

**WELCOME
TO THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
MARINA, LAGOS**

We are delighted to have you join us for worship and fellowship today. Christ Church, Marina, established in 1867, is a shining example of Orthodox faith and Bible-based Christian tradition in the heart of Lagos. We are dedicated to glorifying God through uplifting worship, compassionate service, and meaningful spiritual growth. Whether you are a long-time believer or exploring faith for the first time, we warmly invite you to experience God's love, grace, and presence with us, and we hope you find genuine joy and inspiration in this service.

OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

07.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Said)
09.15 a.m. Mattins
09.15 a.m. Youth Church
09.15 a.m. Children's Church/Sunday School
11.15 a.m. Choral Communion (Said on 2nd Sundays)
05.00 p.m. Evening Worship (Community Hymn Singing on 3rd Sundays and Psalmody on 5th Sundays)

HOLY COMMUNION

06.45 a.m. Mondays - Fridays
07.45 a.m. Saturdays and Public Holidays

DURING THE WEEK

Mondays @ 4.00 p.m.	Women's Bible Class
Tuesdays @ 4.00 p.m.	Medical Outreach at the Cathedral Clinic
Tuesdays @ 6.00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays @ 5.00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Thursdays @ 4.00 p.m.	Medical Outreach at the Cathedral Clinic
Thursdays @ 6.00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Fridays @ 5.00 p.m.	Men's Bible Class

Occasional Services

Arrangements for Baptism, Weddings, Birthday celebrations etc should be made with the Provost in the first instance, giving as much notice as possible.

Counselling: Counselling for adults and youths can be arranged with the Provost.

SUPPORT FOR THE CATHEDRAL

As we fellowship together, please consider contributing to our Cathedral. Your generous donations will help sustain and enhance various essential Church activities:

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OUR MISSION

To have a spiritually filled congregation where true love reigns, constantly reaching out, teaching and preaching the word to make all people disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION

- ❖ To have a spiritually filled congregation where honesty, faithfulness, joy and true love reigns among parishioners.
- ❖ As the mother Cathedral, setting the pace for other Churches in evangelism and preaching of the word.
- ❖ Making disciples of all nations.
- ❖ Making astute and veracious use of funds in means and ways that provide for expansion.
- ❖ Leveraging on modern multi-media in reaching out to its catchment areas, especially those in the Lagos Central Business District and
- ❖ Proactive in its outreach programmes to all and sundry.

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION

(ii) Childlike Attitude

Celebrant: Canon Kunle Dina

Stewards on Duty: Group B

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 696 (Wareham)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** "But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these'. Luke 18:16
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:**
Father of mankind, Who gave Your only-begotten Son to take upon Himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross; give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing His humility, we may come to be with Him in His glory; Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.
9. **Epistle:** 1 Peter 5: 1-11 **The Clergyhe Clergy**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 809 (St. James)
11. **Gospel:** Matthew 18: 1-10 - **Canon Kunle Dina**
12. **Sermon:** Revd. Olawole Faloye
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
15. **Offertory Sentence:** "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it". Mark 10:15
16. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 799 (Crimond)
17. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
18. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
19. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
20. **Communion Sentence:** "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children". Ephesians 5:1
21. **Administration:** (Page 194)
22. **Hymns during Administration**
 - (i) A&MRW 772 (Petra)
 - (ii) A&MRW 689 (St. Sepulchre)
 - (iii) A&MRW 685 (Tune: A&MRW 588 - Sagina)
 - (iv) A&MRW 675 (Bishopthorpe)
 - (v) A&MRW 422 (Hyfrydol)
 - (vi) A&MRW 423 (Unde et Memores)
 - (vii) A&MRW 421 (All for Jesus)
 - (viii) A&MRW 436 (Webb's St. Thomas)
23. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 744 (Martyrdom)
24. **Post Communion Prayer:** Gracious Father, by the obedience and humility of Jesus, you brought salvation to our wayward world. Make us childlike in disposition and draw us into harmony with your will, so that we may find all things restored in him, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
25. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
26. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- Family Harvest
27. **Notices:**
28. **Spiritual Tonic:** Proverbs 3: 5-6
29. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
30. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 807 (Newington)
(Collection for Clergy Welfare week)
At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Henry Mooh

Responses: Williams Smith in G

Theme: ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION

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1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 729 (Westminster)
 2. Opening Sentence: "But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Luke 18:16
 3. Call to Worship:
 4. Confession and Absolution
 5. Venite: Boyce in D
 6. Psalm: 18: 1-6 - George Cooper in G
 7. 1st Lesson: Proverb 7:7-10 - Mrs. Olatera Sowande
 8. Benedictus: Charles Parry in E
 9. 2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-11 - Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty
 10. Te Deum: H.S. Oakeley in F
 11. Creed to 3rd Collect
 12. Anthem: O Father Whose Almighty (G.F. Handel)
 13. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 648 (Neander Unser Herrscher)
 14. Sermon: The Provost
 15. Intercession: Revd. Henry Mooh
 16. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 650 (Faithfulness)
 17. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - Family of late Pa Braimo Afinnih, 110 years' mind (A&MRW 683)
 - Outing: Family of Dr. Bode Oyewole (A&MRW 299)
 - Churching - Mrs. Perpetual Ogedengbe (A&MRW 739)
 18. Notices:
 19. Spiritual Tonic: Proverbs 3: 5-6
 20. Conclusion to Benediction
 21. Final Amen: Threefold Amen (Anon)
 22. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 768 (Doncaster)
(Collection for Clergy Welfare week)
- At the Organ: Tochi Ihejirika
Choral Conductor: Luke Odubiyi

