

7.15 a.m.HOLY COMMUNION **Colour: WHITE**

Theme: BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT
(iv) Shield of Faith

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Stewards on Duty: Group B

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 445 (*Everton*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:**
Eternal Father, Your Kingdom extends beyond space and time : grant that in this world of changing things we may hold fast to what endures for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. **Epistle:** Ephesians 6: 10-16 - **The Clergy**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 695 (*Martyrdom*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-32 **Revd. Henry Mooh**
13. **Sermon:** **Canon Residentiary**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** CoNH 403 - Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still.
(see page 4)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
21. **Communion Sentence:** *"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 689 (*St. Sepulchre*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 676 (*St. Denio*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 685 (*Sagina*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 682 (*Cross of Jesus*)
 - (v) A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 664 (*St. Peter*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 671 (*Hyfrydol*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 780 (*St. Ethelward*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic:** **Genesis 35:5**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 768 (*Doncaster*)

At the Organ: Mr. Abolade Olatunji

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Ven. Henry Adelegan
Responses: Martin Neary in C

Theme: BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT
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1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 766 (Praise My Soul)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: Abolade in A Flat
5. Psalms: 56 (ASB 131) - George Cooper
57 (ASB 132) - Edward J. Hopkins
6. 1st Lesson: Daniel 3: 1-30 - Mrs. Tolu Animashaun
7. Benedictus: (ASB 17) - John Lemon
8. 2nd Lesson: Ephesians 6: 10-16 - Mrs. Tolu Animashaun
9. Te Deum: John Ireland F
10. Creed to 3rd Collect
11. Anthem: The Lord Hath Been Mindful of Us - C.C. Wesley
12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 651 (*Belgrave*)
13. Sermon: Revd. Olawole Faloye
13. Intercession:
14. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 664 (*St. Peter*)
15. Thanksgiving at the Altar
16. Notices:
17. ***Spiritual Tonic: Genesis 35:5***
19. Conclusion to Benediction
20. Final Amen: 3 - Fold Amen in C
21. Withdrawal Hymn: CoNH 403 - Faith of Our Fathers! Living still
(see page 4)

At the Organ - Mr. 'Jola Adeosun
Choral Conductor - Mr. Olusina Ojemuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 766
2. Call to Worship
3. Psalms: 56 and 57
4. Praise and Worship
5. Bible Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-16
6. Special Number
7. Message:
8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
9. Sunday Offering: Choruses
10. Notices
11. Prayer and Benediction
12. Closing Hymn: CoNH 403 - Faith of Our Fathers

9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: TO TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE THAT SAINTS WILL BE TAKEN UP TO BE WITH THE LORD (DEAD OR ALIVE)

Worship Leader: Aunty Bolarin Spaine

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: C.H. 416
3. Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: C.H 373 (**Offering to be taken**)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

HYMN: CoNH 403
Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whenever we hear that glorious Word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our Fathers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.
3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
4. Faith of our fathers, thus we pray
To win every soul back to thee:
And through the truth that comes from God
The Church shall then indeed be free.

PRAYER AND COUNSELLING
11.15 a.m. GIFT DAY



Cantor: Canon Residentiary
Responses: William Smith in G

1. **Hymn:** A&MRW 599 (*Tune A&MRW 826 - Darwall's 148th*)
2. **Call to Worship:**
3. **Psalm: 107: 1-32 - ASB 183 (Walter Parratt)**
4. **O.T. Reading:** Numbers 23: 13-26
5. **Office Hymn:** A&MRW 11 (*St. Peter*)
6. **Magnificat:** ASB 51 (*James Turle*)
7. **N.T. Reading:** James 1: 1-8
8. **Nunc Dimittis:** ASB 58 (*George A. Macfarren*)
9. **Sermon:**
10. **Apostle's Creed**
11. **Collect of the Day - Third Collect**
12. **Intercession:**
13. **Hymn for Collection:** A&MRW 761 (*Austria*)
14. **Vesper Hymn:** A&MRW 22 (*Ellers*)
15. **Conclusion to Benediction**
16. **Blessing/Final Amen: Sevenfold Amen - Sir John Stainer**
17. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 744 (*Martyrdom*)

SUNDAY 09/05/2021 Day 129

Bible in a year 2 Samuel 8-10; 1 Cor. 5

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Titus Babatunde Olayinka, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbomosho.
- ❖ Mrs. Bola Olayinka, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ogbomosho.
- ❖ Revd. Emmanuel Olabanji Ikuoponiyi.
- ❖ **The Bishops of the Dioceses of Nebraska (Province VI, The Episcopal Church, USA) The Rt Revd. Scott Barker; Nevada (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church, USA) The Rt. Revd Dan Edwards.**

❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**

His Excellency E.A.O. Shonekan, CBE, GCFR, CPA(85), Mrs. Bimbo Oyenuka, Mr. Edobor Iyamu, Mrs. Aramide Folashade Laleye, Mrs. Abiola Abimbola, Mr. Emmanuel Oluwatobi Sokefun, Miss Olufolake Olusanya, Mr. Akinola Folorunsho Williams, Miss Oluwapamilerinayo Martins, Mr. Matthew Gbolabo Akingba, Mrs. Bunmi Edegware, Mr. Omojogunola Ibidapo Ibirogb, Mrs. Abiodun Fate, Mrs. Oluyemisi Bode-Thorpe, Miss Damilola Adeniyi, Mr. Adetayo Babagbemi Odunsi, Miss Adesimisola Ojora, Miss Eyitemi Oyolola, Master David Peters, Master Adesopefoluwa Fetuga, Mr. Abayomi Samuel Afolabi.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Mrs. Olabisi Akodu (nee Moore), 1 year's mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Veronica Oluwatoyin Braimo (Nee Ejemai), 6 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Christian Roman E. Ado-Imoisili, 11 years' mind.
- (iv) Chief Dr. E.N. Oyekanmi Sodeinde, 40 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Late Mr. Victor Adebayo Wey, Late F.A.O Phillips, CPA, Mr. Adekunle Abisogun, Mr. Akintunde Abisogun, Mrs. Yinka Adedoyin, Mr. O.A. Adefowope, Dr. Oyeyemi Adegbite, Omoba Adegbola Ademola, CPA, Omoba Adefuyi Ademola, Omoba (Mrs) Adepeju Adeniji-Fashola, CPA, Mrs. C.O.O. Ademokun, Prince Emmanuel Adekunle Adesanya.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

FCMB Group Plc, Gabriann Concerns Limited, Nerdin Royal BDC Ltd, Aforaku Advanced BDC Ltd, Maaf Optical and Eye Centre, The Ocular Centre, Ergonomix Limited, Seventh George Avenue, Napenero International Ltd., Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd. Quintus Projects Ltd.

Sunday 09/05/2021 - Meetings

- (i) The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (ii) The **Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary** will meet at the Fellowship Centre.
- (iii) The Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (iv) The **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer** will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (v) The **Welfare Sub-Committee** meeting will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocese Seminary.

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

NO CLINIC

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK **Monday - 10/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 130** **Rogation Monday**

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 11,12; Psalm 51

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**

Epistle: **2 Thess. 3:6-12**

Gospel: Mark 4:26-32

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Cornelius O. Adagbada, Bishop of the Diocese of Oke Ogun.
- ❖ Mrs. E. O. Adagbada, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Oke Ogun.
- ❖ Mrs. Josephine Ebelechukwu Nriama.
- ❖ 6th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Bankole and Mrs. Simidele Oke
- ❖ **The Bishop and Diocese Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt. Revd. Victor Richard Ellena.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Adetoun Duke, Miss Oyenike Oyedele, Mrs. OlaOluwatoyosi Effiong (nee Phillips), Master Dean Ebozue, Mrs. Debo Aniifowose, Miss Chiamaka Okechukwu, Mrs. Priscilia Fagha Cooney, Mr. Oluwarotimi Obahiagbon, Master Chidi Kingsley, Miss Blessing Obehi, Master Emoka Odera, Mr. Ademola Ajayi, Master Olumide Soley, Master Ayomide Ajose, Engr. Omotola Ekisola, Mr. Chizoba Ezihe, Miss Ufuoma Koloko, Dr. Abimbola Olufemi Layeni, Miss Audrey Omenai, Miss Ogooluwapo Unuefa, Mr. John Ovuzorie Uyeh, Mr. Prekebena Porbeni, Miss Kanyinsola Ige.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Oladipo Bode-George, 3 year's mind
- (ii) Ms. Abiodun Abeke Bucknor, 12 years' mind.
- (iii) Miss Adejoke Ajayi, 27 years' mind.

