



PRAYER DIARY

January - June 2024

Mon 1 January

Hurray! It's New Year, welcome to 2024. The theme of Grace & Light is 'Put on the new self ... in true righteousness', taken from Ephesians 4:24. Pray that this theme will bring life transformation this year as we continue to share with Christians in different churches.

Tues 2 January

Thank God for the increasing understanding of Grace & Light programmes and the steady favourable responses from pastors, school heads and communities in accepting us as partners; pray that all stakeholders will work with us in advocating the activities of the ministry to others who don't know us.

Wed 3 January

Counselling is one big avenue for evangelism that the church is not making deliberate efforts to explore because it is time consuming. Pray for pastors and elders to give priority to this great tool by organizing and training church counsellors who will be responsible for this part of church ministry; and pray too for a talk today at the annual women fellowship gathering of COCIN RCC Kerang.

Thurs 4 January

Pray for renewal of strength and commitment for the active volunteers serving in different teams this year, that the Lord will make them faithful, fruitful and fulfilled; pray too that our Board members in different places will be blessed by God.

Fri 5 January

Many Islamic clerics in Nigeria are fond of making inciting commends in their religious gatherings without thinking of the consequences for their hearers. Pray that God will pull down every stronghold of the wicked in Nigeria and rid the nation off men who don't mean to encourage peaceful co-existence.

Sat 6 January

Voluntary missionary engagement no longer fascinates people, especially the younger generation, because the quest of many of them is to make money. Pray along with Grace & Light as we seek to re-orientate the younger generation toward the value of mission mindedness wherever they are.

Sun 7 January

Pray that this year pastors will be envisioned on the Grace & Light approach to Social Righteousness and be more proactive in opening doors for partnership with us. Pray against the spirit of denominationalism that fragments the Church to the advantage of the enemy of the gospel.

Mon 8 January

Grace & Light offices open today across the nation after the Christmas and New Year break. We solicit prayers for staff and volunteers as we observe our day of prayer and fasting; also ask the Lord to fill us with the power of his Holy Spirit for greater exploits in kingdom service to God and humanity.

Tues 9 January

Last year Voluntary Savings and Accountability Groups (VSAG) of Grace & Light yielded positive results in many lives both spiritually and financially: many shared that in testimonies. Pray that more and more Christians will see the need to join the VSAG groups set up by the ministry to tackle the problems of poverty in the church.

Wed 10 January

Pray for the overhauling of the justice system in various nations and especially in Nigeria, that corrupt judges will be humbled by God so as to serve as a deterrent for others. Pray also for many churches as they resume weekly activities after the festivities, that God will be present.

Thurs 11 January

So many Churches and schools invited Grace & Light last year. Thank God for their understanding of the times because it resulted in many people giving their lives to Christ for the first time and more rededicating theirs. Ask the Lord to sustain them in the faith so they remain socially righteous in all they do.

Fri 12 January

Grace & Light thematic areas of Social Righteousness include the following: wealth & poverty, work & corruption, politics of righteousness, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Pray that God will use these thematic areas to challenge the church in putting on the new self ... in true righteousness.

Sat 13 January

Food crises may hit Nigeria as a nation this year due to the cases of insurgency, gunmen, kidnapping, and herders/farmers clashes during last year's farming season where many could not access their farmlands for fear of what might happen. Pray for Christians not to go into indiscriminate selling of their farm produce and for wisdom in helping others.

Sun 14 January

Our churches are full to the brim yet there is shortage of labourers for the harvest because many who are in churches are there for the wrong reasons. Pray that people will quit part-time Christianity to full-time faith in the Lord Jesus as Grace & Light speakers and other preachers share the word today.

Mon 15 January

External auditing of Grace & Light financial records starts today for public presentation during the AGM in March. Pray for finance department staff and the team of auditors as they reconcile income and expenditure from today till 5th February. Also, pray for the families of deceased soldiers to find solace in God as Nigeria celebrates the Armed Forces Remembrance Day today.

Tues 16 January

Many African countries are suffering economic hardship due to the carelessness of their leaders and lack of expertise of their financial institutions. Pray for God's wisdom for the Banks of the developing world to seek policies on currency management that will bring lasting impact.

Wed 17 January

Many cities in the world are experiencing a high cost of living, moral decadence, religious intolerance, cultism, witchcraft and a widening class gap. Pray for wisdom for the body of Christ as she re-strategizes to take the cities for Christ with the gospel rather than just focusing on the rural areas.

Thurs 18 January

Pray for God's comfort and peace for the family, friends, church and all who are left behind as Martine, Grace & Light France treasurer, went to be with the Lord in December after battling with cancer. Ask that the Lord will raise someone who will occupy the space she left with her different responsibilities.

Fri 19 January

Religious bigotry and intolerance have added stress to the political landscape of many African countries, of which Nigeria is one. Pray against any form of religious extremism both in preaching and in practice by leaders; also, ask God to open the hearts of many Muslims to Christ's redemption as they worship today.

Sat 20 January

Many people are burdened with hurts over different offences against them; pray that the Lord will grant them grace to release the offenders from their hearts as a way to inner peace. Pray too for the talk taking place today to pastors and their wives at ECWA DCC Zagun.

Sun 21 January

Pray for divine unction for the speakers and counsellors who will bring Grace & Light messages to many people in different churches today and for hearts open for God's word. Pray also that this week will bring blessing through many who will live as salt and light in the world around them.

Mon 22 January

Grace & Light has lost quite a number of our strong supporters and friends in the UK in the past year, including George Verwer, Maurice Cotom, Alan Chilver, David Hopkins and Chris Lemming. Pray for comfort for their families and that the Lord will raise more people to replace these wonderful friends in supporting the ministry.