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

- Conductor: Mr. Michael Agbogidi
1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 729 (Westminster)
 2. Call to Worship
 3. Praise and Worship
 4. Psalm: 18: 1-6
 5. Bible Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11
 6. Testimony & Special Numbers
 7. Creed, Collect and Prayers
 8. Message:
 9. Intercession
 10. Sunday Offering: Choruses
 11. Notices
 12. Prayer and Benediction
 13. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 768 (Doncaster)

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

TOPIC: JESUS AND FORGIVENESS

Worship Leader: Grandma Omotola Akinola

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: C. H. 516
3. Bible Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: C.H. 498 (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from the Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: *ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION*

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Celebrant: *Revd. Michael Nwigani*

Communion Setting: *From the Church of Nigeria Hymnal*

1. Hymn: *A&MRW 676 (St. Denio)*
2. Introit: *O Lord My Heart is not proud (Margaret Rizza)*
3. Introductory Sentence: *"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Luke 18:16*
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9. *Collect:*
Father of mankind, Who gave Your only-begotten Son to take upon Himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross; give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing His humility, we may come to be with Him in His glory; Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
10. *Epistle: 1 Peter 5: 1-11 Guild of Stewards on Duty*
11. *Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 382 (Billing)*
12. *Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-10 Revd. Michael Nwigani*
13. *Sermon: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi*
14. *Creed: (Page 178)*
15. *Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Guild of Stewards on Duty*
16. *The Peace (page 186)*
17. *Offertory Sentence: "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it". Mark 10:15*
18. *Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 713 (Slane)*
(Please drop all your envelopes)
19. *Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer (Pages 187-190)*
20. *Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190 -193)*
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 - (ii) *A&MRW 423 (Unde et Memores)*
 - (iii) *A&MRW 685 (Tune A&MRW 588 - Sagina)*
 - (iv) *A&MRW 689 (St. Sepulchre)*
 - (v) *A&MRW 772 (Petra)*
 - (vi) *A&MRW 445 (Everton)*
 - (vii) *A&MRW 421 (All for Jesus)*

- (viii) A&MRW 436 (Tune A&MRW 283 - Regent Square)
24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 744 (Martyrdom)
 25. Post Communion Prayer: *Gracious Father, by the obedience and humility of Jesus, you brought salvation to our wayward world. Make us childlike in disposition and draw us into harmony with your will, so that we may find all things restored in him, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*
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 31. *Final Amen: Sevenfold Amen (J. Stainer)*
 32. *Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 648 (Neander Unser Herrscher)*
(Collection for Clergy Welfare week)

At the Organ: *Tochi Ihejirika*

Choral Conductor: *Luke Odubiyi*

SUNDAY 28/07/2024 Day 210

Bible in a year: Job 20, 21; Luke 20

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *Hon. Engr. Abubakar Momoh, Minister of Niger Delta.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Luke Oluwasegun Adebawale Sholumade*
- ❖ *17th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Chinweuba and Mrs, Ozioma Chukwu.*
- ❖ *The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**
- ❖ *Dr. Osborne Olumide Phillips, CPA, Mr. Olatunji Omoniyi Oni, Mr. Chukuka Sylvia Osaji-Ugo, Mr. Oluyinka Aboaba, Master Ansell Edegware-Eweme, Miss Funmilayo Aramide Olonade, Mrs. Anne Ibidunni Martins, Mrs. Oluwakemi Victoria Iyama, Miss Nkechi Iyama, Miss Mercy Abattam, Miss Oluwaseun Hannah Abiodun, Miss Victoria Olayinka Babaniji, Capt. Olusegun Otenigbagbe, Mrs. Juliet Chinelo S. Peters.*
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession: Mr & Mrs. Bisi Lawrence**

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) *High Chief Gordon Russell Akpovo Edegware, CPA, JP, 1 year's mind*
 - (ii) *Mr. Samuel Oluwatoyin Abayomi Layeni, 7 years' mind*
 - (iii) *Mrs. Elfrida Mabel Modupe Cole, MBE, MON, 44 years' mind.*
 - (iv) *Pa Braimo Afinnih, 110 years' mind.*
- ❖ **Family Intercession:**
Families of Late Ven. E.V. Badejo, Ven Segun Ladeinde, Revd. Adeniyi Adeluwoye, Late Revd. (Capt) S.W.S. Doherty, Late Omoba Bamidele Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga, CPA, Prince Dapo Opeaye, PMA, Late Engr. Akinlolu Soyannwo, Mr. Abayomi Adelola Martins, Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour, Mrs. Deborah Ologunbiri, PMA, Mr. 'Seindemi Ijanusi, Mr. & Mrs. Gbolade Osibodu, CPA, Late Mrs. Muriel Marion Yetunde Johnston, Mr. Adekunle Adebogun, Mr. Amadi Israel Okwudiri, Chief A. O. Spaine, Omobola Odedina-Vaughan.

- ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**
Alizuta Limited, Meldili Nigeria Ltd, Estelle Services Ltd, Alpha Global Messengers, S&G Comestibles, Lenat Cargo Services Nig. Ltd., Lewis Alexander Legal, Creative Shepreneur, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Flamestar Investment Company Ltd, Wrapturable, Flour Mills Nigeria Plc., The Metropole Practice, Gloryhill Multiconcepts Limited, Mtefworld Music Talent Entertainment Factory, Daries Limited, All Dway Nigeria Limited, Ryansteve Logistics and Ventures.

SUNDAY 28/07/2024 - MEETINGS

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

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.*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY – 29/07/2024 Colour: GREEN

Day 211

Bible in a year: Job 22-23; Psalm 85

6.45 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Ven. Henry Adelegan

Epistle: Rom. 16: 1-16

Gospel: Matt 27: 24-31

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Muhammed Idris, Minister of Information and National Orientation.*
- ❖ *The Erstwhile Diocesan Bishop of Lagos & Dean Emeritus, Church of Nigeria, The Most Revd. Dr. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Adesola Olufunke Oloniniran.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Chioma Dikeocha*
- ❖ *The Diocese of Ho - The Church of the Province of West Africa.*

- ❖ *Birthday Intercession:*
Mrs. Imohu Theresa Okoli, Olori Olubukunola Adedoyin Adewunmi, Mr. Eniola Runsewe Amusu, Miss Oluyemisi Sowemimo, Mr. Oreoluwa Adebayo, Mr. Mobolaji Balogun, Mrs. Anita Ireiola Weaver(nee Modupe-Davies), Miss Morounkeji Abisogun, Mr. Oyomevotu Motunrayo Obada, Mr. Anthony A. Agienoje, Mr. Adegboyega Olusegun Osota, Mrs. Oluyemisi Bakare, Dr. Chinedu Idike, Prof. (Mrs) Bruce Izeokhai Ovbiagele, Mr. Akintokunbo Oladipupo Williams.

- ❖ *Wedding Anniversary Intercession:*
- ❖ *Ven. and Mrs. Kingsley Agu, 24th Wedding Anniversary.*
(ii)Mr. Frederick Azubike & Mrs. Karem Denise Mbanefo,35thWedding Anniversary.

- ❖ *Memorial Intercession for:*
 - (i) *Mr. David Abiodun Ejemai, 5 years' mind.*
 - (ii) *Madam Cecilia Abumere, 21 years' mind.*

4.00 p.m. *Women's Bible Class/Visitation*

TUESDAY – 30/07/2024 Colour: GREEN Day 212

Bible in a year: Job 24, 26; Luke 21

6.45a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Romans 16: 17-27

Gospel: Matthew 27: 32-44

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Balarabe Abbas Lawal, Minister of Environment*
- ❖ *8th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. Uchechukwu & Mrs. Uchenna Nwagboso.*
- ❖ *The Diocese of Hokkaido - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**
Mrs. Alero Jadesimi, Miss Olorunjuyinlo Adepero Benson, Master Ajibola Osunkoya, Miss Ogochukwu Sophia Anyanwu, Mr. Babatunde Akintola, Master Enoch Fatoye, Mrs. Datore Ojo, Mr. Eric Teniola, Mrs. Yetunde Olowu Mabinuori.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
(i) Mr. & Mrs. Opeoluwa Sebanjo, 8th Wedding Anniversary.
(ii) Mr & Mrs. David Jitoboh, 8th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mr. Babatunde Shonekan, 6 years' mind.
(ii) Mr. Ademuyiwa Adewole Adebogun, 15 years' mind.
(iii) Prof. Ajibayo Akinkugbe, 16 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. *Choir Practice*

WEDNESDAY – 31/07/2024 Colour: GREEN Day 213

Bible in a year: Job 27, 28; Luke 22

6.45 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-14

Gospel: Matthew 27: 45-54

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Engineer, Professor, Joseph Terlumun Utesev, Minister of Water Resources and Sanitation*
- ❖ *48th Wedding Anniversary, The Most Revd. Dr. Adebola and Mrs. Oluwafeyiranti Ademowo, PhD, OON, D.Litt. FNAL*
- ❖ *The Diocese of Honduras - The Episcopal Church.*

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**
Mrs. Flora Yetunde Adeluwoye, Mr. Stephen Edegware, Miss Morenikeji Adesoye, Prince Adebayo Ademiluyi, Mr. Ojekhoa Ovbiagele, Miss Bukola Oshinowo, Miss Oreoluwa Awodein, Mr. Oladipupo Fatoki, Miss Morenike Ilori, Miss Motirola Oluwa Omojadesola Layeni, Miss Emmanuella Adaeze Peter.