12.00 - 1.00p.m. Meeting ID 981 1696 5362 - Passcode: CCGIFTDAY

1.00 - 2.00 p.m. Meeting ID: 916 324 5740 - Passcode: CCCGIFTDAY

2.00 - 3.00 p.m. Meeting ID 959 2480 7426 - Passcode: CCCGIFTDAY

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class - Bible Study - A Lament and the call to Repentance by Ms. Bimpe Alaba

5.00 p.m. Rogation Prayer Rally

Tuesday - 11/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 131

Rogation Tuesday

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 13,14; 1 Cor. 6

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 11: 5-13

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Olukemi Oduntan, Bishop of the Diocese of Ajayi Crowther.
- ❖ Dr. (Mrs) F.M. Oduntan, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ajayi Crowther.
- ❖ Mr. Obiora Ogbonna, Treasurer of New Era Archdeaconry, Diocese of Lagos.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of New Busa (Kwara, Nigeria) The Most Revd. Israel Amoo.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Christiana Fadekemi Brodie-Mends, Mrs. Olayinka Olusola Adesanya, Mrs. Yewande Oluwatoyin Cole, Mr. Oremide Phillips, Mr. Ifeanyi Morah, Mr. Jeremiah Daniel Akpabio, Mr. Adebisi Oladipo Adebambo, Miss Blessing Afedo, Mrs. Adekemi Olateju, Mr. Gabriel Owowo, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oyindamola Sagoe, Miss Kariba Mason Braide, Mr. Omolaja Olatunde Ige, Mrs. Abosede Bailey.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. & Mrs. Olaseindemi Ijanusi, 8th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Dr. Omofolaju Babatunde Ajose, 6 years' mind
 - (ii) Pa Eleazar M. Nwizu, 10 years' mind.
 - (iii) Mrs. Comfort Oladunni Adefila, 15 years' mind.
 - (iv) Mrs. Sabaina Towobola Bajulai, 41 years' mind.

12.00 - 3.00 p.m. One on one Counselling and Prayer Session (Physically and Virtually (same as Monday)

5.00 p.m. Prayer Rogation Rally

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday - 12/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 132

Rogation Wednesday

Bible in a year 2 Samuel 15,16; 1 Cor. 7

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3: 10-14

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Oluseyi Oyelade, Bishop of the Diocese of Ife East.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Comfort Oyelade, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ife East.*
- ❖ *31st Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Akpoghene and Mrs. Bernadine Okoro.*
- ❖ *14th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Sunday and Mrs. Funmilayo Fadipe.*
- ❖ *9th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluleye and Mrs. Iromidayo Oluwadare.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of New Guinea Islands (The Papua New Guinea) The Rt. Revd. Atlan Migi.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Engr. Christopher Babatunde Spaine(50), Mrs. Patience Folashade Adeniji, Miss Susan Oluwadamilola Opeaye, Miss Ada Crystal Oyekwe, Miss Oluwatosin Modupe Lewis, Arc. Akintunde Oluwarotimi Ogunyemi, Mr. Sunday Babalola Ajulo, Mr. Arthur Amaechi Morah, Mr. Fidelis Okonkwo, Master Oluwajinmi Akinola, Mr. Akin Akintola, Master Maximus Asika, Mr. Babatunde Solomon Essien, Master Oladipupo Obaloluwa Akanni.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. M.K. Borha.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Doreen Elfrida Bolajoko Ogunro, 16 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Stella Olusola Doherty, 21 years' mind.*

6.45 a.m. Altar Call- Engr. Christopher Babatunde Spaine, 50th Birthday Thanksgiving

12.00 - 3.00 p.m. One on one Counseling and Prayer Session (Physically and Virtually (same as Monday))
5.00 p.m. Prayer Rogation Rally

5.00 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday - 13/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 133

A scension Day

Bible in a year: 2 Sam. 17,18; Psalms 52-54

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 24: 49-53

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Abiodun Timothy Olaoye, Bishop of the Diocese of Osun North.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Theresa Omolara Olaoye, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Osun North.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Rhoda Opeyemi Kolawole.*
- ❖ *21st Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Rotimi and Mrs. Okwuchi Mehinsan.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire (Province I, The Episcopal Church, USA) The Rt. Revd. Robert Hirschfeld.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Valerie Modupe Nylander(90), Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan(50), Lt. Col. 'Sade Odunaiké (rt), Mr. Elijah Abayomi Shogbamu, Mrs. Olabopo Asake Kehinde, Mrs. Adewonuola Adeyemi Ariyo, Mrs. Helen Ovbiagele, Miss Adetokunbo Kikelomo Awani, Mr. Seyilayo Coker, Miss Temitayo Ladipo, Miss Olayinka Ogboye, Master Ayoposi Ogboye, Mr. Jacob Olukoya Oriade, Miss Tanwa Yisa, Master Fehintoluwa Olubukunmi, Mr. Tolu Onipinla, Mr. Oluwaseun Somolu, Master Fyne Don-Pedro, Master Toni Soyannwo, Miss Damilola Adegbesan, Mr. Alabi Samuel Cookey, Mr. Foluso Ayodele Fafowora, Mrs. Olufunlola Jolaoso.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

