



# PRAYER DIARY

## July - December 2021

### **Thurs 1 July**

Thank God for the positive impact of our programmes in the last six months, remembering the many people who gave their lives to Christ, some turning over in rededication, the counseling that helped couples continue and new partnerships develop. Pray that the next six months will add spiritual values to people and that we will see God's hand in ministry.

### **Fri 2 July**

It's another Friday and most Muslims around the world troop to mosques to worship. Ask God for a revolutionary encounter with Christ the known deity who died for the sins of the world, especially for the ignorant. Also pray for new Muslim converts to stand firm in the Lord.

### **Sat 3 July**

'Jungles' or 'drug colonies' are on the rise in most city centres where boys and girls gather during the weekends to indulge in wild parties. Pray for organizations that are striving to reach out to these our young people to find fulfilment through their rehabilitation programmes for the addicts.

### **Sun 4 July**

Our desire in Grace & Light is for pastors to engage more with the subject of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) on their pulpits so as to douse the negative family violence bedeviling godly family values. Pray for more safe space for conversation within family settings.

### **Mon 5 July**

During our debriefing from visiting a church, a young sister shared how she had aborted five babies and placed herself under church discipline. Her fear was whether can God forgive her sins. Pray for many such people in churches who

cover their sins to learn the power of open confession that brings liberation from evil.

### **Tues 6 July**

Grace & Light teams across Nigeria will be going out for Group Mobilization today. This is an opportunity to share the programmes of the ministry and the need for partnership with pastors and school heads. Pray for a fruitful envisioning session with all who will listen to us.

### **Wed 7 July**

Internal Staff Development and second quarter staff meeting take place today at the head office of Grace & Light. Pray that these two important events will bring spiritual and physical development to both staff and volunteers in the organization.

### **Thurs 8 July**

The practice of family accountability helps to create an environment that feels safe and equal for members to share values that will bring about family advancement. Pray for your family to embrace this practice of family accountability and become models of change.

### **Fri 9 July**

Pray for the different head of the Muslim community in Nigeria and other parts of the world as people look to them, that they will be honest in their leadership style and free of any religious bigotry in what they say, trusting that God will open their eyes to the truth.

### **Sat 10 July**

Exactly one month ago there was a call by the ministry for Solemn Assembly in the city of Jos, Nigeria, where Christians wore sackcloth and ashes in repentance for our sins so that God will intervene and bring a solution to our unending

problems. Praise Him for what He has done so far and what He will do in the future.

#### **Sun 11 July**

In one of our vision sharing opportunities during a church service, a woman shared with us her reason for extra-marital affairs was that her husband was doing the same. She however came with rededication and a resolve not to return to her sins. Pray for grace for aggrieved spouses not to go into sin as a payback mechanism in handling marital issues.

#### **Mon 12 July**

The Church in the West is faced with the crisis of secularism, humanism and modernism. These are now having a negative influence on the churches in third world nations. Pray for Christians in the West to stick to the Biblical principles of the Lord without compromise.

#### **Tues 13 July**

King Nebuchadnezzar's programme of depersonalizing Daniel and his friends failed because they knew their identity in God. Pray for Christians in politics the world over not to succumb to pressures to compromise their godly Christian values in governance.

#### **Wed 14 July**

God's instruction to Adam was to take care of the garden first before seeking his food. But, sadly, today this order has been changed, with 'food first'. Pray that Christians will exemplify godly stewardship in their work places by caring for their assignment and office properties in their custody.

#### **Thurs 15 July**

By God's grace, construction of the 28-room Training Centre is ongoing in the Grace & Light Headquarters at Jos, but the cost of materials has tripled since the first Bill of Quantity was drawn up. Pray for wisdom and open doors to find the resources needed for the completion of the project.

#### **Fri 16 July**

Grace & Light is holding a workshop today to address some of the issues affecting the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church. Pray that our modules will help bring transformation and renewal of hearts

to all our participants; pray also for Muslims as they seek God today, that they will find Him.

#### **Sat 17 July**

Our Christian farmers have not been able to live above the poverty line despite their concerted efforts in agricultural investment. Pray that our package on 'farming God's way' will help these farmers earn better livelihoods and find fulfilment in their work. Ask God to bless them with sound health and energy as well as security.

#### **Sun 18 July**

The pulpit in many churches is being mounted by motivational speakers who use psychology on the people; rather than preaching Christ, they preach self and their successes. Pray for pastors to return to the ancient path of Christ-centred messages. Also pray for Grace & Light vision sharing across several teams, for success in counselling.

#### **Mon 19 July**

Grace & Light believe that every member of staff in any organization has values to contribute to the overall success of the organizational goals. Pray that more and more parley sessions will be held in Christian organizations so as to harness the potential of all staff and to reduce redundancy.

#### **Tues 20 July**

A lot of our senior friends have been sick with different ailments, both in Nigeria and in the UK, including Mr. Sam Ishaya, Rev. Nanyak Goifa, Bro. Les Isaac, Mr. George Verwer and Mr. David Hopkins to mention but few. Thank God for His hand on them and pray that He will perfect the healing He started; pray too for grace to their families.