- v **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mrs. Olapeju Olufunmilayo Art-Alade, 18 years' mind.
(ii) Chief Ayo Rosiji, CPA, 24 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. *Night of Tributes in honour of Dr. Olusanya Sonuga by Association of Radiologist n Nigeria (ARIN) at Multipurpose Hall, SSF of N, Idi-Araba*

5.00 p.m. *Bible Study and Prayer Meeting*

THURSDAY – 01/08/2024 Colour: GREEN Day 214

Bible in a year: Job 29-30; Luke 23

6.45 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani

Epistle: Acts 1: 15-26

Gospel: Matthew 27:55-66

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Dr. Jamila Bio Ibrahim, Minister of Youth and Sports*
- ❖ *The Rt. Revd Ifedola & Mrs. Modupe Okupevi.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Isaac Oluwatosin Ariyo.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Mercy Funmilayo Akande*
24th Wedding Anniversary - The Revd Bamidele & Mrs. Funmilayo Akande
- ❖ *The Diocese of Hong Kong Island - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*
- ❖ *Birthday Intercession:*
Archbishop Olusegun Adegboyega Okubadejo, Mr. Olukayode Otukoya, Omoba Adeboye Ademola, Mr. Charles Jidefor Nwakaeze, Miss Folake Williams, Mrs. Olatokunbo Ayodele, Mrs. Comfort Mgbechinyere Ndubuka, Mr. Olumide Oladipo Owolabi, Mrs. Olubusola Folasade Ajayi, Miss Abimbola Pedro, Mrs. Adefolake Tolulope Ojemuyiwa, Mr. Tobi Ashafa, Mr. Moyosore Olagoke, Mr. Adesegun Shode, Mr. Samuel Umeobi, Master Ebubechukwu Ezeogu, Mrs. Egunayo Oloruntele Fetuga, Mrs. Abimbola Ebokhume Adubifa. (nee Williams), Mrs. Haniel Senayon Adeyemi, Chief Echidinma Ezeogu, Master Ebubechukwu Ezeogu.

Wedding Anniversary:

- (i) *Mr. & Mrs. Adegboyega Omoniyi, 9th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Mr & Mrs. Olukoyejo Alaba, 9th Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ *Memorial Intercession:*

- (i) *Mrs. Rosella Abiodun Akinyemi, 10 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Archibald Olatunde Young, 12 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Engr. Jacob Omo Ihonde, 28 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Chief Ruth Elizabeth Okonedo, 25 years' mind*

10.00 a.m. *1st Year Memorial Service (Dr. Diaso Uweare)*

3.00 p.m. *Service of Songs for Dr. Olusanya Sonuga by the Cathedral Circle.*

5.00 p.m. *Christian Wake-keep for Dr. Olusanya Sonuga*

FRIDAY - 02/08/2024 Colour: GREEN Day 215

Bible in a year: Job 31,32; Psalm 86, 87

6.45 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *Festus Keyamo, Minister of Aviation and Aerospace*
- ❖ *Mrs. Rhoda Nkemjika Ekeke*
- ❖ *16th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Adelekan and Mrs. Yetunde Ogundipe.*
- ❖ *The Diocese of the Horn of Africa - The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria)*

❖ *Birthday Intercession:*

Mrs. Adebomi Adebayo (nee Oyenuga), Mr. Okhai A. Ajakaiye, Mrs Oiza Effanga (nee Osho), Miss Amarachi Amaoge Apakama, Mr. Richard Ogunderu, Mr. Oluwaseajomi Adebola Okunribido, Mr. Oluwafemi Olajide Oni, Miss Oluwatobiloba Soyannwo.

❖ *Memorial Intercession:*

- (i) *Pa Michael Olufemi Abiodun, 14 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Chief (Mrs) Hilda Adunola Ogunbajo, 19 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Oloye Adesola Kolajo Lamilisa, 21 years' mind*

11.00 a.m. *Funeral Service for Dr. Olusanya Sonuga*

5:00p.m. *Men's Bible Study*

SATURDAY - 03/08/2024 Colour: GREEN Day 216

Bible in a year: Job 33,34; Luke 24

7.45a.m. *Holy Communion*

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts 2: 22-36

Gospel: Matthew 2:11-20

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *Ishak Salaco, Minister of State for Environment and Ecological Management*
- ❖ *The Revd. Benjamin Azagba Okwumabua (50)*
- ❖ *Mrs. Oluwatosin Ayomikun Oyewole*
- ❖ *The Diocese of Hpa-an- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burna)*

❖ *Birthday Intercession:*

Mr. Nelson Olatunde Williams(90), Mrs. Angelina Omolara Wey, Mr. Joseph Ajiboye Oni, Mr. Oluwabusayo Odugbesan, Miss Olaruyiwa Afolabi, Miss Aghogho Ruth Bob-Okonedo, Mrs Abiola Mohammed (nee Adeniyi-Jones), Miss Fatimah Mohammed, Miss Folakemi Bamidele, Miss Iyabo Loretta Okwuraiwe, Miss Maureen Paul, Miss Nkolika Doris Umeaokafor, Miss Oluwadamilola Oke, Miss Ayondu Oguejiofor, Master Modebayo Olatawura.