Tues 23 January

Grace & Light staff and potential volunteers are travelling to Taraba State for training to advance

the kingdom of Christ in north-eastern Nigeria. Pray for safety, for God's wisdom, and for knowledge of God's word amidst learning on HIV/AIDS and Social Righteousness: may this impact their lives first and equip them for kingdom service.

Wed 24 January

Grace & Light volunteer training starts today, with participants from different locations within north-eastern Nigeria. Ask God to give each one understanding of His heart for righteousness and to use the training to impact the lives of these potential volunteers for kingdom exploits in their respective localities.

Thurs 25 January

We have trained many volunteers over the past twenty years, but more often than not only few remain committed and true to Grace & Light. Pray that the current training will give a different result. The Grace & Light monthly prayer meeting is held today across the Nigerian teams: pray that many will go back home with their burdens lifted.

Fri 26 January

Grace & Light speakers will be joining the volunteers in training today as a Refresher Training for them. Pray for safety in travels for all and that our time together will help reawaken passion and zeal in these key stakeholders in implementing our programmes in the various teams.

Sat 27 January

Thank God for the success of the ongoing volunteer and speaker training which climaxes today. Pray that trained volunteers will fill in their acceptance forms with utmost commitment to the task of advancing the kingdom of God on earth.

Sun 28 January

The volunteer/speaker training ends today with a practical session in a church worship service. Pray for grace and insight for the trained volunteers as they put into practice the counselling skills learned during the training. Pray too for their safe return home from Jalingo.

Mon 29 January

Pray for God's intervention in every situation in Nigeria, which is messing things up in the three arms of governance. Pray that God will clear the activities of those who don't mean well for the economic advancement of the nation on the issues

of fuel, shelter, food, and in the judiciary and security.

Tues 30 January

Thank God for the successes recorded by Grace & Light in the past month. Praise God especially for the progress made on the construction of the 28-room Training Centre. Pray that more funds will come in to fast-track the finishing of the project so that it can be put to use for His glory. Also ask the Lord to help the Management as they deliberate today on issues that will advance programmes this year.

Wed 31 January

Thank God for taking us through the month of January: despite the different challenges of life, the Lord proved himself mighty on our behalf. Ask the Lord for direction in the months ahead as well as for financial provision to run the activities of the ministry.

Thurs 1 February

Pray that the Lord will help Grace & Light staff and volunteers to adequately utilize opportunities coming our way to witness Christ during our programmes this new month and that people will show commitment to the Lord as they hear messages on Social Righteousness.

Fri 2 February

We desire that Muslims all over the world will come to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus as they gather to pray in mosques today. Pray that for genuine seekers of the true God, He will be made manifest to them through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for a peaceful Friday free of violence in Muslim dominated areas.

Sat 3 February

In the many churches we visit one common prayer request is a desire to marry. Pray for all our members, both reactive and non-reactive to HIV, for staff and volunteers who are single and desiring to get married that God will grant the desires of their hearts as they faithfully seek Him this year.

Sun 4 February

Pray for pastors and Grace & Light speakers as they bring God's messages today in churches, that these will effect changes in people's lives; pray also that counselling sessions will help many people take the right decisions whether living with or

without HIV, new converts or rededicating their lives.

Mon 5 February

Today there will be group mobilization in Grace & Light across all teams. Pray that we will find favour in the sight of those who will listen to us, for understanding and also that they would see reason for partnership with the ministry for greater impact for God's kingdom.

Tues 6 February

School ministry keeps revealing cases of unreported rape among teens and also high rates of social vices that have adverse effects on the society. Pray that Christian teachers who are committed to partnering with Grace & Light in helping the younger generation find Christ would not be discouraged.

Wed 7 February

Commit the Internal Staff Development today to the Lord, asking that staff and volunteers of Grace & Light will be enlightened through what they will be taught and that lessons learned will go a long way to help them 'put on the new self ... in true righteousness' in their daily walk and work this year.

Thurs 8 February

Pray for Grace & light team leaders all over Nigeria, that they will work for the expansion of God's kingdom; pray too for the ability to carry the teams they lead to greater heights in reaching their communities for Christ. Ask God to make the newly trained volunteers an encouragement to their teams.

Fri 9 February

Praise God for the commitment and hard work of Grace & Light UK representatives. Ask for God's grace, strength and wisdom as they seek to engage more people in the ministry. Pray also for their individual work/ministry to prosper and that they would have fulfilment in their service.

Sat 10 February

The rate of sexual immorality among church members and even in church leadership is getting alarming and bringing ridicule and setback in the work of the gospel. Pray that God's power will stir up the wind of repentance and revival in the Church.

Sun 11 February

Praise God for the faithful efforts of Christian missionaries striving to take the gospel to the unreached in different parts of the world; ask the Lord of the harvest to meet their needs according to His riches in glory and to crown their sacrifice with success. Pray also for life saving messages in churches today.

Mon 12 February

Thank God for the impact the ministry has had in the lives of people in churches and schools who responded well to the gospel message. Pray for the spirit of team work amongst Grace & Light staff and volunteers in order to carry out the vision of the ministry effectively.

Tues 13 February

Advocacy visits are one way of making Grace & Light ministry and programmes known to leaders of potential beneficiary churches and schools. Pray that today's visit will go beyond mere information sharing – that leaders will key in for partnership.

Wed 14 February

One of the greatest definitions of wisdom, based on scriptures, is 'seeing life from God's point of view'. Pray that young people will view Valentine's Day with the wisdom of God rather than the abuse of sex, indiscriminately practised in a bid to mark the day.

