

# ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

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**T**hanksgiving to God is not just about singing praises; it's an attitude that must start from the inside before showing on the outside. It is an attitude of gratitude and an acknowledgement of the kindness of God upon your life. Thanksgiving is like the typical receipt which acknowledges that a bill has been cleared. When you take note of the goodness of God upon your life, He is pleased and gets spurred to endow you with more benefits. Thanksgiving goes with praises; a person who has not acknowledged God's benevolence in his life cannot earnestly praise the Lord. Even when such a person praises God, it will be wishy-washy because on the inside, he is yet to acknowledge the good works of the Lord upon his life.

Thanksgiving preserves the blessings we receive from God. If Ecclesiastics 3:14 can state that **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever**, how come the divine blessings some people receive do not endure? There have been instances of believers recording breakthroughs only for them to become broke a while later. Another may have received healing only for the sickness to make a comeback in no time. The answer to such puzzle lies in those believers' attitude to gratitude. When you don't thank God for those things you consider small blessings, you cannot receive bigger ones. God does not lift people up only to let them go down.

Malachi 2:2 warns that: **If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory unto my name. I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.** This shows that it is risky for people to praise God with their mouth in a manner that does not align with the state of their heart. As this scripture enjoins, adopt an attitude of gratitude to God so that the blessings from above which you are rejoicing about does not turn into a curse.

Thanksgiving is more about what's laid in your heart than the praises you sing. You may not be where you aspire but you are definitely not where you used to be. Be like David who can assert that: my soul doth magnify the Lord. Count your blessings one after the other and you would indeed be surprised at how much God has done for you. Doing this will equally make you realize that you are actually owing God thanks.

By being grateful to God, you get enabled to carry out things which are considered impossible. John 11:17 presents a difficult situation of a man who has been dead for four days yet raised to life. The siblings who were close to Jesus had lost hope so much so that **Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.**

In the face of this difficult pass which even made the Lord weep, Jesus lifted up his eyes, and declared in verse 41b: **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.** This case of Lazarus who has been dead for four day was indeed tough and faith-challenging. However, Jesus went about addressing it by first thanking God before uttering the command. The right order is to begin by thanking God before commanding our world, not the other way round which many are wont to take. This is why they do not get answers to their prayers.

When he was done thanking God, the bible records that Jesus cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth and according to John 11: 44: **he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.** Beloved, learn to first thank God in the face of every situation and that intractable issue you want settled will answer to your command in Jesus name.

*Joseph Aberoya*

## Confession for the Week

The best days of this year are here, I will share my testimonies. It's not yet over, 2020 shall end in praise and fatness for me. 2020, vomit all the blessings you carry. I won't lose any blessing meant for this year. There shall be no carry over. The LORD will use the remaining days of this month to make up for what I've lost. My field is white and ready for harvest even now that the year is coming to an end. My time of Harvest and plenty is NOW!

## Counseling/Prayer Lines

For pastoral counseling and prayers, please call: 07068672655, 08033750542.

## ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	Bible Texts	DATE	Bible Texts
Dec 20	Luke 11:37-54 & Judges 5-6	Dec 24	Luke 13:1-21 & Judges 12-13
Dec 21	Luke 12:1-21 & Judges 7-8	Dec 25	Luke 13:22-35 & Judges 14-16
Dec 22	Luke 12:22-48 & Judges 9	Dec 26	Luke 14:1-24 & Judges 17-18
Dec 23	Luke 12:49-58 & Judges 10-11		

# GOOD REPORT

By this time last year, I resigned my job and was trusting God for divine direction. I believed that God was leading me to startup a delivery business and also pursue my doctorate degree. When I got to Canada, we started the business in February 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic came a month after. But God used the pandemic to open the way for us. We signed a contract as a sub-distributor for Amazon in our province. From delivering five packages per day, we now deliver over 500 packages in a day. What I used to earn as my salary in a month is what we now pay as a week's salary. We have over 15 people of different nationalities, including Canadians working for the company. God has also given us fame and honour such that our business idea has been mentioned by CBC News with the Mayor of the Province even talking about our business. God has truly been good to us and I want to thank him for the role He used Pastor Joseph Aborowa to play in accomplishing this vision.

*Pastor Agunbiade Seun Richards*

*Tell of the Goodness of the Lord upon your life and situation by sending a mail to [testimonies@highlandchurch.com.ng](mailto:testimonies@highlandchurch.com.ng)*

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### Highland Church Gets Six More Pastors

After successfully completing 12 intensive courses and other forms of trainings, Sis. Atinuke Aborowa, Bro Taiwo Elijah Oluwaseun Awoyemi, Bro Oluwagbenro Oluwagbade, Bro Seun Richards Agunbiade, Bro Adeniyi Oyedipe and Bro Toluwani Adeseri were on Saturday, December 12, 2020 ordained Pastors in the Highland Order. Their ordination

*in native attires.* And in a bid to have more time with which to thank God, the First Service on Sunday December 20th shall be starting by 8am while the Second Service kicks off immediately after by 10am. There will be plenty of praises and dance as worshippers will be thanking God for the year 2020, the deliverance and blessings the Lord has worked in their lives. We're created to give praises to God and "God Inhabits



**Highland Church CEC members with the newly ordained pastors**

came after they were presented to the Senior Pastor by the CEC Members of the Church. After saying the Ordination preface and prayers, Senior Pastor Joseph Aborowa poured the anointing oil on the head of the new pastors and presented them with a Stole and the Sword which is the Word of God.