❖ *Memorial Intercession:*

- (i) *Mrs. Petronilla Akon Akpan, 6 years' mind*
- (ii) *Miss Adebola Omolara Ayodele, 8 year's mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Stella Omoladeeni Johnson(nee Cole), 14 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ibidunni Phillips, 30 years' mind*
- (v) *Mrs. Mary Henrietta Modupe-Davies, 31 years' mind.*
- (vi) *Mr. S. Solomon Ojo-Osagie, 32 years' mind.*

10.00 a.m. *90th Birthday Thanksgiving Service of Mr. Nelson Olatunde Williams*

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN RACE

SUB-THEME: Equipped for the Race 7

TOPIC: God's Strength

TEXT: Ex 15:1-14.

AIMS:

- i. to study the source of a Christian's strength and
- ii. the consequences of running low of it.

INTRODUCTION

Strength is the quality or state of being strong. This could be variously interpreted. One of such is the power to resist attack. As Christians, we need the strength of God to run through the difficult terrains on the path to the glorious eternity. In our Bible text today, Moses testified to God's saving power with a victorious song. Our study guides will explore more on how to acquire this strength.

STUDY GUIDES

1. Analyse the extent of God's strength with emphasis on Ex 15:3-4; 7-8; 9-10.
2. State some of the ways to acquire the strength of God. Matt 17:21; Luk 6:12; Acts 1:8.
3. Explain in details what you understand by waiting upon the Lord in Isa. 40:29-31 and the advantages.
4. In the context of Mk 6:46-51, explain the effect of the retreat of Jesus and the consequence of his disciples running the race without him.

CONCLUSION: Our God is omnipotent. Leaving him behind in our journey of life can end in endless toiling like that of Jesus' disciples on the sea. However, when we invite Jesus into our journey of life, He becomes our strength and the storm of life ceases.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: With God's strength, you run without stress.

MEMORY VERSE: Ex 15:2

"The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him"

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PROVERBS 3: 5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Heavenly Father, today, I renounce the complexities of worldly wisdom and the burdens of self-reliance. I choose the path of humility and trust. In humility, I acknowledge my need for Your guidance and Your grace in every aspect of my life. Lord, teach me to trust You with the unwavering faith of a child. Help me to depend on Your promises without doubt or fear. Bring me your sorrow-free all-around prosperity, and may the fruits of the childlike spirit flourish in my life, bearing witness to Your endless goodness and mercy. In Jesus' Name, I make this declaration. Amen



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26. The Sacraments are Not Rendered Ineffectual by the Unworthiness of the Minister

Although in the visible church the evil are always mingled with the good and sometimes evil people possess the highest rank in the ministry of the Word and sacraments, nevertheless since they do not do these things in their own name but in Christ's and minister by his commission and authority, we may use their ministry both in hearing God's Word and in receiving the sacraments. The effect of Christ's institution is not taken away by the wickedness of these people, nor is the grace of God's gifts diminished, so long as the sacraments are received by faith and rightly. The sacraments are effectual because of Christ's institution and promise, even though they may be administered by evil men. Nevertheless, it belongs to the discipline of the church that investigation be made into evil ministers. Those who are accused by witnesses having knowledge of their offenses and who in the end are justly found guilty, should be disposed.

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.**

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N8.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ N1,800,000
- iv. 65 inches TV for CCTV Camera viewing @ N1,100,000
- v. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- vi. Five IP Streaming PTZ Camera @ NGN1,620,000 each
- vii. Two 5 Tons Standing Airconditioners @ N1,900,000 each
- viii. Two Television, model LG UR73006LA @ N700,000 each
- ix. Eight Television, model LG UQ7070 43" @ N600,000 each
- x. Two Canon EOS 5D Mark IV DSLR Camera with 24-105F/4L II lens @ 4,080,000.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says ... "HEBREWS"



WOMEN'S CORNER NOTICES

- 29/7/2024 - Visitation
1-3/8/2024 - Girls'/Ladies Guild Camp
5/8/2024 - Prayer Meeting - Prayer for the Pregnant Women and Waiting Mothers by
Rev. Henry Mooh.
9/8/2024 - Mary Sumner's Day
10/8/2024 - Zone C - Women of Grace workshop

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 – JULY

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2016

July 24 Rt. Revd. Akinpelu Johnson was consecrated Bishop of Lagos Mainland Diocese, and enthroned on 24th August at the Cathedral of St Jude, Ebute Meta.

July 31 Send-forth for Rt. Revd. Akinpelu Johnson

2018

July 29 70th Birthday and Retirement Service for Most Revd. Dr. E. Adebola Ademowo, Ph.D, OON, FNAL, the Diocesan Bishop of Lagos and Dean Emeritus Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion was held at the Cathedral.