Prince Oluremi A. Olaneye, 14 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday - 14/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 134

Bible in a year 2 Samuel 19,20; 1 Cor. 8

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14.5.6

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Samuel Egbeunmi, Bishop of the Diocese of Ilesa South West.*
- ❖ *Mrs. E. Omokehinde Egbeunmi, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Ilesa South West.*
- ❖ *27th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Udoka and Mrs. Chizoba Ilodibe.*

❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey (Province II, The Episcopal Church, USA) The Rt. Revd. William Stokes.**

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Mr. Babatunde Akindoyin, Mr. Kofi Oluwafolajimi Brodie-Mends, Mr. Sonne Udemgba, Mr. Benson Kehinde Obafemi-Ajayi, Mrs. Beatrice Taiwo Olupona, Mr. Victor Gbolade Osibodu, CPA, Mrs Blessing Obatare Yaya (nee Edegware), Mr Fisayo A. Adewunmi, Miss Titilayo Adewunmi, Mrs. Funmilayo Osunkoya, Mrs. Modupeola Ogunwale, Mr. Babajide Aboyade-Yebovi, Master Samuel Oluwadamilare Atitebi, Mr. Michael Adesola Odunlami Rosiji, Mr. Adegboyega Ogunmekan, Miss Chisom Kanma-Okafor, Master Olakunle Ayorinde Ayodele.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. Bimbo Peters, 27th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Engr. Theophilus Babatunde Osiyemi, 14 years' mind.
- (ii) Dr. Adeniji Jones, 18 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Ayodele Olayinka Sowande, 34 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Dorothy Effuah Omolara Bababunmi, 39 years' mind.
- (v) Mr. Michael Abimbola Oyewole, 51 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday - 15/05/2021 Colour: WHITE Day 135

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 21,22; I Cor. 9

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Hebrews 5: 7-14

Gospel: Luke 9: 37-50

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Dr. Isaac Iwabiolorun Oluyamo, Bishop of the Diocese of Ijesa North.
- ❖ Mrs. Margaret Oluyamo, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ijesa North.
- ❖ The Revd. Innocent Ifeanyi Okafor
- ❖ **The Bishops of the Dioceses of New Westminster (British Columbia and the Yukon, Canada) The Rt. Revd. Melissa Skelton; Niagara (Ontario, Canada) The Rt. Revd. Michael Allan Bird.**

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Master Ayodele Peter Afolabi, Mr. O. Ebenezer Sokunbi, Mrs. Yetunde Merriman-Johnson, Miss Josephine Olabanke George, Mr. Augustine Chukwuemeka, Miss Blessing Bambi, Miss Motolani Fadekemi Lagoke, Mr. Samson Madumere, Mrs. Modupe Adeyemi Olusanya.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Lady Kofoworaola Ademola, MBE, OFR, CPA, 19 years' mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Adejoke Ibidunni Dasaolu-Ogunsola, 20 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. E. Jacobs, 35 years' mind.

Bible Study Outline

THEME: COVENANT WITH THE LIVING GOD

SUB-THEME 3: God's covenant with man-(12)

TOPIC: Vices of unfaithfulness to God's covenant

TEXTS: Deut. 28: 15-44

AIMS:

- i. *to understand the concept of biblical curses and*

- ii. *to expose what can bring Covenant Curses on a people*

INTRODUCTION: Today is Rogation Sunday, a day to bless all our work tools and implements. We should know that God did not predestine us or our work to curses. The curses recorded in the Bible are a result of the failure of men to obey God's commandments and their deviating from the covenanted principles of blessedness to human vices (Deut. 28:15). There are more curses than blessings and curses are in essence the opposite of the picture of blessedness we saw in our last study. The first group of curses (Deut. 28:15-19) is an echo of misery in the regular routines of life, subject to sudden ruin, disease and drought, no protection and deliverance from the enemy and people are reduced to the worst kind of barbarism and are also seen as figuratively returned to Egypt (v 68).