#### **Wed 21 July**

The Republic of Niger is considered the world's poorest country, with a Human Development Index rating of 182<sup>nd</sup> out of 182. Because of their proximity to Nigeria, many of the poor are tools in the hands of rich Nigerians in perpetrating crime in the country. Ask God to expose the merchants of crime within these two countries.

### **Thurs 22 July**

Pray for God's direction for the management team of Grace & Light who meet today, so that they come up with decisions that will advance the ministry, and for insight to open more doors financially and ministry-wise.

### **Fri 23 July**

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace and stronghold of Islam; from Mecca, Islam holds sway over billions of lives, permeating cultures. Pray that the Lord will shake this centre of Islamic influence and make His Lordship known, especially as they worship today.

### **Sat 24 July**

Relationships between singles often end in regrets and abuse, partly because of the absence of biblical teachings on dating and courtship from parents and churches. Pray that the Grace & Light SGBV programme will help a lot of these vulnerable youth distinguish between love and lust in their relationships.

### **Sun 25 July**

The Grace & Light theme for 2021 is 'Hungry and Thirsty for Righteousness'. Pray that your family and others will not settle for anything less than the true righteousness of God and that the impact of this theme will be felt before the year rounds up.

### **Mon 26 July**

The Leadership of COCIN RCCs Vwang and Kuru continue to see the need to partner with Grace & Light in mainstreaming Social Righteousness packages in their local congregations. Pray that this understanding will be extended to other churches and regions as well.

### **Tues 27 July**

The Nigerian Board of Directors of Grace & Light meets today to consider how to grow the ministry to higher levels. Pray for wisdom and insight to these men and women who keep sacrificing for the progress of the organization, and for wisdom so that they advise correctly.

### **Wed 28 July**

Our workshops in one of our teams revealed that dropout from school is one factor responsible for child marriage which in turn fuels gener-

ational poverty in most of the communities visited. Pray that our Voluntary Saving and Accountability Groups (VSAG) will help restore the economical base of many families.

### **Thurs 29 July**

Prayer meetings are gradually losing their meaning and essence because people are becoming more prone to seeking immediate miracles than talking with their Father in heaven. Pray that as we hold our month-end prayer meeting today, staff, volunteers, partners and supporters will come with an open heart to hear and talk to God.

### **Fri 30 July**

Turkey is a unique country, having 3% of her population in Europe and 97% in Asia. It was once perceived as Christian but is now under the firm grip of Islamic fundamentalists. Pray for opportunities for Christians of other nationalities to reside in the country and share the gospel. Pray also for the steady growth and development of the Church made up of Turkish and Kurdish believers.

### **Sat 31 July**

To win the war against rape and other social vices, the perpetrators, who are mostly men and boys, need more orientation on the way they look at the opposite sex. Pray that our workshops on transforming masculinities (TM) and harmful cultural practices will lead to a decrease in the rate of rape cases in our communities.

### **Sun 1 August**

George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization, titled one of his books "Messiology"; in it he shared his personal life story and wrote of the messes that are ongoing unabated among church leaders. Copies of this book are available in our charity shop along with much other Christian literature at affordable prizes. Pray that leaders will be willing to learn to share their lives with their followers in order to encourage spiritual growth.

### **Mon 2 August**

Zamfara, Niger, Katsina, Kaduna and some other states in Nigeria have become flash points for armed banditry and other forms of criminal-

ity threatening the fragile peace of the nation. Pray against the proliferation of firearms in the country and for government sincerity in addressing the menace.

### **Tues 3 August**

The fourth Leaders' Conference on Social Righteousness, organized yearly by Grace & Light, comes up 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September. Pray that Christian leaders will see the need to come together to share ideas on the way forward for the Church in Nigeria amidst all that is going on; pray also for active participation.

### **Wed 4 August**

Internal Staff Development is an opportunity to tap knowledge from people for greater productivity for staff and volunteers. Pray that this month's teaching which comes up today will enhance Grace & Light staff and volunteers' capacity for vision delivery, with a reminder to work while it is day.

### **Thurs 5 August**

Thank God for the success of Grace & Light UK's walk to raise funds for the Refresher Training fixed for 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> of this month. Pray for all volunteers to see the need to attend the re-training with the aim of reinforcing and revalidating the vision and objectives, adding skills in counselling and helping the church to live in Social Righteousness.

### **Fri 6 August**

Wealth and poverty issues need to be addressed urgently because a lot of people within the Church in Africa live below the poverty level and the wealthy members don't care to empower them. Pray that our workshop being held today will open many eyes to the wealth/poverty principles of God's kingdom.

### **Sat 7 August**

Some factors responsible for breakdown in parent-child communication are spiritual insensitivity, negligence, inappropriate discipline and harmful cultural practices. Pray for open and mutual relationships to grow within the family setting, which will help in reducing our societal problems.