July 30 Enthronement of Right Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakaiye, Ph.D as the 8th Bishop of Lagos.

2020

July 12 Launching of the 2020 Harvest Season was held virtually, i.e. online as a result of the restriction on physical worship due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2022

July 20 The Very Revd. Samuel Hugh Akinsope Johnson, BD, the 3rd Provost of the Cathedral passed away on Wednesday, 20th July, 2022 at the age of 92 years.

He was Provost of the Cathedral from Sunday, 25th April, 1970 to Thursday, 2nd February, 1995, a period of twenty-five years.

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Choir in Stall:

We welcome the choir of Church of Pentecost, Festac who are in the Cathedral choir stall today. The good LORD will enlarge their coast and prosper their ministry.

2. Family Harvest 2024

This is to notify all parishioners that the Family Harvest for 2024 has started and will run through the 27th of October.

Parishioners should kindly visit the Family Harvest Desk opposite the Membership Office to choose their preferred Family harvest dates. Parishioners can also contact the Family harvest Chairperson on 08033065586 to choose their preferred dates.

3. 2024 Clergy Welfare Week:

This annual exercise in support of the House of Clergy holds from Sunday, 7th July 2024 to Sunday, 28th July 2024. While thanking you for the past, we solicit your unwavering support this year. Kindly issue cheques in favour of "Clergy Welfare of Lagos Anglican Diocese" or do an online transfer to - "First Bank- 3093480027". For any transfer made, kindly oblige the Provost with a copy of the receipt.

We shall take special donations on the 21st and 28th of July 2024. Thank you.

4. Bishop's Cup Soccer Tournament (11th Edition)

As part of the Cathedral youth activities for the year, we would be having the Bishop's Cup Soccer Tournament (11th Edition) this year. The Competition is scheduled to hold every Saturday from the 10th August to 14th September, 2024 and will involve 8 Youth Teams from parishes in the Diocese. For further information, Kindly contact Adeniran Adeluwoye, Esq on 08029099081.

5. The Medical Society is calling for volunteer Doctors, Nurses and Pharmacists for the Church Clinic on Sunday.

6. Harvest Season 2024

The Harvest Season is here again. We give glory to God for His past mercies and for bountiful harvest tide. Women Guild Auxiliary hosts this year's Harvest and we pray that God will see them through.

Below are the details of the Harvest Season Events:

- (a) Sunday, 14th July, 2024, Harvest Launching
- (b) Sunday, 1st September, 2024, Children's and Young People's Harvest Combined with Children's Treat
- (c) Sunday, 3rd November, 2024, Adults' Harvest combined with Professional's Harvest
- (d) Sunday, 10th November, 2024, Gleaners' Harvest

Thanksgiving

Harvest Theme: "STAY... PLANT... AND REAP." - Genesis 26: 3&12

7. **Cathedral Dues:**

The sustentation list from January to June is ready Please visit the membership office to confirm your payment or visit the Church website (www.thecathedrallagos.org)

8.(a) **Fellowship Hour - Sunday 28/7/2024**

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(b) **Fellowship Hour Booking: July 2024**

Sunday, 11/8/2024 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. Service Mrs. Virginia Imoukhuede after 9.15 a.m. Service.

Sunday, 25/8/2024 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

Sunday, 8/9/2024 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. Service

Mrs. Moronke Thompson for her 70th birthday on 16th September, 2024 after 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 22/9/2024 - Miss Funmilola Otuyalo for her birthday on the same day, 22nd September, 2024.

(c) ***Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any event 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 2024**

The following dates are available for booking for Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m
Sunday 13/10/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 27/10/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 10/11/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 08/12/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 22/12/2024	Booked	Booked

WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 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.

FAMILY HARVEST 2024 (WEEK 2)

Sunday, 28th July, 2024

The following families will be called to the altar

1. *Adeniyi-Williams Family*
2. *Dr. & Prof (Mrs.) Damola daCosta & Family*
3. *Family of the Late Admirh Soroh*
4. *Mr. A. M. Samuel & Family*
5. *Mr. J. B. Daramola & Family*
6. *Family of the Late Mrs. Nike Marinho*
7. *Mr. D.A. Edozor & Family*
8. *Chief D.C. Egere & Family*
9. *Family of the Late Mr. David Abiodun Ejemai*
10. *Family of the Late Dr. Alex Ekwueme, GCON & Family*
11. *Mr. Curtis Adeniyi Campbell & Family*
12. *Mr. C.A. Ajeigbe & Family*
13. *Mrs. Ayoko Comfort Oyewunmi & Family*
14. *The Family of the Late Arc Remi Akodu*
15. *The Family of the Late Mr. Bayo Kuti*
16. *The Family of the Late Chief Olufemi Somolu*
17. *Amb. Oladapo Fafowora & Family*
18. *Chief (Dr.) Simi Fasehun & Family*
19. *Mr. Solanke Ogunlana & Family*
20. *Mr & Mrs. Adekunle Wright & Family*
21. *Ms. Stella Gbinigie & Family*
22. *The Family of the Late Chief Anofi Guobadia*
23. *The Family of the Late Engr. V.A. Haffner,CPA*
24. *The Family of the Late Dansaaki (Col) Samuel Adeleye Agbede*
25. *Dr. Olusegun Oshin & Family*
26. *Mrs. Felicia Henshaw & Family*
28. *Family of the Late Dr. Dotun Orija*
29. *Mr. J.B. Ighomereho & Family*
30. *The Family of the Late Mr. Emmanuel Ayo Imoukhuede*
31. *Mrs. Christiana Chukwu & Family*
32. *The Family of the Late Engr. Olubunmi Santos*
33. *Mrs. Florence Ola & Family*
34. *Mr. Kwamina Keating & Family*
35. *Ms. Yinka Jackson-Cole & Family*
36. *Mr. Olusola Ladeinde & Family*
37. *Mr. Sylvester Oputa & Family*
38. *The Family of the Late Mrs. J.B. Nicol*
39. *The Family of the Late Chief Bayo Ogunyemi*
40. *Mr. Eric Teniola & Family*