Thurs 15 February

Effective ministry that will make lasting impact in the lives of people requires ministers to be 'correct and current with the Lord'. Pray for the denominational heads of our partner churches and their ministers to remain focused and diligent at their duty posts.

Fri 16 February

Grace & Light monitoring visits provide opportunities for contact and fellowship with team members in the field. Pray that the M & E team will do a good job as they look at the set indicators in measuring performance and progress in work done within the period, and for the team members to be encouraged by the visit.

Sat 17 February

The Grace & Light monitoring visit culminates with a workshop today on the thematic areas of Social Righteousness. Pray that the workshop will

help participants understand the necessity of social righteousness in everyday life.

Sun 18 February

Thank God for the growth we are experiencing in Grace & Light. Pray that with this growth there will continue to be deep positive impact on the lives of the members and society to the glory of God; pray also for life transforming messages in churches today.

Mon 19 February

Domestic and other forms of abuse are becoming a global phenomenon, and many members we have met during counselling are bitter about such things. Pray along with Grace & Light that her sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) programme will help in building harmonious relationships.

Tues 20 February

The Board of Grace & Light Nigeria holds her first meeting for the year today. Pray for journeying mercies and fruitful deliberation on issues that will move the ministry forward to the glory of God. Also pray for more grace to International Coordinator Mrs Tassie Ghata, who marks her birthday today.

Wed 21 February

Family devotions and prayer meeting attendance are activities that have faded away with time for many Christians; ask the Lord to help individuals and families to renew this vision in homes and churches in this age of perversion; pray too that God will be present at many of these meetings today.

Thurs 22 February

Pray for Christians in positions of authority in different sectors to be just and fair in their office activities so as to let their light shine before people who in return will glorify God.

Fri 23 February

Child trafficking and substance abuse are taking an increasing high toll in urban settings and young people are at the receiving end. Pray that government agencies would be sincere in creating worthwhile employment opportunities and strengthening security checks on drugs and criminal flash points.

Sat 24 February

We are holding a workshop today for our members in partner churches where issues of Social Righteousness will be discussed. Pray that invited participants will prioritize attendance and that what will be shared will help scale up Grace & Light activities in the various churches.

Sun 25 February

The materialistic culture sweeping the globe is making many Christians backslide into accumulation and worldliness. Spend some time evaluating your spiritual conduct to ascertain whether you are still in the faith. Ask God for mercy and grace not to compromise your stand in the Lord come what may.

Mon 26 February

The Grace & Light strapline is 'freed to free'. Praise the Lord for many who have turned over their lives to Christ as we carry out our ministry. Ask the Lord to sustain them and keep them burning for Christ so that they in turn will be used to free others, and that we will thus experience revival in many places this year.

Tues 27 February

Corruption is rampant and systemic in many African countries, especially in those with high Christian populations. Pray that our teachings on work & corruption will help many Christians re-examine their lives, leading them to work uprightly in the places God has provided for them.

Wed 28 February

Praise God for people who support Grace & Light through monthly standing orders and in-kind gifts in the UK, USA, France and Nigeria; ask the Lord to fill their purses as they give for the work of God's kingdom impacting the world, and also that He will raise more friends to join them.

Thurs 29 February

Today we meet for month-end prayer meetings in Grace & Light teams in Nigeria and on Zoom for Grace & Light UK in appreciation for what the Lord has done in February. As we trust Him for the future, ask that members will gather to pray with expectant hearts; and that those in attendance will see answers to their prayers.

Fri 1 March

Thank God for increasing understanding of Grace & Light programmes and favourable responses

from churches, schools and communities. Pray that all stakeholders will continue to give the needed support in expanding the kingdom of God this new month, both in Nigeria and abroad.

Sat 2 March

The National Agency for Food & Drug Administration & Control in Nigeria and similar agencies around the world are saddled with the fight against bad drugs. This has remained a herculean task that must not stop until all fake drugs are eradicated. Pray that staff of the agencies will remain resolute despite threats to their lives, and for God's protection in all countries with such problems.

Sun 3 March

Debriefing on our outings often reveals the plight of orphans, widows, house-helpers and other vulnerable people. The Church needs to be more proactive in looking out for them with financial and other assistance. Pray that the Lord will meet them at the point of their spiritual and physical needs.

Mon 4 March

Grace & Light is carrying out group mobilization today across the various teams in Nigeria. Pray for our newly trained volunteers to be part of this exercise and for divine guidance and wisdom to share the vision of the ministry in a way that our audience will comprehend, leading to open doors.

Tues 5 March

Grace & Light's partnership with Book Aid UK is a blessing to Christians in Nigeria through placing affordable literature in the hands of people. Pray that more and more people will patronize the charity shop for quality books they will learn from, and that God will continue to bless the ministry of Book Aid.

Wed 6 March

Thank God for the sacrificial involvement of volunteers in Grace & Light vision sharing, counselling, church mobilization, etc. Pray that their involvement will be sustained and that God will come to the aid of many of these volunteers who are struggling with different life challenges.

Thurs 7 March

The theme of Grace & Light for this year is 'putting on the new self ... in true righteousness', taken from Ephesians 4:24. Pray that Christians would understand that this comes by the re-

newal of our minds and attitude, since we are in Christ, and deliberately discarding our old self which is corrupted.

Fri 8 March

We are mandated by Scripture not to repay evil with evil but do what is good (Rom. 12:17); a heart of love and forgiveness toward the Muslim world is what will conquer some of the Islamic fanatics who preach hatred against Christians and others. Pray by name for any Muslim colleague you know to have an encounter with the Lord as they meet for prayers today.

