<u>WEEK TWO, MON. FEB. 8 – SUN. FEB. 14, 2021</u> NIGERIA WILL GET TO HER DESIRED HAVEN

Our main text for this year's prayers is Psalms 107:29-30. The entire chapter is dedicated for thanksgiving to God, for His mercies and loving kindness. It is applicable not only to individuals but, especially as a nation, we have many reasons to give thanks to God for not allowing the desires of the wicked to overwhelm us. Different kinds of storms have risen up against this country, which includes satanic orchestrated storms, man-made storms and the most recent storm of covid-19 pandemic, which was world-wide. Not to mention the compulsory lockdown that almost turned into starvation. However, God in His sovereignty did not allow us to be destroyed by any of them. Praise God!

The Bible specifically commanded that we should pray for our nation because our peace and prosperity as individuals, families and communities is anchored on our prayers for our country (Psalms 122:6-8). Therefore, we must be earnest about each day's prayers this week so that our collective positive desire for Nigeria shall come to reality this year.

DAY 8, MONDAY, FEB. 8, 2021

Topic: GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR NIGERIA

Texts: Ps. 95:1-3; 147:12-14; 124:1-8.

Introduction

We must give thanks to God first for not allowing the will of the enemy to prosper or prevail over our nation. Also, all the devices of the wicked to afflict and enslave us have been disappointed (Job 5:12).

- 1. **Ps. 124:1-3:** Let us lift up our voices and give thanks to God, because when some men who are enemies of Nigeria's progress rose up against this nation and its people, with the intent to swallow us alive, the Lord raised a standard against their plans. Let us give thanks to God in Jesus' name (Isaiah 59:19).
- 2. **Ps. 124:4-6:** Let us give thanks to God because He did not allow the waters of corruption to completely swallow our nation.
- 3. Let us give praise to the Lord because Covid-19 which ravaged many nations was subdued in our country. The casualty rate was small when compared to many developed countries. Let us open our mouths and give thanks to God!
- 4. **Ps. 37:18-19:** Let us give thanks to God for feeding us during the evil period of Covid-19. Although the period was tough, God's faithfulness kept us alive and healthy. Let us give thanks to Him!
- 5. In spite of the diverse clamours by some people for Nigeria to divide, let us give thanks to God for not allowing such.
- 6. **Ps. 107:30**: Let us give thanks to God because this year, Nigeria will be guided to her desired haven through the mighty hand of the Omnipotent God.
- 7. **I Sam. 10:26:** Let us give thanks to God because the heart of our leaders will be touched to do the right things in governance this year, in Jesus' name!!

DAY 9, TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 2021

Topic: CONFESSING AND REPENTING OF OUR SINS AS A NATION

Texts: Dan. 9:3-7, 11-12; Joel 2:25.

Introduction

The prosperity of any nation is often determined by their obedience to God's ordained precepts and principles. Many nations of old were sent into captivity because of their departure from God's law and their misuse of God's creations (Rom. 1:18-20). These are the things that allowed all kinds of storms to disturb the peace and prosperity of our nation. We need to confess and repent of them so that the nation can make progress and live in prosperity.

- 1. **Ps. 14:2-3**: Let us all confess and repent of the sins of corruption which has become the norm for most Nigerians. This sin can be found in both the private and public sector. It has even crept into the Church of God (1 Tim. 3:15).
- 2. **Rom. 1:25:** Let's confess and repent of our sins of worshipping the created things (whether God's or man's creation), rather than worshipping the Creator. The desires and energy of many Nigerians are directed towards the acquisition of material things while God is often used as the means of achieving these, especially in the church. This is called 'idolatry'. We need to repent of this sin as a nation.
- 3. **Dan. 9:6:** God, forgive us of the sins of the neglect of Your Words by our leaders and many of us who have, and are still aiding our leaders to carry out their wicked deeds against the well being of the people.
- 4. <u>I Tim. 2:2-3</u>: Let us repent of our sins of not obeying the directive in the Word of God to pray for those in authority. We only specialise in criticising and speaking evil against them, instead of praying for them.
- 5. **Dan. 9:18-19:** Lord God, show us mercy and forgive us. We have no righteousness as a ground of appeal but we appeal to your abundant mercies to be shown towards our nation (Rom. 9:15-16).
- 6. **Ps. 65:7:** God, You who stilled the noise of the seas and waves, still every storm blowing over our nation now in Jesus' name!!
- 7. **Ps. 106:37-38:** Father, we confess that many innocent bloods have been shed in Nigeria, polluting the land. These innocent bloods are crying for vengeance. Dear Lord, we appeal to the blood of Jesus; for You to have mercy on our nation and forgive this great transgression (Zach. 9:11).

DAY 10, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 2021

Topic: ALL POLITICAL STORMS OVER NIGERIA SHOULD BE SILENT

Texts: Is. 10:1-3; 55:7; Prov. 29:2.