FAMILY HARVEST 2024 (WEEK 3)

Sunday, 4th July, 2024

The following families will be called to the altar

1. *Chief Lanre Ladipo CPA & Family*
2. *The Family of Mr. & Mrs. S.O. Wey*
3. *Princess Karunwi & Oduwole Family*
4. *The Family of Late Prof. Grace Alele-Williams*
5. *The Family of the Late Admiral Soroh*
6. *Dr. J.A. Akindele & Family*
7. *Ms. Yewande Cole & Family*
8. *Amb. Modupe Akintola & Family*
9. *The Family of the Late Mrs. Josephine Modupe Aluko CPA*
10. *Mr. C.A. Authe & Family*
11. *Mr. S. A Bailey & Family*
12. *The Family of the Late Dr. Bankole Martins*
13. *Mr. Gbenga Bello & Family*
14. *Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour & Mrs. Doyin Rhodes-Vivour, SAN & Family*
15. *The Family of the Late Engr. Layi Ajayi-Bembe*
16. *The Family of the Late Mr. Jenkins Olubunmi Coker*
17. *The Family of the Late Chief (Dr.) & Mrs. Dayo Akinrele*
18. *Mrs. Funmilayo Benson & Family*
19. *Mr. Olumide Sofowora SAN & Family*
20. *Mr. Wole Amure & Family*
21. *Mrs. Mosun Atigbi & Family*
22. *The Family of the Late Mrs. Rose Disu*
23. *The Family of the Late Chief Bankole-Okiki*
24. *Mr. Ernest C. Oramadike & Family*
25. *The Paul Family*
26. *Mrs. Femi Laguda & Family*
27. *The Family of the Late Elderman Folarin Coker CPA*
28. *The Ekisola Family*
29. *The Family of the Late Mama S. Olatundun Alayande*
30. *The Agbebi Family*
31. *High Chief Reginald Abbey Hart & Family*
32. *Mr. Yomi Akinade & Family*
33. *Mr. T.O.P. Adeduro & Family*
34. *The Rosiji Family*
35. *The Family of the Late Mrs. Evelyn Boardman*
36. *The Family of the Late Mr. A.O. Claudius-Cole*
37. *The Family of the Late Arc. Akinwande Craig, CPA & Mrs. Ibiyemi Craig*
38. *Mr. James Olalekan Jekayinfa & Family*
39. *Mr. C.N. Chibututu & Family*
40. *The Family of the Late Mama Gibson Roberts*

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 continue to bless and enrich you in Jesus name. Amen.*
- ❖ *In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N500,000 (Cheque) May God bless the donor abundantly in the name of Jesus.*

(a) Sponsorship:

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

1. **Mrs. Basirat Hammed (47 years)**
She was diagnose of bilateral knee osteoarthritis at Federal Ortheopedic Hospital. She needs the sum of N3,160,100, to undergo surgery. She has realised N2,000,000. The outstanding balance is N1,160,100.
 2. **20 Postulants In Theological Seminaries** *needs the sum of N5,000,000 at N250,000 each session.*
 3. **Miss Blessing Chioma John & Miss Favor Amarachi John (16years)**
They are both twins. They need the sum of N960,000 for their university education at University of Ibadan for 4years at N120,000 per session.
 4. **Mrs. Moses Ijeoma Rose (41 years)**
She was diagnosed of cancer of the colon in year 2020. She needs the sum of N 3,000,000 for the cost of her drugs for 1 year.
 5. **Miss Taiwo Oluwakemi Olasoji (10 years old)** *was born with a congenital heart disorder. She had the first corrective surgery when she was 3 months old in Germany. She is due for another Cardiac Catheterization at the same hospital. The cost is 62,700. Amount realised so far is 25,433; outstanding balance is 36,567.*
 6. **Master Chukwuemeka Dugbo (16years)**
He was diagnosed of imperfect anus after 3days of delivery in the hospital. He needs to undergo a corrective surgery at the cost of \$63,000. The sum realized so far is \$7,500 The outstanding balance is \$55,500.
 7. **Mr Awolola Ganiyu Saliu (61years)**
He was diagnosed with kidney failure at a public hospital. He needs to undergo kidney transplant surgery at the sum of N25,000,000 He has realised N10,000,000 so far. The outstanding balance is N15,000,000
 8. **Mr. Shonibare Samad (29years)**
He was diagnosed of a kidney failure at a public hospital. He needs to undergo surgery at the cost of N22,000,000. He has so far realized N16,000,000. The outstanding balance is N6,000,000.
- (b)** *The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of decent fairly used clothes and shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.*

Theme for the year: "FULL RESTORATION"

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame."