Sat 9 March

The Israel/Hamas and Russia/Ukraine crises pose increasing threats to global peace. Pray for the officials of the United Nations to be even-handed in resolving the causes of armed struggles, and that those found guilty of war crimes will be brought to justice. Pray also for preachers preparing sermons for tomorrow.

Sun 10 March

As we continue to visit churches, counselling issues that often stand out among couples are lack of communication, cultural differences, economic problems, sexual intimacy and parenting. Pray that those who rededicated their lives to Christ during our visits will imbibe biblical principles in handling their marital differences.

Mon 11 March

Integrity is an essential Christian virtue, required for the projection of gospel light in this dark world full of evil. Pray that Christians at all levels of work the world over will exhibit a high integrity at their workplaces like Daniel and his friends, so as to dispel the darkness.

Tues 12 March

When the institutions of governance of any nation fail to work within the framework of law establishing them, there will be breakdown of law and order leading to system failure. Pray that heads of institutions will coordinate the activities of their departments within the legal framework in serving the interests of all rather than a selected few.

Wed 13 March

What most children seem to be asking for is a conducive atmosphere for their upbringing and, especially, for parents to show true love to each other; this is because the absence of this within the fami-

ly makes children live with uncertainty that affects their development. Pray that God will help parents be true teaching aids for their children by creating a safe space for growth and development.

Thurs 14 March

The attractive 'gospel' of healing miracles, immediate prosperity and false prophecy is sweeping believers away into false doctrine and worship of men rather than God. Pray against this trend having any negative effects on the true Church.

Fri 15 March

The finance department of Grace & Light and the external Auditors end the auditing of the books for 2023 today in preparation for presentation to

AGM members on the 23rd of this month. Pray that members will prioritize making time to attend, and that new members will also grace the occasion.

Sat 16 March

Praise the Lord with us for the way our workshops have helped participants in the past with knowledge on wealth & poverty, SGBV, work & corruption and politics of righteousness. Pray that today's workshop will help bring better insight to participants in these thematic areas.

Sun 17 March

Thank God for the lives of Grace & Light volunteers and staff who give themselves freely to serve as counsellors and speakers on Sundays when we get opportunity to share the gospel. Pray for God's presence today as they go out, and that God will meet their personal needs as they attend to His.

Mon 18 March

Work ethics is deteriorating to the extent that work is seen in some quarters as punishment rather than sharing with God in His work. Pray for yourself and others, that we would reflect biblical work values in whatever God has given us to do and be fulfilled in our service, performing it as unto the Lord.

Tues 19 March

The Grace & Light Salt Network is helping leaders to talk about issues that will aid the promotion of Social Righteousness and as well speak against evil. Pray that as more leaders join the conversation, we will have robust and fruitful discussion that will bring transformation to lives.

Wed 20 March

Our desire in Grace & Light in presenting teachings on wealth & poverty is to help rich Christians to channel their resources to assisting the poor and to key into empowering others; while the poor will rise to doing something that will help them. Pray that God would be glorified through both.

Thurs 21 March

The self-help groups of Grace & Light known as Voluntary Saving and Accountability Groups (VSAG) are aimed at promoting saving and life sharing among Christians. Pray that more Christian communities will embrace this model to combat the menace of poverty and strengthen love and righteousness in the community.

Fri 22 March

Today is set aside in Grace & Light for the first quarter staff meeting ahead of the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Pray that these two events will add value and skills to staff members for better productivity in ministry and their personal lives.

Sat 23 March

Each year the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Grace & Light gives the ministry an opportunity to report to the general public on her activities of the previous year as well as present her audit report. Pray that members and supporters of the organization will find this transparency and accountability encouraging.

Sun 24 March

Our counselling shows hard drugs, gambling, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, etc. to be some of the emerging issues rocking churches. Pray that Christian men and women, old and young, will be conscious of these and make deliberate efforts to help themselves avoid these vices through accountability with other Christians.

Mon 25-March

The quality of our work as Christians will make people give glory to God. Pray for Christians around the globe to demonstrate diligence in our work by working faithfully so as to distinguish ourselves from other workers of this age.

Tues 26 March

Advocacy visits are one way of expressing both the needs seen by Grace & Light in the course of our programmes and the solutions we offer to leaders of potential beneficiaries. Pray that today's

visit will stimulate our audience to get into partnership with us to expand the kingdom of Christ among people.

Wed 27 March

Pray for the gospel of dying to self to become better understood and accepted by today's Christians; and that dying with Christ, and sharing life with him and with each other will characterize our everyday walk with Jesus.

Thurs 28 March

Today we meet for month-end prayer meetings in all the teams of Grace & Light to praise the Lord for all He has done in the past and to pray for our needs and the things to come. Ask the Lord to grace the meetings with his awesome presence.

Fri 29 March

Many years ago God gave us His Son on earth as the sacrificial Lamb knowing that He would be wounded and killed so that we might be reconciled to Him for eternity. Praise and thank God for the gift of his Son to an undeserving world as we remember today as Good Friday.

Sat 30 March

Pray for the founder of Grace & Light, Prof. & Mrs Mark Hopkins, and other trustees as well as board members, that the Lord will strengthen them so as to continue the good work of promoting the vision of the ministry to the glory of God the sole owner.

Sun 31 March

Praise the Lord that He is risen and that He lives forever with all who believe in Him. Pray for those are still deep in sin in churches to find reason to surrender their lives to the resurrected Jesus in true repentance.