### **Sun 8 August**

Mr. Andrew Gwaivangmin, one of our Board members, is the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Evangelical Missionary Association with many demanding assignments as he coordinates the organization's mission activities. Ask God to bless his endeavours and for the ministry to succeed in expanding work on frontline mission fields across the globe.

### **Mon 9 August**

Advocacy is an integral part of Grace & Light's programme, aimed at sharing about our integrated approach to Social Righteousness and HIV/AIDS with leaders. Pray along with us today as we share with leaders for better understanding and partnership in mainstreaming our activities by way of complimenting theirs, to the glory of God.

### **Tues 10 August**

The Training Centre of Grace & Light needs our collective action in advancing the ongoing work at the site to the next level. Pray that God will open doors, as He has been doing, to get the funds needed for the completion of the centre to His praise, and for Property Pastors as they play a major role in that.

### **Wed 11 August**

Many owners of private schools delve into the educational sector just for profit and so are careless of the development and wellbeing of the students. Pray that proprietors would learn to see the school as something beyond business, and to stop the exploitation of teachers to the detriment of child learning and development.

### **Thurs 12 August**

Grace & Light Refresher Training starts today and volunteers will be travelling from different angles to attend. Pray for safety in travels and that the training will help rekindle the passion of the vision in participants. Thank God also for the funding for it.

### **Fri 13 August**

Gender roles and norms in daily life are among factors imprisoning men and women in gender boxes that threaten harmonious relationships. Pray that our SGBV programme will help men and women walk out of these boxes that are

harmful to human coexistence, especially in Christian marriages.

#### **Sat 14 August**

The refresher training for volunteers ends today and participants will be travelling back to their stations. Pray for journeying mercies and for participants to go back with a proactive action plan to scale up Grace & Light activities in their areas. Ask God to prepare with preachers as they plan for tomorrow.

#### **Sun 15 August**

Lack of leadership development is a crucial impediment to church growth, partly because of the absence of leadership mentoring on the part of the few effective leaders. Pray that our church leaders would fill this gap.

#### **Mon 16 August**

The gospel remains the only way of transforming lives. Hence, the Church needs to pray, mobilize and work to see that the power of Christ's love is made real in society. Pray that the Church will be proactive in engaging people at all levels.

#### **Tues 17 August**

We are in a subgrantee partnership with Tearfund Nigeria in bringing the message of peace and remedies for SGBV in different communities in the nation. Ask the Lord to bless this partnership so that the desired impact will be visible in the communities with which we are working, and that we will have mutual understanding.

#### **Wed 18 August**

Grace & Light's donors have done excellently over the years by providing us with resources and funding for our needs. Join us in praising the name of the Lord for these people and organizations, both in Nigeria and abroad. Also ask the Lord of the harvest to strengthen the financial base of the ministry.

#### **Thurs 19 August**

Volunteers of Grace & Light are women and men who are sacrificing their time, resources and energy for the propagation of the gospel with no financial expectations. Ask God to re-

ward and bless them, meeting their spiritual and physical needs.

#### **Fri 20 August**

Domestic and other forms of violence are increasingly threatening families. Pray that our partnership as subgrantees with Tearfund on peace and SGBV will help many, especially as we conduct a workshop today: may it help couples to understand their complementary roles in family life as spelt out by the Bible.

#### **Sat 21 August**

The complexity of India in terms of its racial, ethnic, religious, caste and linguistic diversity has made it tough for missionaries working in the country. Thank God for the different missionaries who are serving there, praying for the steady growth of the Church and an increased response of the citizenry to the gospel.

#### **Sun 22 August**

Pray for the leadership of churches to be consistent in teaching the biblical principles that are timeless and unchanging for all generations, especially in this era of dilution of the word. Ask the Lord to use worship services today to declare His true word to the hearts of people, bringing repentance.

#### **Mon 23 August**

Many shared with Grace & Light staff and volunteers in counselling session yesterday on critical issues affecting their spiritual and physical life journeys. Pray for those who rededicated their lives to stand faithfully, and for those who gave their lives to Christ to stand firm.

#### **Tues 24 August**

Praise the Lord for the success of the UK Grace & Light fundraising walk which took place in May, and for the people who responded by walking and giving. Pray that the reason for the fundraising, which was the Refresher Training held earlier in the month, will have a lasting impact.

#### **Wed 25 August**

Preparations are in top gear toward hosting the Grace & Light Leaders' Conference on Social Righteousness, fixed for September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Pray for unction and insight for the guest speak-

er as he prepares toward the event. Also ask the Lord to provide for all who desire to participate in the programme.

#### **Thurs 26 August**

Month-end prayer meetings take place today across all the teams and in Grace & Light abroad. Ask that, as trustees, staff, volunteers, members and friends come together for the fellowship, they will experience the presence of God and our prayers will be answered to the glory of His name.

