, and safety where defeat is foreign, sickness is destroyed, and death conquered. This is the kingdom to which you belong.

“But you are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people to be a personal possession to sing the praises of God..” (1 Pet. 2:9).

We are to carry God's glory and spread it abroad. Our function is propelled by the mind-set of one that can't be defeated; a victor, super-intelligent, and excellent child of God. Glory is that which inspires honour and produces worship. As you begin to function today in the Kingdom, saying and doing things that inspire honour, reverence, praise, and worship unto the Lord, you become a channel of revealing God's glory and power.

MEDITATIONS:

- ◆ Do I reflect the glory of God?
- ◆ Are my eyes open to the glory ahead?
- ◆ Do I have a mindset to manifest glory and power?

PRAYERS:

- ◆ Father, restore your glory in my life.
- ◆ Lord Jesus, open my eyes to the glory ahead
- ◆ Lord.. make me an evidence of your glory and power

DAY 7: Sunday, 29th January, 2023
HEAVEN ON EARTH (Matt 6:13)

Heaven is a place where there are no tears, pain or death (Rev. 21:4). Everything that is wrong with this world is set right when one is connected to Jesus and obeys Him. The things of heaven are real for us now, and not just later on in eternity. All Christians are called to bring about the Kingdom of God as it is in heaven to this earth (Matt 6:10). This is the sole reason why we appeared down here and would be the standard for assessing Eternal return.

Following Jesus is not about escaping earth to live in heaven; it is about starting eternity with Jesus here and now. Heaven is such a great place that God wants it to start here and now, on earth. And He wants us to be part of it (Heb. 12:28).

We help to bring heaven to the earth by listening to Jesus and doing what He says (Matt. 7:21, Matt 10:7 – 8). Heaven is an eternal reality after we die, and it is a present reality on earth as more people meet Jesus and follow Him. As we obey Jesus by loving and treating people right, forgiving each other, acting in humility, the world changes to become a little more like heaven. In these actions is God's presence revealed.

Child of God, live daily like Christ to bring HEAVEN TO THE EARTH.

***WELCOME TO PRAYER RALLY, YOUR ATMOSPHERE
 OF WORSHIP, PRAISE, WORD, IMPARTATION
 AND PRAYER MINISTRATIONS.***

Be Blessed.

LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord have mercy on us. / R—

Lord have mercy on us

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity one God,

Have mercy on us.

Divine essence, one true God,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of truth and wisdom,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of holiness and justice,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of understanding and counsel,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of love and joy,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of peace and patience,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of longanimity and meekness,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of benignity and goodness,

Have mercy on us.

Love substantial of the father,

Have mercy on us.

Fire ever burning,

Have mercy on us.

Living water to quench the thirst of hearts,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all impurity of soul and body,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all gluttony and sensuality,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all attachments to the things
of the earth,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all hypocrisy and pretense,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all imperfections and deliberate
faults,

Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From our own will,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From slender,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From deceiving our Neighbors,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From our passions and disorderly appetites,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From our inattentiveness to thy holy inspirations,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From despising little things,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From debauchery and malice,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From love of comfort and luxury,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From wishing go seek or desire anything other than thee,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.
From everything that displeases thee,	Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

Most loving Father,	Forgive us.
Divine Word,	Have pity on us.
Holy and Divine Spirit,	
Leave us not until we are in possession of divine essence, heaven of heavens.	

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
Send us the divine counselor.

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
Fill us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
Make the fruits of the Holy Spirit increase within us.

- V. Come, O Holy Spirit and fill the heart of Thy faithful
R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love
V. Send forth thy spirit and they shall be created
R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth

LET US PRAY.

God who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the same spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in his consolation, through Jesus Christ our LORD, Amen.

ALL THE EARTH (PSALM 100)

CHORUS

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.*

VERSE 1

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness,
Come into His Presence singing for joy!

VERSE 2

Know that the Lord is our Creator.
Yes, He is our Father; we are His sons.

VERSE 3

We are the sheep of His green pasture,
For we are His people; He is our God.

VERSE 4

Enter His gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter His courts while singing His praise.

VERSE 5

Our Lord is good, His love enduring,
His word is abiding now with all people.

VERSE 6

Honor and praise be to the Father,
The Son, and the Spirit, world without end.

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