Mon 1 April

Thank God for the growing sacrificial involvement of prayer partners, donors, advocates, supporters and volunteers of Grace & Light who are helping to advance the work of the ministry. Pray that the driving force for their involvement will be sustained while also thanking God for Easter Monday.

Tues 2 April

Several Christian organizations are saddled with the task of translating the Bible into the over 550 languages in Nigeria. Pray for more grace and fi-

nance to fill the huge gap in the work of translation in Nigeria.

Wed 3 April

Pray for Grace & Light UK and France trustees, that God will grant them more grace, wisdom, strength and blessings as they pilot the affairs of the ministry in these two nations; also ask that they will find fulfilment, and that more people will be willing to join the service of the Lord through Grace & Light.

Thurs 4 April

Our common slogan in SGBV work is, 'If you see something, say something and do something'. This method implores all right-thinking members of societies to frown at any act of violence against vulnerable adults and children. Pray that our SGBV programmes will help survivors to heal from their heart wounds and to trust God for the forgiveness of the perpetrators.

Fri 5 April

Pray that God would rejuvenate our weak members and teams and make them see the need to continue to work to stem HIV and bring in Social Righteousness in their communities. Pray also that God would fulfil the desire of the ministry to expand to new places in the months ahead.

Sat 6 April

Grace & Light staff are heading to Pankshin Local Government of Plateau State on an exploratory visit to expand ministry within that axis. Pray that those invited will turn out in numbers and that the message will be well understood and received as we sensitize participants on volunteering with the ministry.

Sun 7 April

There are many unseen labourers who are working quietly for the expansion of Grace & Light. Pray that the Lord of the harvest who sees the good deeds of men will bless them and give them fulfilment in their quiet labours – especially our standing order donors.

Mon 8 April

Servant leadership is one virtue fast eroding among Christians, right from homes into churches and communities. Pray for the reawakening of servant leadership championed by Christians from the home front to the wider society.

Tues 9 April

Different campus ministries around the world are striving hard to evangelize students for Christ amidst strong resistance. Pray for such organizations to succeed in making Christ known to the next generation and the lost sheep on campus.

Wed 10 April

With increasing globalization, urban centres have become active mission fields that require missionaries to be strategically placed to reach the lost in the cities of the world. Pray for in-depth understanding of city mission work by relevant departments of churches to key in for the harvest.

Thurs 11 April

Trauma is a wound that affects the heart, sometimes distorting relationships with God and others as well as self-image. Pray that through the ministry of Trauma Healing Practitioners traumatized people around the world would be able to reach the village of new beginning by accepting what happened.

Fri 12 April

Grace & Light MR&E will be using the weekend to move round to check on the activities of our Voluntary Saving and Accountability Groups (VSAG). Pray that the exercise will be helpful to the various groups. Also pray for Muslims all over as they go for Jumat prayer, that they will encounter the King of kings.

Sat 13 April

Our desire in Grace & Light as we continue to hold workshops is to create forums for participatory learning that will enable participants to own the process and put knowledge into practice. Pray that today's workshop will help many to commit to making action plans out of the lessons learnt.

Sun 14 April

Jesus said 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men' (Mk 1:17). It's sad to note that the churches are full of followers who are still unmade. Pray that discipleship classes will be considered with utmost importance by church leaders so as to disciple men and women with character as salt and light of the world.

Mon 15 April

Many shared with Grace & Light staff and volunteers during our counselling sessions in churches yesterday on critical issues affecting their spiritual

and physical life journeys. Pray for those who gave their lives to Christ to stand firm and for those who rededicated their lives to stand faithful.

Tues 16 April

Thank God for increasing understanding of what we stand for in Grace & Light and favourable responses from churches, schools and organizations. Pray that all stakeholders will continue to give the needed support as we expand the kingdom of God among men.

Wed 17 April

Many Grace & Light members in Nigeria have had health challenges for over two years. Thank God for the improvement we have seen in some and ask Him for perfection of the healing He started; while for those that are still ill, pray that the Lord will give them a testimony of healing soon.

Thurs 18 April

Tassie Ghata, International Coordinator of Grace & Light will be chairing the management meeting today, in which they will be looking at what the months ahead will look like and making proposals to the Board. Pray along for an insightful and Spirit-filled meeting as issues will be discussed and forwarded.

Fri 19 April

The path of unforgiveness leads to bitterness, and failure to forgive enslaves one. Pray for couples met in counselling in our programmes who harbour unforgiveness and grudges, that they would find grace to release their spouses for true reconciliation and a happy home.

Sat 20 April

A Grace & Light Teachers' Seminar is slated for 17th May. It is aimed at bringing teachers together to challenge them on issues of Social Righteousness bedevilling our schools. Pray that Christian teachers will be in attendance and take whatever they learn seriously. Also pray that people preaching tomorrow would prepare with the Holy Spirit.

Sun 21 April

Society is sick because the family institution established by God is very sick. Pray for good and meaningful relationships to spring up in Christian homes. Also ask God to help couples to live truthfully, and as parents to pay close attention to the spiritual and emotional needs of their children.

Mon 22 April

One big challenge some Christians struggle with in life is taking time to pray, even when it is very rewarding. Pray that Grace & Light's prayer meetings would spur staff, members and volunteers into a life of prayer.

Tues 23 April

Praise the Lord for the men and women among the Trustees and Board of Grace & Light who are always there for the ministry. Today brings the second quarter meeting of the Nigerian Board. Ask God to bless them and their families as they meet to decide on issues that will enhance the ministry and as they continue in this commitment.