#### **Fri 27 August**

Discipleship and mentorship are processes that must be followed if at all we are to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Pray that the discipleship concept exemplified by Jesus will not be lost by the Church. Pray that Christians will be passionate about going into the world and making disciples of all nations.

#### **Sat 28 August**

Pray the blessings of God upon the Board of Directors of Grace & Light in Nigeria and the UK. Ask God to reward their commitment and sacrifice by guiding them in decisions that will enhance the ministry's performance. Pray also for many who are preparing sermons for tomorrow's worship.

#### **Sun 29 August**

Grace & Light's principle on HIV screening is that people who test should live with their status in the open regardless of the stigma. Pray that people will understand and value this approach as a means of defeating stigmatization and discrimination of persons living positive. Also ask God to visit our church outreaches today.

#### **Mon 30 August**

Pray for all the Team Leaders as they sacrificially coordinate activities of Grace & Light in their various teams, that they will remain faithful, and be fruitful and find fulfilment in their leadership. Ask God to help the new team of Bogoro in Bauchi State to spread their tentacles to surrounding communities.

#### **Tues 31 August**

Thank God for remaining who He says He is despite the global confusion. Pray that we all as Christians will remain faithful to Him no matter what and be useful in His service. Pray also for our charity shop, that we will have more donors and buyers.

#### **Wed 1 September**

We in Grace & Light believe in sharing knowledge and in human capacity development. Pray that today's Internal Staff Development will benefit staff and volunteers and increase their productivity in ministry.

#### **Thurs 2 September**

Two of our strong supporters since the establishment of Grace & Light have been George Verwer and David Hopkins, both in the UK. Praise God for His enabling grace on them to keep serving Him all these years; pray that He will sustain them with good health, a sound mind and energy despite their advanced age; pray also for peace of mind.

#### **Fri 3 September**

Pray for the monitoring and evaluation officer of Grace & Light, that as he sets out today for a monitoring exercise in some teams or churches we have been to, God will grant him safety and understanding of what we will need to do different to help the ministry attain its goals.

#### **Sat 4 September**

Many people are yet to come to terms with the reality that capital is not the first priority in starting a business – the business plan needs to come first. Pray for insight today for all participants who will be attending our workshop on wealth and poverty and other Social Righteousness issues, that they may understand biblical truth on wealth creation.

#### **Sun 5 September**

Some Christians around the world are faced with persecution so intense that they hardly have the opportunity for corporate worship. Pray that they will feel the presence of the Lord even in their isolated worship today and be strengthened for the Christian race.

**Mon 6 September**

September is the month in which Grace & Light will be playing host to leaders from all walks of life at a participatory Conference at MRH Miango. Pray that the last minute preparations will go well and for God's blessing upon the MRH staff in their preparations as well.

**Tues 7 September**

Without proper mobilization, pastors and leaders of organizations will not understand what Grace & Light is doing within the body of Christ, thereby hindering partnership. Pray for the success of group mobilization by all the teams of the ministry today.

**Wed 8 September**

Some of our volunteers are getting cold feet and as a result some teams are not forthcoming with ministry reports. Pray that God will revive the weak teams to be up and doing in ministry, especially after the refresher training held last month, for better service to their communities; pray also for new volunteers to join us.

**Thurs 9 September**

Dogmatism about denominational doctrine is affecting the acceptability of programmes on contemporary issues affecting the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Pray that Christians will remain unmovable on the basics of the Christian faith but flexible on a variety of programmes addressing harmful cultural norms such as SGBV.

**Fri 10 September**

Nigeria is constitutionally a secular state with freedom of religious choice. But the northern ruling elite have over the years given preferential treatment to Muslims and discriminated against Christians in the north. Pray for a sincere upholding of the constitution in practice so that Christians in the north may worship God without fear of attack.

**Sat 11 September**

Spousal neglect is one form of abuse that many couples have shared with us during counselling sessions in our programmes on the basic matrimonial obligations. Pray for Christian couples all over to consider the interests of each other in

their marriage relationships so that Christ is glorified.

**Sun 12 September**

Undefined relationships and lack of goal setting among young people are factors noticed in our counselling sessions which are shown to be partly responsible for increased sexual abuse and faulty foundations in marriage. Pray that young people will learn to adhere to godly values and goals in their relationships.

**Mon 13 September**

Gambling is on the rise, causing financial mismanagement among many people and families, to the point that some families' food security and school fees are in jeopardy. Pray against this social vice, and also for a good working week.

**Tues 14 September**

Participants to this year's Grace & Light Leaders' Conference on Social Righteousness are arriving at MRH today for the three-day event. Pray for safety in travels, smooth logistics in settling participants, and for all participants to take home what God has planned for them, and that the speaker will bring messages from the Lord. Also ask God to bless the gathering with his presence.

**Wed 15 September**

The question of who can positively influence one's leadership is a cardinal point for reflection in the ongoing conference. Continue to pray that, as participants brainstorm together on their leadership style, they will take something home they that will have a positive effect on those they lead because it has affected them these two days.