- Joel 2: 25-26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

LEAVE GOD TO ORDER ALL THY WAYS

MHB 504 (Tune: Solid Rock/Sagina)

1. *Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.*

2. *Only thy restless heart keep still,
And wait in cheerful hope, content
To take whate'er His gracious will,
His all-discerning love, hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.*

3. *Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust his rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.*

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 21/07/2024

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion.....	219
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School	157
9.30 a.m.	Confirmation Service.....	452

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
20/7/2024	10	24/7/2024	41
Monday		Thursday	
22/7/2024	16	25/7/2024	21
Tuesday		Friday	
23/7/2024	19	26/7/2024	16

COMING EVENTS (AUGUST 2024)

- Sunday, 4th August - 90th Anniversary - Women's Guild Auxiliary
- Saturday, 10th August- The Cathedral Missionary Society outreach to Lagos Island
- Sunday, 11th August - Visit to Elders (Home Bound) by Ladies Armour Bearer
- Sunday, 18th August - 46th Anniversary of the Cathedral Circle

SOUL FOOD 30/2024

ENHANCERS OF FULL RESTORATION

(II) Child like Attitude

“And He said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 18:3&4

Building on our previous discourse about the Word of God as a pivotal factor in achieving full restoration, we now focus on another vital component that facilitates believers’ restoration: Childlike Attitude. The Bible presents a spectrum of childlike attributes that we, as followers of Jesus, should aspire to embody. In Matthew 18:3&4, cited above, Jesus emphasises the central role of childlike behavioural patterns in having a share in His kingdom and all that He offers. He calls for a radical reorientation of our values and attitudes. To fully grasp Jesus’ point in the text, we will examine those unique behavioural patterns of children that endeared them to Jesus Christ.

Compared to adults, children have limited life experience; as a result, they are highly dependent on others (adults) for their needs, safety, and well-being. Like children, we believers must recognise our limitations in addressing life’s challenges, our need for God, and our dependence on Him. Scripture says: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5–6). In other words, total dependence on God should characterise our lives. We should trust and rely on Him for everything related to life and our restoration. It is of the essence that we are dependent on God because of His supremacy, and there is practically nothing we can achieve without His consent and approval. Scripture says: “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” (Proverbs 19:21)

Apart from their total dependence on others for survival, Children exemplify humility, openness, and curiosity. As followers of Christ, we need to emulate these attitudes. Humility, described in the Bible as meekness, lowliness, and absence of self, holds significant value in the Christian life. Embracing humility in our daily lives involves being aware of our own weaknesses, remaining open to correction, valuing others above ourselves, and seeking God’s guidance in all matters. Humility prevents us from following our own desires and instead directs us to live according to God’s will. By epitomising humility, we acknowledge God’s authority over our lives and draw nearer to our full restoration, as God favours those humble and lowly in spirit, bestowing His grace, favour, and blessings upon them. “God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.” (James 4:6)

A child’s curiosity reflects a strong desire to learn and understand. Being curious about God is an anchor for believers, allowing them to grow deeper in His strength and teachings. This godly curiosity compels us to seek out truth and distinguish between right and wrong. It is not a dangerous trap but a tool God uses to impart wisdom to us. Being curious about God enables us to enhance our understanding of Him and discern His plans for our lives. He says: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

When applied in context, a child’s openness would mean, for the believers, openness before God. It refers to a spiritual attitude and practice where believers approach their relationship

with God with honesty, vulnerability, and transparency. This means being honest and transparent in their communication with God, allowing Him to work in their lives, drawing them closer to Him, and revealing His love to them. “For “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Peter 3:10-12) Let us be open before God as children before their parents.

A childlike attitude, characterised by dependence, humility, trust, openness, purity, faith, joy, gratitude, simplicity, and sincerity, creates an ideal environment for receiving God’s blessings. By embodying these qualities, we cultivate a deeper, more receptive relationship with God and open our lives to the abundant blessings that He alone offers.

I, therefore, urge us to heed the call to change from our old ways of selfish conceit and arrogance. Let us embrace the childlike attitude that brings full restoration, and in doing so, find the inspiration and motivation to grow in our relationship with God.

May the Lord plant in us a childlike spirit to draw us closer to Himself and open our lives to the fullness of His blessings.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



*Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD
Provost*

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Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost’s Warden
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