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Welcome Message

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y dear brothers and sisters,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the last "Yes Lord!

Prayer Retreat" for 2024. How time flies. It was not long ago that we were welcomed to the year and now we are in December. Indeed, it has been the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed.

The Lord has been so good to us throughout the year and we are basking in His goodness over our lives and that of our loved ones.

The theme for this month's retreat is "Worthy of Praise" and our theme scripture is referenced from Psalms 30:11-12 which says,

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Despite all the hardships and difficulties that came with the year we are still here today. No one could have prepared us for the economic hardship that we experienced in our country and even all over the world, yet God was faithful to us.

He showered us with so many blessings that we all have testimonies of what He has done for us. He preserved us, provided for us, protected us, healed us, delivered us, expanded our coasts, our singles became married, those seeking the fruit of the womb were blessed by the conceiver and so much more. No one could have done this for us except Him, therefore, He is worthy of our praise and adoration. So, how many of you have counted your blessings and named them one by one? I'm sure you will be surprised at what God has done for you this year.

Furthermore, let me remind us that the reason for the season is Jesus Christ and God sent Him so that the lost can be saved and praise and adoration will rise in their hearts to God. Therefore, let's make sure we share the good news of Jesus' birth with our friends, neighbours and loved ones.

One way to do this is to distribute this newsletter to them. The content is rich with prayers, memory verses, and testimonies that will build their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a testimony-filled New Year. I decree and declare that none of us will be missing and we shall all meet again at our next prayer retreat on Saturday 12th January 2025 as we victoriously celebrate our year of "Triumph in the Midst of Trials" in Jesus' name, Amen.



Yours in His Service,

Servant-Leader



HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

- 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

VISION

To restore the glory of the Lord's people, release those in bondage, heal the sick and the broken-hearted and uphold marriages towards effective nation building.

MISSION

Delivering and defending the afflicted in the body of Christ by applying the word of God, praising God for breakthroughs, evangelising counselling, and testimonies through the power of His might.

VALUES: HOLINESS

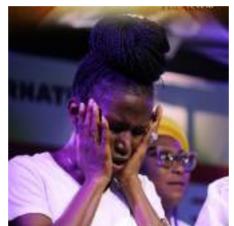
H-Humility
 L-Love
 N-Neighbourliness
 S-Service
 O-Orderliness
 E-Integrity
 E-Empathy

Picture Gallery























PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 1. Everlasting Father, thank You for Your mercy and unwavering love throughout this year 2024, I give you praise in Jesus name.
- 2. Loving Father, I am grateful to be called your child, may my life continue to reflect my gratitude for all you did and are still doing for me in Jesus name.
- 3. Gracious Father, thank You for providing for my needs. Abba, Your generosity and care for me are overwhelming, receive my praise in Jesus name, Amen.
- 4. My Father and my God, thank You for the people in my life, my family, friends and community, they bring me joy and support. You made it all possible, thank You Lord in Jesus name.
- Victorious God, I thank you for all the seen and unseen battles you fought for me, receive my thanks in Jesus name.
- 6. Heavenly Father, thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You in Jesus name Amen
- 7. Lord, teach me notwithstanding my daily life experiences to offer you my heart full of thanksgiving and praise, to be joyful always and to pray continually giving You thanks in all circumstances in Jesus name

Memory Verse (All scriptures quoted from the NKJV)

WEEK 1: PSALM 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name

WEEK 2: ISAIAH 12:4-5 NKJV

And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth.

WEEK 3: PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

WEEK 4: COLOSSIANS 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

WEEK 5: PSALM 107:8

Oh that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

TESTIMONIES

I thank God for His protection over my life. Over the past few years, my family faced great losses, losing loved ones almost every two years. Despite these tragedies, I held unto God's promises and protection. Two years ago, there was a prophesy that the enemy planned to make me lose my sanity. They said I would be next after my dad. But God intervened and preserved my life and my mind.

- Brother Prince

I thank God for healing me from typhoid and malaria. Through medication, God swiftly brought healing. Additionally, I want to testify to God's intervention in averting a potential fire disaster in my home. God's divine protection spared us from harm.

- Sister Blessing Okere

I give God all the glory for 23 wonderful years of marriage. When I was younger, many people spoke negatively about my future, doubting if I would ever get married, but God proved them wrong. Today, I celebrate His faithfulness and thank Him for these blessed years

- Sister Theresa Augustine

DECLARATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 1. I declare that gratitude is my attitude, and I trust that God's goodness will continue to abound in my life in the name of Jesus
- 2. I decree that things of thanksgiving shall never cease in my life in Jesus name.
- 3. Today, I choose to focus on the good things in my life, and I celebrate the blessings that surround me in Jesus name.
- 4. I declare that I am thankful for the people in my life who bring me joy, love, and support, and I celebrate their presence in Jesus name.
- 5. I declare that I trust God's faithfulness and provision in my life, and I am grateful for His love and care in Jesus name.
- 6. I release all negativity and complaints, and I choose to cultivate a heart of gratitude in every situation in Jesus name.
- 7. I declare that I am grateful for the lessons learned, the challenges overcome, and the growth experienced, knowing that each step forward is a blessing in Jesus name.
- 8. I decree and declare that my loved ones and I shall end this year 2024 and step into 2025 in thanksgiving and praise in Jesus name, Amen.

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins, and the life that I have lived; I need Your forgiveness.

I believe that Your only begotten son, Jesus Christ shed his precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn away from them.

You said in Your Holy Word, in Romans 10:9 that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

Right now, I confess Jesus as the Lord of my Life. With my heart, I believe that God raised Him from the dead and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, so according to Your word, I am saved.

Thank you, Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. I thank You that Your grace never leads to licence, but to repentance. Therefore, Lord Jesus, transform my life so that I may bring glory and honour to You alone and not to myself. Thank you for dying for me and giving me eternal life. Amen.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

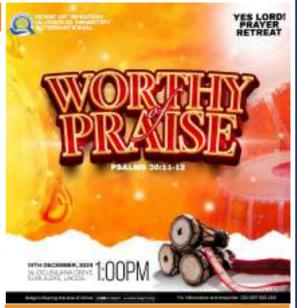
- Weekly Tuesday Fellowship holds from 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.
 Evening Service: Tuesday at 6:00p.m.
- Monthly 3-Day Fasting and Prayer: 1st Monday to Wednesday of the month. Prayer Meeting holds daily at 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
- **Monthly Evening of Praise:** holds 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30p.m. 8:00p.m.
- Monthly Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat: holds on 2nd Saturday of every month. Time: 1pm
- Ignite Meeting for Youths & Young Adults: Holds every 3rd Friday
 of the month by 6 p.m.
- Monthly Vigil: holds every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 11:00p.m.
- University of Marriage and Purple Curtain: Holds on every 3rd Saturday of the Month. Time: 12noon
- **Jesus On the Street Evangelism:** holds every 4th Friday of the month @ 8:00a.m.
- **Divine Daughters of Destiny (Women Ministry):** Holds on the last Tuesday of every month. Time: 2pm
- God's Battle Axe (Children Ministry): holds on the last Saturday of every month.

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Theme Song

Yes Lord

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the Joy of the lord...
Chorus:
Yes Lord! Yes Lord!

Yes Lord! Yes Lord! Yes, Yes Lord! 3x Amen!

Composer: Darrell Evans