Wed 24 April

Grace & Light volunteer training starts today, with participants from different locations within north-eastern Nigeria. Ask God to give each one understanding of His heart for righteousness and to use the training to impact the lives of these potential volunteers for kingdom exploits in their respective localities.

Thurs 25 April

Pray for freedom, wisdom, boldness and understanding of times for Christians who found themselves in Muslim dominated areas to be witnesses of Christ by the way they live and talk in irrespective of the hostility, pray also against any form of crisis as a host of Muslim's prayer today.

Fri 26 April

One thing Grace & Light has long hoped to do is launch ministry in the UK. Pray that it might happen this year, as International Coordinator Tassie Ghata goes there in June to build relationships for ministry. Pray too for those who are partnering us in this endeavour.

Sat 27 April

We have a charity shop where affordable Christian literature and household items can be found, and we are looking for more donors, volunteers and buyers. Ask the Lord to raise such people for the ministry, and that the items sold in this shop will be a blessing to those who buy them.

Sun 28 April

Today, as many other Sundays, Grace & Light teams are moving out to churches for vision sharing. Pray for unction and wisdom for speakers to convey messages that will bring transformation in

the lives of listeners; also that people will be honest in opening up issues for constructive counselling.

Mon 29 April

One of our Social Righteousness messages in churches yesterday was on work and corruption; many who spoke with counsellors have their own interpretation of what these mean, derived from what they see in their workplaces. Pray that our work as Christians will make unbelievers give thanks to God because they see us doing it correctly.

Tues 30 April

God deserves our praise for all that He has been and will continue to be; His mercies which endure forever have taken us through this month successfully. Praise God for his providence and protection through all our ministry outings, and also for providing for our building project.

Wed 1 May

Prayer meetings (mid-week services) take place in many churches around the globe today, but a lot of people are neglecting this fellowship time. Pray that Christians will find joy in attending and have a sweet time with the Lord and others. Thank God also for the success of volunteer training which took place in the north-east last week.

Thurs 2 May

Pray for the many who through Grace & Light have tested for HIV and are not positive to be able to remain faithful to their marriage partners or to abstain from sex until married. Pray also for those that tested positive to make up their minds not to spread the virus to others and to be faithful in adhering to their ART.

Fri 3 May

Many young people and even teenage girls are forced into prostitution and child labour in African cities; so many are raped, while others are tricked and sold as sex slaves abroad. Pray for God's intervention to expose the perpetrators of such acts, and for the survivors to be able to make a fresh start.

Sat 4 May

Pray for decision makers at all levels of governance to make policies with people's interests at heart, not with selfishness. Pray especially that National Assembly members in Nigeria and other

African countries would decide on policies that will ameliorate the plight of their citizenry.

Sun 5 May

Some Grace & Light Voluntary Saving and Accountability Groups (VSAG) meet today for life sharing and saving money. Pray that members will be sincere in opening up areas of their lives with their group members for encouragement and help. Pray also for worship services today.

Mon 6 May

Thank God for Hong, Gembu, Gombe, Yola, Jalingo, Lafia, Mangu, Masaka and Jos team members, for their sacrifice in ministry in their respective locations. Ask God to bless each one of them according to what they have each contributed. Pray also for the success of Group Mobilization taking place today in all these teams.

Tues 7 May

Our fight as Christians is not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers of this dark world. Pray that any satanic manipulation against the spread of the gospel by missionaries in unreached places of the world will be thwarted.

Wed 8 May

Grace & Light had a team some years back in Pankshin but it didn't last due to different factors. We now desire to set up a new team in that local government of Plateau State; to this effect we are commencing Volunteer Training today. Pray for the invited participants to see the value for Christ's kingdom above any other benefits.

Thurs 9 May

As volunteer training continues, many things will be new for some of the invited participants; ask the Lord to give them understanding, to reveal His mind to them, and that there will be genuine commitment to serving the Lord through the platform created for them in Grace & Light.

Fri 10 May

Construction of Christian fellowship centres is being denied in some Muslim-dominated areas around the world for fear of conversion. Ask God to give wisdom to Christians not to neglect home fellowship as a means of strengthening their faith through corporate worship. Pray also for the ongoing volunteer training.

Sat 11 May

The volunteers in training will be signing the volunteer application form today in acceptance of serving the Lord through the ministry. Pray that they would be faithful to their commitment as they return to work as a team. Ask too that in their faithfulness in service, they will also be fruitful and fulfilled.

Sun 12 May

Volunteers who signed to commit their time and energy for service to God will be attending vision sharing with us today in churches for a practical session. Ask the Lord to encourage the new volunteers to be bold in their counselling and also to grant them safety as they travel back home.

Mon 13 May

Pastors and Action Committee members of Grace & Light partner churches are key drivers for integrating Social Righteousness and VSAG programmes in churches. Pray that these committees will commit themselves to the work in their congregations for the overall goal of advancing the kingdom of Christ.

Tues 14 May

Today has been set aside as the International Parents Day. Pray for parents to take the task of parenting very seriously, and that children will know that the first commandment with a promise is to honour parents, which attracts long life and prosperity.

Wed 15 May

Deborah in Scripture set a justice system in place in a patriarchal society; she did not see her gender as an excuse not to function. Pray for women in leadership to be courageous enough to do what is right in the society where God has placed them to serve. And ask the Lord to bless midweek services in different churches today.

Thurs 16 May

Pray that Christians will quit complaining about happenings around and difficult life situations, and instead return to the Scriptures and commit to prayer in faith so that God's promises will come true for them. Pray too for many believers who are in trouble right now, that God would deliver them.