### Mother-of-all Thanksgiving Holds This Sunday

This week is the Highland Church Annual Thanksgiving. It is the mother-of-all thanksgiving service which will see the pastors and *all members of the Church gorgeously dressed*

the Praises of His People" as Psalm 22:3 tells us. Jesus warned in Luke 19:40 that "if they (people who should thank and praise God) remain silent, the very stones will cry out." This Thanksgiving Service will end with a Red Carpet for photo ops and interviews.

### All Set for Int'l Welfare Day At Highland Church

There will be multitude of people who will be catered for by the church this Saturday. The event starts by 11am and there shall be red carpet all over the compound for beneficiaries of the



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International Welfare Day largesse to step on as they receive the wonderful things Jesus has made available for them. Every one of us is expected to be a part of it by being a blessing to someone. The services of volunteers are highly required to make the distribution and collection of items seamless. Aside clothing items, N10million has been raised for this event and over 800 people will be provided with what will make their Christmas blissful.

### **Highland Christmas Carol Will Be Lit**

December 24, 2020 is the Christmas Carol of Highland Church. It starts by 5pm and shall be taking place at the Highland Auditorium, No. 22 Oweh Street, Jibowu Lagos. We are going to have a lot of songs that go with the Christmas season. The Highland Choir is already undertaking heavy rehearsals in order to ensure that all who come around get more than a cantata and an orchestra. ***The dress code is all white and a red cap*** or hat and all attendees are enjoined to comply.

### **HCM Is For Bible Study And Connects You To Us**

This Saturday is another opportunity for you to relive Acts 2:47, Acts 4:32 and Acts 5:14 as the Highland Cell Meeting holds at a centre near you. It is a 1 hour 15 minutes meeting which provides an avenue for Bible Study and fellowship with one another in a home setting. HCM holds Saturday evenings and affords you an opportunity to gain clarity on any teachings in the church which you don't understand. If you are yet to know the exact cell you belong, kindly call the Highland Church Secretariat on 08187722660 or 08187722661 so you can be told your cell centre. Remember that participating in HCM makes you a vital part of the Church and entitles you to all spiritual and physical privileges accruable to a member of Highland Church.

### **Highland Church Seeks Volunteers**

With the growth and expansion of the Church, the leadership of Highland Church has called on members with requisite skills and talents to use same for God by serving in various areas where vacancies currently exist in the Church. These volunteers would include: IT specialists to beef up the live transmission of church services to the online audience. Also required are persons proficient in the Yoruba language to serve as translators for our Yoruba members and worshippers.

Volunteers who are skilled in playing musical instruments like: drums, keyboards and trumpet are needed in the Church just as the Children Church needs more teachers. The Editorial Team also needs those who can assist in the scripting and editing of contents from the various arms and departments of the Church. If you're fit for any of these roles and would want to be a vessel unto honour, kindly contact Bro Tolu Adeseri or call the Church's Secretariat on: 08187722660. Conversely, you can type this link ([t.ly/OoOV](https://t.ly/OoOV)) on your phone browser to register for the WIT 3.0 training which commences soon.

### **Highland Children's Christmas Party**

Face Painting, Bouncing Castle; Car Racing; Games; Gift Packs; Food & Drinks are some of the jollies awaiting your children and wards this Christmas. It's all happening at the Highland Children Party come December 26th, 2020.

**Venue:** Highland Church, 22 Oweh Street, Jibowu, Yaba, Lagos.

**Time:** 11am till whenever the kids have their fill.

The fun-filled party is for Children between the ages of 1 to 11 years at the fee of N5000 per child. Registration for this event has been extended and is ongoing. For more information, **kindly call Ekundayo on 08055638042 and Abisola on 08183453123.**

Highland Children Party is one sure way of making your Children's Christmas memorable, don't deny them the fun.

### **Believers' Foundation Class**

If you are a new worshipper or a fresh convert, Highland Church has created follow-up sessions that can enable you





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become a better Christian and get you acquainted with tenets and creed of your new found faith and church. This class culminates in your being baptized in the same manner our Lord Jesus Christ was baptized by John the Baptist. We're talking about the Believers' Foundation Class which holds by 7am every Sunday at the upper room of the main building in the church premises. Come for this class and your life will never remain the same.

### Hour of Grace and Communion Service Holds on Site

The Hour of Grace and Communion Service now holds as an on-site meeting as against the virtual service we used to have. You are invited to be at the Highland Church Auditorium every Thursday by 6pm for this awesome time in God's presence. Thursdays are set aside for Highlanders to wait upon the Lord and get refreshed in a communion service by 6pm. You too can be a partaker.

### Don't Park along the Road, Kindly Use the Car Park

The leadership of Highland Church does not want members parking their cars along the road aside the frontage of the

church building which are already reserved. This is why arrangements have been made for Highlanders to park their cars at the Mainland Secondary School at Onayade Street, Fadeyi, which is just a minute walk from the Church building when you follow the linking route which the security guards can show you. As a responsible organization, we do not want to inconvenience our neighbours neither do we want a situation where your car or items in your car are burgled. You can also park in the school during our weekly activities in the evenings or Saturdays.

### We Are Social

If you are interested in being updated with happenings in Highland Church, kindly subscribe to our YouTube channel or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Mixlr using **our social media handle; hlchurchng**. These platforms as well as [highlandchurch.com.ng](http://highlandchurch.com.ng) have videos of teachings by the Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa, and his messages. You will also get to be treated to the sights of Highland Church services on our pages.



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Highland Church is a global church, as such you can still enjoy our corporate worship even when out of Lagos State. You can connect with us from any part of the World by sending a mail to [hci@highlandchurch.com.ng](mailto:hci@highlandchurch.com.ng). You can also visit our website [highlandchurch.com.ng](http://highlandchurch.com.ng) for the live streaming of our services or connect to our social media handles @hlchurchng across all social media platforms.