**Thurs 16 September**

Thank God for the success of the leaders' conference and the lessons learned so far. As we close the conference today, pray that leaders will buy and read books from the charity shop of Grace & Light, which has a lot of Christian literature geared to enhancing servant leadership and mentoring; pray too that others will learn from them.

**Fri 17 September**

The socio-political influence of the Church on society is at a low point. Pray for the impact of an assertive holiness that is combined with gracious humility in presenting the face of the Church to the nations on the part of our Christian brothers and sisters in governance in many parts of the world.

**Sat 18 September**

Unhealthy substance abuse among school-age children is on the rise globally. Pray for staff of Christian rehabilitation centres, for grace to help addicts regain freedom from drug addiction and other related vices.

**Sun 19 September**

Pray for the founder of Grace & Light, Prof. & Mrs. Hopkins, and other Trustees, that the Lord will strengthen them so as to continue the good work of promoting the vision of the ministry. Pray also for Sunday worship today, that hearts will be tuned to God.

**Mon 20 September**

The Salt Network set up by Grace & Light is to promote discussion on Social Righteousness among Christian leaders and those who desire to see righteousness flow in the land. Pray for Christian leaders to be bold in speaking out on national issues and that the Salt Network will help many in their journey through this life.

**Tues 21 September**

Some Grace & Light friends are seminarians on self-sponsorship and meeting tuition fees remains a big burden for them. Pray that the Lord will lead these students to people who will help them and that churches will have a rethink on funding of their theological students.

**Wed 22 September**

Our counselling of young people shows us that the basic needs of children that are most often neglected are love, praise, discipline, acceptance, security, significance and salvation. Pray for responsible adults to wake up to the God-given mandate of caring about the welfare of young people.

**Thurs 23 September**

Thank God for the increasing understanding of Grace & Light programmes and the steady favourable responses from churches, schools and communities in accepting partnership with us. Pray that all stakeholders will continue to put us in their calendar of programmes, and for the integration of life sharing groups in them.

**Fri 24 September**

Pray for each of our volunteer team leaders and their teams, that they will remain motivated and committed to visiting churches and schools throughout their tenure; also, that leaders will work on the lessons learnt during our past conference.

**Sat 25 September**

The theme of Grace & Light for this year is 'Hungry and Thirsty for Righteousness'. Pray that righteousness will be the lifestyle of Christians in their various areas of endeavour and at home, so that our light will shine collectively.

**Sun 26 September**

The culture of hard work is fast eroding in the lives of many young people because nannies and house-helpers do everything in their homes. Continue to pray that parents will see the wrong in that and develop a work ethic at home for every member of the family without gender disparity.

**Mon 27 September**

The following are trustees of Grace & Light in Nigeria: Rev. Victor Musa, Rev. Dr. Dachollom C Datiri, Mrs Huldah Fwangchi, Dr. Mrs. Hadiza Khamofu and Dr. Mark Hopkins. These faithful servants hold the ministry in trust to the glory of God in Nigeria. Ask God to bless their individual lives, work and ministry.

**Tues 28 September**

Thank God for the sustainable fund-raising pattern of Grace & Light and for all our supporters abroad, who are a combination of young and elderly people. Ask God to raise more faithful believers both at home and abroad with a heart for the kingdom, who will partner with us through giving.

### **Wed 29 September**

The spirit of bribery and corruption has eaten deep into many nations – “everyone has his price”. Pray that anti-graft agencies in Africa will be sincere in the fight against corrupt practices, and for the young leader of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission of Nigeria to justify his appointment. Ask also for God’s presence in the mid-week meetings in many churches today.

### **Thurs 30 September**

Friends and well-wishers of Grace & Light meet together with staff and volunteers today for the month-end prayer meeting. Pray that the presence of the Lord to fill our fellowship and for His Spirit to lead the meeting with a burden for the nations.

### **Fri 1 October**

Nigeria celebrates the 62nd anniversary of her independence today. Things have not gone as expected in the nation, seeing all that God has blessed the country with, especially with the many churches found in it. Pray that this year’s independence celebration will awaken the Church to free herself from denominationalism and become serious about the things of the Lord.

### **Sat 2 October**

Pray for wisdom in the implementation of the SGBV and peace programmes, so that people will practise a culturally relevant but biblical Christianity in their settings. Pray also that more men would be keen about attending churches where a large majority are women and children.

### **Sun 3 October**

Youth ministry is yet to be given its rightful place within the church in many places. Pray for churches to minister meaningfully to young people, both evangelizing and discipling them effectively, understanding that they are the future of the Church. Ask God to bless worship services today.

### **Mon 4 October**

Grace & Light has been advocating on topical issues affecting the Church. Pray for a successful advocacy visit today to bring about partner-

ship with churches and organizations on Social Righteousness.

### **Tues 5 October**

Thank God for this year’s annual staff retreat which starts today with reporting and evaluation of 2021 so far; praise Him for the safety of outstation staff and for leading us thus far. Pray for insight and robust deliberations to come up with a quality action plan for 2022.