Fri 17 May

The yearly Teachers' Seminar organized by Grace & Light is aimed at helping Christian teachers car-

ry out their work in Social Righteousness. Pray for the success of the event: that it will not end as theoretical presentation, but that lives will be transformed for better service in schools.

Sat 18 May

The threat of Boko Haram, Fulani herdsmen, bandits and kidnappers often terrify us because they are brutal and well armed. Ask God to help Christians to be courageous, so that even in the face of this menace we would not deny Jesus. Ask the Lord too to help the security agents in Nigeria combat their activities.

Sun 19 May

Domestic and other forms of abuse are becoming a global threat to the human right to life. Pray along with Grace & Light as we speak in some churches about Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), that many homes will be helped and stories will be shared with time of couples building harmonious relationships.

Mon 20 May

Social justice only seeks to hold leaders at the top accountable for their actions and inactions in leadership, while Social Righteousness is calling on all to discharge their duties with uprightness. Pray that Grace & Light's campaign for the enthronement of Social Righteousness in our nation will find acceptance.

Tues 21 May

Conflicts between families, friends and communities are a common feature of society, and pride is often a hindrance to reconciliation. Pray for government agencies and NGOs focusing on conflict resolution to help warring parties end tension and embrace peace.

Wed 22 May

Safeguarding principles of Grace & Light are aimed at securing the rights of women, men, boys, girls and vulnerable people in society. Pray that pastors and church leaders would embrace safeguarding principles in protecting their members who are exploited by society.

Thurs 23 May

Praise God with us for the many ministry openings that have taken us far and near for gospel engagement, through which we are happy to see many responding to the gospel positively. Pray that more and more people will respond to the

gospel messages the Lord has given us opportunity to bring.

Fri 24 May

Praise the Lord for providing resources for the ongoing construction of our Training Centre and for those faithful hands who have made contributions in one way or the other. Pray also for Tassie Ghata as she prepares to travel to France and the UK for ministry from next week, that the Lord will go with her.

Sat 25 May

The essence of members' workshops is to bring together leaders and subgroup leaders from all churches Grace & Light has been able to visit within a given area for in-depth discussion on wealth & poverty, work & corruption, politics of righteousness and SGBV. Pray that member's workshop held today will go beyond routine to become a life transforming gathering.

Sun 26 May

Many of our members have tested positive to HIV over the years, and one of the challenges facing our single members is finding life partners. Pray that the Lord will help them to patiently wait on him through purposeful living and that they will continue to live openly with their status.

Mon 27 May

Sin ought to be accidental in the life of a believer and not a habitual practice as revealed in our counselling sessions yesterday during vision sharing in churches. Pray for those that made any form of commitment to Christ during our visit to keep in step with our Lord Jesus Christ. Also thank God for the lives of children as we mark the Children's Day celebration today in Nigeria.

Tues 28 May

The need to advocate for Social Righteousness (SR) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) cannot be overemphasised. Pray for Grace & Light as she goes out for an advocacy visit to leaders of organizations, seeking partnership through deeper understanding of our work.

Wed 29 May

Ask the Lord to bless the witness of believers in their places of vocation and to use them as worthy ambassadors of His Kingdom. Pray also that today's midweek services in churches will spur faith

in our hearts to address the burdens people are carrying.

Thurs 30 May

Praise the Lord for all He led us to do from the beginning of the year. Pray that God will help Grace & Light volunteers, friends and supporters to commit to attend the end of month prayer meeting today in all the teams of the ministry, and that God will be present bringing answers to prayers.

Fri 31 May

Ask the Lord to open the eyes of individual Christians to areas in which we can do more in responding to Muslims in our communities with the love of God and the gospel. Pray that genuine seekers of the true God would be found by our Lord as they attend mosques today in different parts of the world.

Sat 1 June

Praise and thank God for safety in travels, for provision and for leading all our team members. Ask God to give us more souls for the kingdom and new areas to explore with the gospel as we start this month; and pray for the Coordinator as she continues to do ministry in France.

Sun 2 June

Grace & Light is willing to offer her services for the promotion of Social Righteousness. Pray that churches will be aware of their role in societal transformation and be willing to accept Grace & Light partnership in this regard. Also, ask the Lord to bless the teams that are out for vision sharing in churches today.

Mon 3 June

Grace & Light staff and volunteers across the teams in Nigeria are moving out for Group Mobilization today. Pray that our full package would be accepted by leaders of different organizations for a continual integrated approach in partnership with us; pray also that Tassie's advocacy in Europe will be favoured.

Tues 4 June

With increased funding Grace & Light would be able to reach more people with Social Righteousness messages and train more volunteers in different communities. Pray that God would raise more supporters and volunteers for us in Nigeria and abroad.

Wed 5 June

Training and retraining is one way of strengthening the capacity of organizational personnel for greater productivity. Pray for the fruitfulness and success of today's Internal Staff Development at the Grace & Light office; that staff will be enriched and equipped for better service.

Thurs 6 June

Many different people are detained in correctional centres all over Nigeria, with some not really aware of their offence. Pray that the personnel of the service will measure up to the institutional framework establishing it for real correctional services, but would also identify those who need to go back home.

Fri 7 June

The subject of discipline and punishment can be so confusing that parents may be guilty of under-discipline, over-discipline and or not disciplining at all. Pray for parents to seek understanding where necessary, and to be balanced and objective in disciplining their children and wards.

Sat 8 June

Some members of our Voluntary Savings and Accountability Groups (VSAG) have shared testimonies of how their group has helped discipline them on weekly savings. Pray that many more Christians would get into the culture of saving, thus achieving Grace & Light's objective for the project. Ask too that speakers at tomorrow's worship services will prepare with the Lord.