STUDY GUIDE:

1. Explain your understanding of Curses in the Bible? Gen 2:16-17; 3:17-19; Isaiah 59:1-3.
2. Identify and explain the various Curses of life pictured in: (i) vv 15-19; (ii) vv20-26; (iii) vv 29-29; (iv) vv 30-35; and (v) vv 38-44
3. What brought the Curses upon the Israelites, as individuals or as a group? V 15; Ps. 78: 16-18; Isa. 65: 1-6; 2 Cor. 10: 6
4. How can we regain the lost virtues and God's blessings on our works and our family? Isaiah 55:6-7; 12-13; 1 John 1:9.

CONCLUSION: God's intention for mankind has been to bless them. However, humans are always willing to run the paths of self-indulgence that lead to vices. On this path lies vices and curse which are the opposite of God's blessings. Therefore, choose to walk in the path of godly obedience.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Tread the paths of virtues and blessedness and flee from the road of vices and Curses.

MEMORY VERSE: Deut. 28: 15

"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you."

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK
Genesis 35:5

"Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them."

My God and my Father, as I step out into this new week, I do so in Your power, let Your terror go ahead of me and my household. Let no one pursue me. If any satanic agent, or any demon, or any force of darkness dares to pursue me or any member of my household, let him fall and rise no more. According to Your word, throughout this week and for the rest of this year, I will always go out with joy and be led forth with peace, nothing will be too strong to disturb me. Thank you, my Father. In Jesus' mighty name I pray. Amen

DIOCESAN ANTHEM

(TUNE: AUSTRIA)

1. **Lagos Diocese, Premier Diocese
Of Anglican Communion
We are *Primus inter pares*
First among equals, bless'd one
Tenth December, nineteen nineteen
Praise the Lord!, He's done great things
Lagos Diocese, foremost Diocese
Came to be, through love and peace.**

2. **Our Divine Mandate of five-fold,
Clear and apt, to build the Church,
From above came like that of old,
For the mission of the Church,
Priestly, Pastoral, Prophetic,
Pray'r and Praise to reach a peak,
Help, O Lord Thy charge to fulfill,
Thy perfect will to do still.**

3. **God our Father, bless our Diocese,
Bless our Bishop, we pray Thee
Bless Thy people of this Diocese
Our existence, keep for Thee,
All believers to edify,
And Thy name to glorify,
Multiply Disciples for Thee,
And at last to reign with Thee. Amen**

April, 2019

MEET WITH THE DIOCESAN

We are all invited to connect with our Bishop and Missioner, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakalye on social media. Follow, like and share the Diocesan programmes and activities via our handles:

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TITHE:

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(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

'You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year' *Deut. 14:22.*

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"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Mister Smith is on his deathbed and comes up with a plan to take some of his wealth with him. He calls for the three men he trusts most - his lawyer, his doctor and his clergyman. 'I'm going to give you each N30,000 in cash before I die,' says Mister Smith. 'At my funeral, I want you to place the money in my coffin so that I can try to take it with me.' At the funeral, each approaches the coffin and places an envelope inside. Later, while riding in the limousine to the cemetery, the clergyman says, 'I have to confess I only put N20,000 in the coffin. The church needs a new baptisery very badly, so I took N10,000 out of the envelope.' The doctor says, 'Well, I didn't put the full N30,000 in the coffin either, I used N20,000 of the money to buy a dialysis machine for the hospital.' The lawyer then says, 'I'm ashamed of both of you. When I put my envelope in that coffin it held my personal cheque for the full N30,000.'

WOMEN'S CORNER NOTICES

- 9/5/2021 - Young Women Fellowship - Charity visitation to Modupe Cole, Akoka.
- 10/5/2021 - Bible Study - A Lament and the call to Repentance by **Ms. Bimpe Alaba**
- 17/5/2021 - Health Talk - Challenges of Old Age in Women by **Dr. (Mrs) Abiola Reffle.**
- 24/5/2021 - Contemporary Issue - Anger - Dangers and Management by **Rev. Olusegun Lufadeju**

29/5/2021 - Diocesan Charity Day at the Seminary Ground.
31/5/2021 - Women's Visitation

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord. Kindly make cheques payable to Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL

- MAY

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1924

May

Plan by Joshua Bagandoji Benjamin B.Sc., Architect, was approved. Building in three sections was estimated at 46,000 pounds. Site was to include existing Church and portion of adjoining area bought from CMS Girls Seminary. The architect was appointed at 3% of cost for supervision.

May 29

Death of Revd. S.M. Abiodun, former Curate and later Vicar from 1908 to December 1918.