Introduction

The political atmosphere of Nigeria is fiercely becoming intense with each passing day. The gathering storms of political anarchy may soon turn into a devastating hurricane if divine intervention is not quickly sought. There are constant manipulations by every political party, especially those in power and the major opposition party, which in turn puts the populace at the mercy of the politicians. We are going to pray that God should help silence the gathering political storms.

- 1. **II Chron. 19:6; Zeph. 3:3:** Pray to God that He should deal with those politicians who are in government to devour the people. Tell God to silence their raging storm(s).
- 2. The clamour for secession by some tribes in Nigeria is because of bad governance from those in power which is relegating them and their interests. Ask God not to allow Nigeria to divide, but that we should remain one indivisibly progressive country, advancing in unity and in accordance to His will.
- 3. **Prov. 29:2; Is. 29:6**: Lord, we are groaning in this country based on the action(s) or inaction(s) of those in governance, making life difficult for the common man. Dear Lord!! Please visit them with thunders and earthquakes, if they refuse to repent and change.
- 4. **Prov. 21:1:** The issue of restructuring has become a necessity and demands urgent attention if we do not want Nigeria to break up. Therefore, let us cry to God to compel those in government to begin effecting the process of restructuring our country, so that each region would be allowed to develop its potentials and harness their resources for the good of their people.
- 5. The same sets of people have been at the helm of affairs in Nigerian politics since the 2nd or 3rd republic. These same people have been responsible for the storms that we are experiencing in this country. They are decamping, defecting or cross-carpeting from one political party to the other with the sole intent to advance their selfish interests. Let us reach out to God with our voices to remove them from our political terrains and replace them with God fearing men and women with fresh ideologies that will move us forward in Jesus' name!!
- 6. Dear Lord, as we look forward to another change of government in the year 2023, let the right people emerge as our leaders at every level of governance in Jesus' name!!
- 7. **Is. 30:30**: There are people that are not in government but they influence and implement government policies for their selfish interests. Lord!! Let Your arm of anger descend on them and let them be dethroned in Jesus' name!

DAY 11, THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 2021

Topic: STORMS OF RELIGIOUS DOMINANCE MUST BE STILLED

Texts: Gen. 16:11-12; Gal. 4:30.

Introduction

The desire of a particular religious group trying to silence and dominate other religious groups is a storm that must be silenced. Their raging and constant threats must not be allowed to continue. Their efforts are geared towards taking over every country in the world. They have succeeded in Turkey and most of the Arab countries, where churches existed before in Asia Minor before they were taken over by Islamic jihadists. Some advanced countries are now experiencing the impact of their plans and schemes to dominate the whole world. Examples are England, France, some states in America etc.

- 1. **Gen. 17:20-21:** It is a well known fact that the Middle Eastern Countries are richly blessed with crude oil which is being used to expand Islam worldwide. Let us cry to God to stop their advancement into our country and the rest of the world.
- 2. They have used their oil money to corrupt many states in Nigeria which were previously Christian dominated. Pray to God to stop their plans to take over Nigeria and others parts of the world; with all resources at their disposal.
- 3. **Gen. 16:11-12:** The scripture has correctly stated that their fore-father will be a wild man (Gen. 16:11-12). This wild nature is what we are now seeing in those that are known as 'Boko Haram', whose delight is in the shedding of innocent bloods. Please raise your voice to God to completely stop the raging storms of 'Boko Haram' in Nigeria.
- 4. **Gen. 16:12:** "His hand shall be against every man and every man's hand against him". This shows that he will be a man of terror. Ask God to cripple and totally destroy their source(s) of power. Let fear and dread be upon them from the mighty hands of the living God, in Jesus' name (Ex. 15:16).
- 5. <u>Deut. 2:25</u>: Lord, let the fear and dread of your children cause their enemies to tremble and be in anguish in all their dwelling places of comfort.
- 6. The plan of Islamic protagonists to take over Nigeria by installing their people to head every sensitive government institutions is a storm that must be stilled. Therefore, let us raise our voices to God to begin to replace them with genuine, God fearing Christians.
- 7. **Ps. 35:4, 26:** Dear Lord, sponsor confusion in their midst and render all of their plans useless, whenever and wherever they gather to discuss about Nigeria and her people.

DAY 12, FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 2021

Topic: ETHNIC AND TRIBAL STORMS RAVAGING NIGERIA MUST BE CALMED

Texts: Judg. 20:24-25, 28; Luke 21:10.

Introduction

War between different ethnic groups and tribes has been the major cause of the downfall of many nations. It has caused the breakup of countries leading to the formation of other smaller countries. We have had our own share of such ethnic clashes which resulted in the Nigerian civil war in the late 1960s. The cause oftentimes, among other factors, is the defence of territorial jurisdiction(s) by one group(s) against the other(s), which has been experienced in all regions of Nigeria. It is a storm that must be stilled through our voices raised to the Almighty God, for His divine intervention.