### **Wed 6 October**

The third volunteer training of Grace & Light for the year is due to start next Wednesday. Pray for the ongoing recruitment and for potential participants, that they will be favoured as they seek permission from their workplaces to attend. Also pray for hitch-free preparation with the right people attending, and for the ongoing staff retreat.

### **Thurs 7 October**

The staff retreat ends today with the fourth quarter meeting of staff to review 2021 activities. Pray for good deliberation involving every member of staff that will advance the ministry in 2022.

### **Fri 8 October**

The number of Muslims seeking to know more of Christ continues to grow day by day around the world. Pray for effective Arabic Christian radio programmes and other electronic evangelism to be used in expounding the scriptures to these potential converts.

### **Sat 9 October**

As more people get informed about HIV/AIDS through our messages, materials and training, pray that Christians will be more supportive of those living positive by encouraging them to attend their routine check-ups; also pray for speakers preparing sermons for tomorrow.

### **Sun 10 October**

Grace & Light teams will be moving out for vision sharing in churches. Pray for unction and wisdom speakers to convey messages that will bring transformation in the lives of listeners. Pray too that people be will honest in opening up issues for constructive counselling.

**Mon 11 October**

Provocation and excessive expectations of children from their parents are among issues that can result in breakdown of parent-child communication. Pray for parents this week to be careful to use words that will build and not exasperate.

**Tues 12 October**

Grace & Light teams across the nation are moving out for group mobilization to churches and schools today. Pray for God's leading, open hearts in those who will hear us talk about the ministry, and for successful partnerships to emerge from the visits.

**Wed 13 October**

The last volunteer training for 2021 commences today. Pray for safety in travel for all the invited participants. Also ask the Lord to grant wisdom to the facilitators to pass information needed by these prospective volunteers in a way that will inspire long lasting commitment to the task of making God's kingdom more visible to the world.

**Thurs 14 October**

The standard of education in Nigeria is declining due to lack of government commitment to the education sector. Examination malpractice is becoming the norm. Pray along with Christian teachers in their quest to campaign against cheating in examinations.

**Fri 15 October**

Many women and children are survivors of all forms of abuse, with most incidents going unreported. Pray that our faith leaders will engage with these contemporary challenges more through their sermons as a way of checking the perpetrators.

**Sat 16 October**

Grace & Light has over the years trained many volunteers across Nigeria and beyond, but some have gone back without commitment to the work. We also lost two to death earlier this year. Pray that this batch of volunteers will sign their volunteering form with commitment from a sincere heart to go back and work.

**Sun 17 October**

Church visits and vision sharing today will give an opportunity for the newly trained volunteers to put the counselling skills they have learned into practice. Ask the Lord to give them the strength to listen to hard issues and the enablement to guide people into finding solutions to problems. Pray for safety in travels to all participants as they return home.

**Mon 18 October**

Ask God to help team leaders as they coordinate activities of Grace & Light in their various places to remain true to the stewardship entrusted to them by being proactive in the work. Also ask God to bless them and meet them at the point of their needs.

**Tues 19 October**

Many widows are left at the mercy of their deceased husbands' relations because most men don't put their wives as their next of kin in Africa. Pray for men in this continent to take up the issue of will writing with utmost priority.

**Wed 20 October**

Many churches are yet to understand the part they can play in bridging the gap between the poor and the rich in the church. Pray that Grace & Light teaching on wealth and poverty will help Christians see the reality of poverty in the church and how to help the rich ones live as God's stewards.

**Thurs 21 October**

A meeting of the Management of Grace & Light is held today in Jos. Pray for fresh insight for them as they strategize for ministry. Also ask God to open more financial doors for the Training Centre, the ongoing building project of the ministry.

**Fri 22 October**

Rest and relaxation is uncommon in most developing nations because people must hustle to survive, yet signs of exhaustion such as chronic heartburn, tension, headaches, pain in the shoulder blades, chronic fatigue, joylessness, anger, low energy, etc. are obvious in everyday life. Pray that Christians will learn to rest in order to guard against "burn out".

**Sat 23 October**

There are many unseen labourers who are toiling quietly for the expansion of Grace & Light. Pray that the Lord of the work who sees people's good deeds will bless them and bring them fulfilment. Pray also for as many as are preparing sermons for tomorrow.

**Sun 24 October**

Praise the Lord for all the participants and the lessons learnt during last month's Leaders' Conference; also pray that participants will connect with each other in a way that will encourage servant leadership amongst Christian leaders in Nigeria

**Mon 25 October**

Plans are being made for this year's fundraising dinner and book fair. Pray along with us that Grace & Light might host these two important events successfully, with impact. Also ask God to link us to the right people to invite.

**Tues 26 October**

Grace & Light Nigeria's Board meet today to deliberate on matters that will bring progress and find solutions to impediments of the ministry. Pray that members will make time to attend and for fruitful and quality discussions that will advance the cause of God's Kingdom.