1926

May 12

Service was held at the Cathedral School, Broad Street, pending the dedication of the first section of the Church, i.e. the Chancel.

1943

May 5

Appointment of Mrs. T.K.E. Philips as the first lady member of the Standing Committee

1944

May 1 (a)

The third and final section of the Cathedral to which the Colonial Government had made a grant of 200 pounds, was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Leslie Gordon Vining, the Bishop of Lagos Diocese.

(b) The Cathedral Feast of Dedication was born.

May 10

Performance of Yoruba Cantata for Cathedral Building Fund.

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference. Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items listed below. Thank you.

1. 3 LG Led 55 inch TV
2. 15(No) -10HP Package Unit Air Conditioner - N1.5 million each
3. 5(No) - 5HP Package Unit Air Conditioner
- N600,000 each
4. Toyota Hilux Van - N18 million
5. Toyota Hiace Bus - N18.5 million
6. PTZ Optics 20x-NDI Cameras (5Nos) with accessories - N6,546,000

SUNDAY 16/05/2021

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Stewards on Duty: **Group C** Colour: **WHITE**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT**
(v) **Helmet of Salvation**

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
O.T. Jonah 3: 1-10 **The Clergy**
Epistle: **Ephesians 6: 10-17 The Clergy**
Gospel: **John 3: 1-21 The Provost**
Address: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Prayers: **The Clergy**
- **Thanksgiving at the Altar**

9.00 a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

09.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT**
(v) **Helmet of Salvation**

Cantor: **Canon Residentiary**
Sermon: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
O.T. Reading: **Jonah 3: 1-10**
N.T. Reading: **Ephesians 6: 10-17**
Reader: **Mr. G.O.M. Agbogidi, CPA**
Prayer: **Canon Residentiary**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins

- (i) *There will be a meeting of the **Mothers' Union** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Choirwives/Choir Parents Association** will hold in the Choir Vestry.*
- (iii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Missionary Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (v) *Executive Committee Meeting of the **Cathedral Circle** will take place at the Fellowship Centre.*

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

NO CLINIC

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: **BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT**
(v) **Helmet of Salvation**

Celebrant: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
O.T. Reading: **Jonah 3: 1-10 Guild of Stewards on Duty**
N.T. **Ephesians 6:10-17 Guild of Stewards on Duty**
Gospel: **John 3: 1-21 Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Address: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Prayer **Guild of Stewards on Duty**

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Gift Day 2021:

Today is our Gift Day. It is a day we come with special prayers, testimonies and petitions to the Lord. The Priests will be available to share with us all these moments. Let all of us be part of this year's programme.

2. Episcopal Awards:

The Diocesan and Missioner, Rt. Revd. Dr. H. Bamisebi Olumakaiye, Ph.D gave out Episcopal Awards for services rendered to the Church and the Diocese during the just concluded Synod. One of the recipients was **Mr. Cornelius Taiwo Olaomo, CPA**. We congratulate him heartily.

We thank the Diocesan for the honour bestowed on him and the Cathedral.

3. The Statutory General Meeting of the **CATHEDRAL TORCH BEARERS** will hold today Sunday 9th May, 2021 at 1:30pm via Zoom. **Time:** 01:30 PM West Central Africa.
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926224757>
Meeting ID: 849 2622 4757

4. **Confirmation 2021**

The Confirmation candidates will have their Examination today at **9.15 a.m.** Those concern should take note.

5. **Sustentation Dues:**

The Standing Committee has approved an upward review of the Sustentation/Membership Due from the minimum of N2,600 per annum to **N5,000 per annum with effect from this year.**

6. **Couples' Day 2021**

Register to participate in this year's Couples' Day which is scheduled to hold on **Saturday, 22nd May, 2021 at 9.00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Hall. Theme: **"SUCCESSFUL PARENTING"**. Organizer: The Young Women Fellowship of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos.

7. **Young Women Fellowship Anniversary** will take place on **Sunday, 23rd May, 2021** during 9.15 a.m. Service.
Dress Code: **Fuchsia pink Aso-oke on white.**

8. **The Diocesan Charity Day:**

This Diocesan Charity Day will come up on **Saturday, 29th May, 2021** DV at the Cathedral, Akodo and Iraye. Donation of the following items are welcomed.

- **Fairly used clothes, shoes etc for men, women and children.**
- **Household items**
- **Foodstuffs like - rice, bean, gari, yams etc,**
- **Beverages - Milk, sugar, milo.**
- **Washing materials- Detergent, soaps for body and clothes**
- **Cash to purchase any of the above items**

Please send the items to Mrs. Adefolake Ojofeitimi, the Provost's wife. Thank you.