- 1. **Is. 49:25,26:** Let us pray against the desire and plans of a tribe to occupy and dominate every sector of our national lives. Let us pass a decree to stop this storm in Jesus' name.
- 2. Reach out to the Father of mercy to halt the organised ethnic cleansing in Kaduna state by the ungodly people.
- 3. **Judg. 6:6:** God! Arise and stop the storms created by the exploitation of the Niger Delta regions/people, which has led to diverse militant groups and unrests in the region.
- 4. <u>Judg. 6:3-5</u>: Lord, stop the invading storms of the wicked herdsmen into people's farms, destroying lives and properties on their path. Let the anti-grazing law be passed and enforced in all the states that are being affected.
- 5. **Is. 29:6**: Jehovah, send down thunder and fire to scatter the wicked herdsmen, just as it happened in Ondo State that they may fear to graze in authorised farmlands.
- 6. **Is. 10:27**: Dear Lord, break the yoke of our oppressor from off the necks of the Nigerian people and let their burden be removed from our lives.
- 7. <u>Luke 4:39</u>: Let us decree that every storm of intertribal war in every part of our country be stilled in Jesus' name.

DAY 13, SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 2021

Topic: PROCLAMATION OF PROSPERITY AND PEACE OVER NIGERIA.

Texts: I Sam. 25:6; Ps. 122:6-7.

Introduction

The night is often darkest just before the dawn. The year 2020 happens to be a pre-dawn darkness which will usher in our dawn of fulfilment and prosperity in Nigeria. It was equally the closure of an era of bitter experiences globally due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we are entering the beginning of the era of breakthroughs and prosperity in 2021. It is our year of getting to our desired haven in Nigeria.

- 1. **Is. 60:1:** By the anointing of God upon you, begin to proclaim freedom to the captives in the den of kidnappers and 'Boko Haram'. Equally declare freedom for those that are in prison in their own lands and command every prison doors to be opened in Jesus' name.
- 2. **Job 22:28:** Let us begin to decree an end to every form of terrorism in Nigeria. Let us declare an end to herdsmen senseless killings and invasion into farmlands of innocent communities.
- 3. **Gen. 1:3; Job 22:28b**: Since this verse promises that light shall shine on our ways, you should begin to command light to shine in all areas of darkness in our nation.
- 4. **Is. 60:4-6:** Now begin to proclaim and declare super abundance of riches and wealth to come your way from the abundance that Nigeria will be blessed with this year in Jesus' name.
- 5. **Job 13:17:** Proclaim that 'enough is enough' to the spirit of kidnappings in Nigeria. Ask God to expose all in our society and outside that are behind it, irrespective of status.
- 6. **Is. 25:6; Ps. 122:6,7**: Now begin to declare peace and prosperity upon Nigeria as a nation and upon every family and community.
- 7. **Is. 33:6**: Equally declare stability on every arm of government in Nigeria. Ask God for wisdom to be given to leaders in all aspect of governance. Help them lead in the fear of God.

DAY 14, SUNDAY, FEB. 14, 2021

Topic: EXPRESSING OUR DESIRED HAVEN FOR NIGERIA

Texts: Prov. 23:18; Ps. 21:2; 145:16.

Introduction

Our expectation concerning our nation can only translate into reality if we sincerely hope and pray for its manifestation. Oftentimes, our confessions concerning Nigeria always negate the expectation we express in our prayers. It is therefore important that we begin to see the future of Nigeria with the eye of God who "... calls those things which are not as though they were" (Rom. 4:17). Let us cease to be discouraged by the current states of things in Nigeria. Let us begin to see our desired haven for Nigeria with the eye of faith.

- 1. **Prov. 10:24:** Lord, we desire economic prosperity for Nigeria. Let there be an end to every form of financial hardships that people are being subjected to in the name of Jesus.
- 2. **Prov. 11:23:** Dear Lord, we pray for improvement in Nigeria's educational system. We declare an end to the incessant strikes which is reducing our rating in the international community. Let the agitations for the strikes be adequately attended to by the government. Let us pray this prayer in Jesus' mighty name!!
- 3. **Prov. 11:23b**: In Jesus' name, destroy all the obstructive plans of the wicked on our educational system.
- 4. **Ps. 21:2:** Dear Lord, since you have promised not to withhold our request but that you will grant our desire(s), we ask that Nigeria begin to have political stability, provision of employments for our youths, good roads, good health care delivery system, stable electricity and every other thing(s) that will make life better for the populace.
- 5. **Prov. 21:1:** Dear Lord, if re-structuring Nigeria is what will bring lasting peace from the storms blowing over our country; touch the heart of our president and all those in authority to initiate the process this year in Jesus' name!!
- 6. **Ps. 145:16:** Lord, according to Your will, let the desire of every family, community, local, state and federal parastatals in Nigeria be granted in Jesus' name.
- 7. **Ps. 23:18:** Lord, in accordance to Your will, we pray thee, let the future of our dear country be brighter with none of our hopes cut off and all storms silenced in Jesus' name.