**Wed 27 October**

The security situation in Nigeria continues to deteriorate, leading the President to apologise for government failure to achieve the turnaround they promised. Corruption is a contributing factor in this as in other problems. Pray for God to have mercy on the nation as he raises up more people in all sectors who will fear him and live in righteousness.

**Thurs 28 October**

Worship the Lord and sing praise to him, for he has done great things for us in Grace & Light this month. Pray that today's month-end meeting will bring team members, friends and staff in true worship to God for his grace and love. Pray also for the Breukers in the UsA and Grace & Light UK and France as they join in this.

**Fri 29 October**

About 0.51 % of Iranians are Christians, practising their faith amidst Islamic extremism. Thank God that despite the hostility, there has been steady growth of the Church, partly through the satellite-TV broadcast of programmes in Persian languages. Also pray for courage for missionaries serving in Iran and other hostile nations.

**Sat 30 October**

Reports from our school ministry reveal the worrisome moral decadence that exists among secondary school students. Pray for Christians teachers to carry out their mandate to model Christ to these inquisitive minds.

**Sun 31 October**

The VSAG programme of Grace & Light is gradually gaining acceptance because of its biblical approach to fellowship and wealth creation through savings and accountability. Pray that churches will commend these self-help groups to their members as a means of helping people out of poverty.

**Mon 1 November**

The annual book fair of Grace & Light is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of this month. Pray for a reading culture to be revived among young and older Christians in Nigeria and other countries where education is a low ebb. Pray also for God to provide money to people for patronage. Contact us through 0803 604 0438.

**Tues 2 November**

Grace & Light is raising support for ministry through a fund-raising dinner today. Pray along with us for a successful event and for God to stir people's hearts to be committed in giving their monthly standing orders for the progress of the work.

**Wed 3 November**

Grace & Light staff and volunteers are taking lessons to build their capacity for effective ministry today. Pray that the resource person will share their wealth of experience in such a manner as to broaden their knowledge for optimal service to God and humanity.

**Thurs 4 November**

Pray for the founder of Grace & Light, Prof. & Mrs. Mark Hopkins, and other trustees in Nigeria, France and the UK, that the Lord will continue to strengthen them for the noble cause of projecting the vision, core values and goals of the ministry.

**Fri 5 November**

Muslims in many parts of the world are out for a worship, some not sure of what it means; ask the Lord to visit them. Pray too that Christians will be true to the ministry of encouragement to newly converted Muslims faced with hostility.

**Sat 6 November**

The Breuker family has been gracious over the years in supporting Grace & Light financially and also talking to people within the US regarding the ministry. Ask God to bless them with strength and grace as they face the challenges of aging. Pray also for God to raise more donors to the ministry in America.

**Sun 7 November**

Heads of denominations need our prayers more in this era of global conspiracy against the Church. Pray for wisdom as they tackle issues affecting the Church and the external world, and for growth of spirituality.

**Mon 8 November**

Thank God for the success of the Solemn Assembly organized by Grace & Light on June 10<sup>th</sup> and for all that the Lord has been doing on behalf of His people since then. Pray that more Christians in Plateau and other states will find reason to seek the face of the Lord in repentance so that God will handle our case in Nigeria.

**Tues 9 November**

Grace & Light is carrying out group mobilization today across the teams. Pray for divine guidance and wisdom to share the vision of the ministry in a way that our audience will comprehend, and that there will be open doors for ministry to encourage members.

**Wed 10 November**

Faulty courtship lies behind many marital crises threatening homes today. Pray for single people

to be mindful of the wrong signs in their relationship before marriage, and that churches will do their best in helping people to understand God's design for marriage.

**Thurs 11 November**

The reason we are passionate about workshops is that we want to give people opportunity to discuss issues affecting their spiritual and physical wellbeing. Pray that today's workshop will help participants take realistic decisions toward solving their problems biblically.

**Fri 12 November**

The judiciary of any country are viewed as the voice of the voiceless in the society. Pray for honest implementation of the judicial inquires on police brutality in Nigeria to meet the expectation of curbing the extra-judicial killings taking place in the country.

**Sat 13 November**

Grace & Light ministry engagement in Sierra Leone, Zambia, Chad and Liberia has suffered setback due to lack of funds despite our efforts in pushing Social Righteousness. Pray for financial breakthroughs to open the way for the reopening of these places for ministry.

**Sun 14 November**

Thank God for the lives of those who are turning to Christ during our programmes, especially during vision sharing in churches and schools. As churches take up the responsibility of follow up, pray that these new converts will not go back to the world.

**Mon 15 November**

Advocacy visits are one way of making Grace & Light's services known to potential beneficiaries. Pray that today's visit will go beyond advertisement of the services we are rendering on Social Righteousness and HIV/AIDS to greater partnership.

**Tues 16 November**

Thank God for many Grace & Light AGM members who show commitment and are up to date in paying their annual dues – they keep checking to know how to help the ministry; pray that they will continue to be faithful and that the Lord will bless them for the sacrifice.