10. **Bulletin Sponsorship:**

Our bulletin for today has been sponsored by **Engr. Christoper Babatunde Spaine** in thanksgiving to God for his 50th Birthday which comes up on Tuesday, 12th May, 2021. ***We pray for God's abundant mercy and grace upon him and his family.***

11. **Home Calls:**

We announce the home call of the following:

- (a) **Mr. Tokunbo Diyan** on Friday, 30th April, 2021 in London.. He was 71 years old. He was a member of the Cathedral Missionary Society.
- (b) **Mrs. Modupe Yetunde Vanderpuye (nee Bababunmi)** on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021 at her residence in Badagry. Her family can be reached on +234 903 204 0558. She was 76 years old.
Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May their gentle souls rest in perfect peace.

12. **Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:**

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon. Cost is N40,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

- (i) *Our sincere appreciation goes to **Engr. Christopher Babatunde Spaine** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship on Wednesday 12th May, 2021 in thanksgiving to God for his 50th birthday which comes up on the same day Wednesday, 12th May, 2021. God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*
- (ii) *Our sincere appreciation goes to **Mrs. Valerie Modupe Nylander** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship on Wednesday 12th May, 2021 in thanksgiving to God for her 90th birthday which comes up on Thursday 13th May, 2021. God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*
- (iii) *Our sincere appreciation goes to **the Families of Sir Mobolaji and Lady Lande Bank- Anthony** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship for the month of May in memory of **Sir Mobolaji Bank-Anthony** who died 30 years ago and **Lady Lande Bank-Anthony***

who died 20 years ago. May the souls of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon the children and children's children. Amen.

13. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 9/05/2021

We thank **Engr. Christopher Babatunde Spaine** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. services to mark his 50th Birthday which comes up on 12th May, 2021. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking - May - June, 2021

Sunday, 16/5/2021 - **Mrs. Valerie Modupe Nylander** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services for her 90th Birthday on 13th May, 2021
Sunday, 23/5/2021 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 13/6/2021 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.
Sunday, 27/6/2021 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.

- (c)** Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2021

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2021**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays	11&25/7/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	8/8/2021	Booked	Booked
Sunday	22/8/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	12&26/9/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/10/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/10/2021	Booked	Booked
Sunday	14/11/2021	Booked	Booked
Sunday	28/11/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	12/12/2021	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	26/12/2021	Booked	Booked

WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee on 08088930045; 0802 787 2516 or Mrs Suror Olorunsogo (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 0802 558 6717 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

- ❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*

(a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.

1. **Mr. Adewole Bashiru (52 yrs):** He needs to undergo total hip replacement the cost of the surgery would be N1,313,500 at National Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi.
2. **Mr. Ariyo Oladeinde Itunuoluwa (61 yrs) - Poor vision):** He was diagnosed with Total Retinal Detachment and would need eye surgery. The cost is N1.8m.

- (b)** The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate **the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes** for both young and old, **and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.**

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Heavenly Father, what a privilege and joy it is to have the freedom to draw near to Your throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in time of need. We thank You for the days of our lives - the past, the present and the

future - they are all in Your hand. Father as the days get darker and wickedness increases, we ask that Your presence will go with us in all our journeys; grant us wisdom and courage to face the time and tides of this year, empower us with Your strength and make us victorious in all our battles - physical and spiritual, through the merit of the Captains of our Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. (Amen)

Theme for the year: SURPRISING VICTORY

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 20:4

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING

SS&S 877

Tune: Standing on the promises of Christ, my King

1. Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
3. Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God.
4. Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
5. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Saviour as my All in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 02/05/2021

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion(Youtube 188/Facebook 152 views)..... 205
9.30 a.m. Feast of Dedication Service(Youtube..528/Facebook...351).....581

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 01/05/2021	-	Wednesday 5/05/2021	24
Monday 3/05/2021	8	Thursday 6/05/2021	15
Tuesday 4/05/2021	12	Friday 7/05/2021	11

Coming Events (May, 2021)

15-5/6/2021 - The Boys' Brigade - Boys Academic Weekends
16/5/2021 - Cathedral Missionary Society General Meeting
23/5/2021 - Confirmation Service at 9.30 a.m.
23/5/2021 - Y.W.C.A. Monthly General Meeting

- 25/5/2021 - Diocesan Hour of Intercession
- 29/5/2021 - Diocesan Charity Day at the Seminary ground
- 29/5/2021 - Readers Course for Commissioning at All Soul's Church, Lekki.
- 29/5/2021 - Ladies Helpers' Union Fund Raising Event in Aid of the Society's Charity Commitments.