Sun 9 June

'Sacrificial love' is something Scripture speaks of, in which we delight more in being givers than receivers. Pray that the Lord will lead you to reach out to someone this week in practical demonstration of the agape love which will make your light shine brighter for the Lord.

Mon 10 June

Communication is a process in which two people share information both verbally and non-verbally; this process has three components; talking, listening and understanding. Pray that these components would be understood by couples who attend our SGBV dialogue classes in churches.

Tues 11 June

We have secured an open door for an advocacy visit to share with leaders what we do in Grace &

Light and strategise to implement our Social Righteousness programmes. Pray that we and our audience would understand each other for quality synergy. Continue to pray too for more open doors for ministry in churches.

Wed 12 June

With Tassie continuing to minister and meet with potential partners in the UK, ask God to open the way for Grace & Light ministry to start up there. Pray in particular that people would be willing to volunteer in various roles.

Thurs 13 June

Many pastors and church workers in developing countries face hard times when they retire from church service because of limited resources and lack of proper preparation. Pray for workers in all sectors of life to begin their retirement plan from the starting point of their careers.

Fri 14 June

Teachers have a big part to play if corruption in the educational sector is to be stopped. Pray along with Grace & Light for all the teachers that made commitments during the teachers' seminar in May to become true ambassadors of social righteousness to their students and colleagues.

Sat 15 June

Pray for Christian politicians serving at various levels of governance not to mortgage their faith for material benefits but rather to make deliberate efforts to shine for Christ against all odds. Pray also for all speakers at worship services tomorrow to prepare with the Lord.

Sun 16 June

Grace & Light has made contact with people in different churches and many have agreed to be members by accepting our principles of grace, openness and love. Pray that our members' meetings holding today will strengthen many to keep standing with these principles in social righteousness in their daily living for Christ.

Mon 17 June

Combating global warming is a cause that the churches need to champion because our Father in heaven owns the world; but sadly too many Christians are not into caring for creation. Pray that the International Day for Combating Desertification will remind Christians to be up and doing in caring for the environment.

Tues 18 June

Thank God for the successful execution of Grace & Light activities in months past which have brought us to the middle of the year. Pray that God will bless the seed of his word planted in the hearts of many during our activities, so that it will germinate and bear much lasting fruit.

Wed 19 June

Pray that pastors and their members would see Grace & Light as true partners for the sake of the gospel: not as rivals but as co-labourers in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus. Also thank the Lord for those pastors and members who have understood us and continue to advocate for the progress of the end-time harvest.

Thurs 20 June

Last year's crises that ravaged parts of Mangu, Bokokos and Riyom local governments in Plateau State have left many people still refugees in their own land. Pray that the World Refugee Day will help draw the attention of government to the plight of many displaced people in Nigeria who are yet to return to their homes.

Fri 21 June

Monitoring visits are part of what we do in Grace & Light, to ensure that all our teams are operating by and implementing the same principles in their locations. Pray along with us for the success of the monitoring visit taking place today in selected teams of the ministry.

Sat 22 June

Sunday church services do not give us sufficient time to share with people the details of our principles and the social righteousness thematic areas; hence, workshops are created to help people understand these better. Pray that the people invited will be present in today's workshop and will gain in-depth knowledge of what we are talking about.

Sun 23 June

Praise God for open doors for Grace & Light to share vision in churches today. Pray that the messages would meet the spiritual yearnings of the people as the Lord uses the speakers and counselors to bring His word with power and conviction. And pray also for other preachers in other churches.

Mon 24 June

Pray for Christians living in countries with oppressive governments and policies that restrict religious freedom. Ask the Lord to protect His own, grow the Church and bring change to such nations. And pray too that Christians living elsewhere would serve the Lord faithfully in their freedom.

Tues 25 June

Statistics have shown that the perpetrators of gender-based abuse are often people who are known to their victims. Pray with Grace & Light that there will be positive impact in homes as we continue to share with parents about sex education for their children.

Wed 26 June

The charity shop of Grace & Light has an amazing variety of quality Christian literature at affordable prices. Pray for increased patronage of the shop and that the book outreach will be a blessing to Christians in Nigeria. Pray also for midweek services today, that God will hear and answer prayers.

Thurs 27 June

Thank God for his mercy and grace through this month of June. Pray that members and volunteers will attend the month-end prayer meetings being held today in all the teams of Grace & Light, and that these will be marked by Spirit-filled fellowship as well as answers to prayers.

Fri 28 June

Today in many parts of the world Muslims will gather to offer prayers. Ask God to open the hearts especially of those who are sincerely seeking Him to find the real Saviour of the World. Ask too that Christians living in Muslim-dominated areas will be true witnesses of the Lord.

Sat 29 June

Broken homes pose a threat to the church as many young people and children from such homes suffer neglect and are thereby exposed to different vices. Pray for Christian homes to withstand every trial threatening their stability.

Sun 30 June

Glory, honour and praise be unto the Lord for all that He has been and will continue to be. His mercies which endure forever have taken us through half of the year. Thank God for his providence through all our ministry outings in the last six

months and pray for fruitful service in the next six months.

Acronyms:

AGM = Annual General Meeting

ART = Anti-Retroviral Therapy

COCIN = Church of Christ in Nations

DCC = District Church Council

ECWA = Evangelical Church Winning All

HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus

LGA = Local Government Area

MR&E = Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

RCC = Regional Church Council

SGBV = Sexual- and Gender-Based Violence

VSAG = Voluntary Savings and Accountability Groups

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