SOUL FOOD 19/2021

BELIEVERS' ARMOUR FOR THE FIGHT

(iv) Shield of Faith

"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." - Ephesians 6:16

In earthly wars between countries and kingdoms, there exist two types of warfare with their own individual strategies. These are offensive and defensive types of warfare. In the spiritual fight there are the same types of warfare and both require from us personal initiative and active participation. Since Satan does not take rest, we are involved in both warfare if we want to be true soldiers in the army of Jesus Christ and be victorious. In the Armour of God with which a believer fights the enemy there are both offensive and defensive weapons, one of the defensive weapons which the believer must possess to fight to victory is the Shield of Faith. Apostle Paul having listed the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness and Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, he says: "In addition to all these, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (Ephesians 6:16)

In the art of war, the defensive warfare is a means of defending one's territory in response to an attack from an opponent and a defensive decision made based on an offensive one. This type of warfare does not advance into the enemy's territory. As believers, we are in constant warfare with Satan. Both defensive or offensive warfare and each requires appropriate weapons and strategies. Hence, defensive type of warfare is necessary for us to engage in because Satan, the evil one, is constantly attacking believers with flaming arrows.

Those flaming arrows are the thoughts Satan sends to our minds. Paul did not make-up the arrow story. In ancient times, Roman archers used flaming arrows to intimidate opposing armies. A variety of materials were used to ignite arrows. One method was to pour melted pitch on an arrowhead, allow it to harden and then ignite it before shooting the arrow. Those arrows did not kill many men, but the effect was exactly as anticipated. They are intimidated and in fear the soldiers would turn and run as they saw the flaming arrows coming. Fear can paralyse. The fact is clear that Satan knows how to keep us awake at night and often aims his arrows at our mind to disrupt our life. If he can land a flaming arrow, he knows the blaze can spread like wildfire. One minute we can worry about one situation, and then the worry spreads to another problem, and then another. Sometimes Satan's plan is to just keep us staring at the sky and worrying about another flaming arrow such as sickness, lack, oppression etc. Satan is the great deceiver (Revelation 20:8-10) and the father of lies (John 8:44). He would love to derail us with fears, doubts, and untrue thoughts. The resulting actions from those feelings can be disastrous unless we learn how to take him out!

Faith is the shield to extinguish satanic flaming arrows. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Verse 6 stresses the importance of faith: "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Satan's attacks can sometimes cause us to doubt God. Faith prompts us to believe God. We give in to temptation when we believe what it has to offer is better than what God has promised. Faith reminds us that, though fulfilment of God's promise may not be readily visible to us, God is true to His Word. When Satan attempts to plague us with doubt or entice us with instant gratification, faith recognises the deceptiveness of his tactics and quickly extinguishes the arrows. When Satan accuses us, faith chooses to believe that Jesus has redeemed us and that there is no more condemnation (Romans 8:1, 34; Revelation 12:10-12).

Faith is one of the greatest gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13, and it is how we receive grace and come into right relationship with God (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is because we have been justified through faith that we belong to God and have peace with Him (Romans 5:1). Faith is the doorway to hope in God (Romans 5:2). Because we have faith in God, our suffering need not faze us; in fact, we can persevere under it (Romans 5:3-5). The things Satan attempts to use to discourage us can become tools in the hands of God.

The three Hebrews – Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego - demonstrated absolute faith in God when threatened by King Nebuchadnezzar for not worshipping his idol; they affirmed their faith thus: "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:16-18) The ever-faithful God did not disappoint them; they triumphed over their adversaries and drew others to the worship of Yahweh.

All believers have this promise: "Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). Faith is a protective barrier between us and the schemes of Satan. When we believe God and take Him at His word, we remain grounded in truth, the lies of the enemy lose their power, and we become overcomers. In that way, faith is our shield.

As we come before God today in prayer and seeking His help for life in the context of our 2021 Gift Day/Rogationtide Prayer Rally, I urge you to believe absolutely that He will answer your requests according to His perfect will. James 1:5-8 tells us: "If any of you lacks ..., you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do."

May your faith be made strong by God and may victory be yours as you constantly adorn your Shield of Faith.

Have a Blessed Week!

The one who serves among you,



***Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi
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