**Wed 17 November**

The children's Sunday school arm of many churches is neglected – in some, anybody can be a Sunday school teacher without training or any scrutiny to see who is fit for the work. Pray that leaders will begin to consider the future church with utmost priority.

**Thurs 18 November**

The Grace & Light annual book fair starts today at the headquarters office in Jos from 8am – 6pm each day. Pray that this year's book outreach will help return many into reading edifying literature for their spiritual enrichment. Pray for good sales as well for the ministry.

**Fri 19 November**

Teachers' roles and duties can be likened to those of a shepherd whose responsibility is to care for the wellbeing of the flock in his/her custody. Pray that teachers round the world will rise to the awesome task of bringing their students up with values that will promote societal wellness rather than becoming terrors.

**Sat 20 November**

Rapists use grooming to deceive their victims into believing they are harmless, and this often succeeds due to the absence of awareness of their ploys. Pray that Grace & Light skills education will help young girls escape the trap of these sexual predators.

**Sun 21 November**

Counselling is one powerful tool for one-on-one evangelism that the church is not exploring effectively. Pray for pastors and elders to prioritize counselling of members by being accessible and available to the people; pray too for the time spent with church members today after vision.

**Mon 22 November**

If every Christian showcased the virtues of Christ in their duty posts as Daniel did in Babylon, we would have been influencing the world and making it a better place. Pray that Christian workers returning to their work places after the weekend will be diligent in their service and thereby witness Christ.

**Tues 23 November**

Thank God for the partnership Grace & Light enjoys with EYN, LCCN, COCIN, ECWA, Baptists, some Pentecostals and other denominations too numerous to mention. Pray for more synergy that will be helpful to the larger body of Christ.

**Wed 24 November**

It is important that parents learn to listen to their children about their worries, fears, and desires as a way of countering negative peer influence. Pray for a free flow of quality communication between parents and their children in this era of global indifference.

**Thurs 25 November**

The increase of substance abuse calls for churches and governments to pay more attention to young people's well-being. Pray for all rehabilitation centre staff to bring the needed help to their clients. Also pray for the success of Grace & Light month-end prayer meeting taking place today across all the teams.

**Fri 26 November**

Ask God to raise up incorruptible judges who will discharge their duties without fear or favour. Also pray against the pocketing of the judiciary by the political class in many third world nations.

**Sat 27 November**

There is a constant temptation for Christian leaders to seek success, wealth and academic degrees more than lifting up the cross of Jesus. Pray for Christian leaders to pursue that which will honour Christ and not self in their work of ministry.

**Sun 28 November**

Sunday worship service has become a mere ritual to many, especially Christian youth, many of whom are using their phones to do other things during that time. Pray for the reawakening of a passion for the gospel message among the younger generation to consume their hearts for Christ.

**Mon 29 November**

Christians should care for the whole of God's creation as faithful stewards. Pray for more engagement in preserving the environment against

climate change; also pray for our sister organization Eden Creation Care to find acceptance in their campaign to care for the environment.

#### **Tues 30 November**

Lack of proper accountability in the public and private sectors by those who hold offices continues to account for high levels of corruption in many nations. Pray that Grace & Light's campaign for the practice of accountability in the body of Christ will find acceptance and even be taken up by many offices.

#### **Wed 1 December**

The world is marking World AIDS Day today amidst many others difficulties it faces. Pray that more and more People Living Positive (PLP) will see the need to follow the appropriate procedures for accessing their antiretroviral drugs and comprehensive health checks rather than give way to the fear of stigmatization that keeps them off help.

#### **Thurs 2 December**

The last management meeting of Grace & Light comes up today. As crucial matters regarding 2021 work and forecasting on the 2022 action plan come up for discussion, pray that the Lord will give the managers wisdom and knowledge to skilfully strategize for successful ministry engagement that will honour the Lord.

#### **Fri 3 December**

A lot of young girls who serve as nannies, not living with their biological parents, are not listened to by their guardians, and this has affected some of them negatively. Pray for foster-parents to deal with them graciously as their responsibility, as if their own children.

#### **Sat 4 December**

Pray for more committed hearts to be involved in Grace & Light ministry. Ask God for greater passion in ministry even as we push on with the promotion of Social Righteousness into every sector of the church and society: may the Lord give us results.

#### **Sun 5 December**

More resources are needed to complete the construction of the Grace & Light Training Centre. Pray that the Lord will speak to hearts to con-

tribute toward the noble cause of finishing the complex for use.

#### **Mon 6 December**

The 'blame game' is one fate that survivors of SGBV often suffer for the harm done to them by perpetrators, and this is one factor that makes many survivors suffer in silence. Pray that society will exercise patience in hearing and helping survivors cope with the traumatic consequences of the abuse rather than blaming them.

#### **Tues 7 December**

Thank God for what He is doing in Nigeria, because he is in charge despite all the challenges previously and currently faced. Also pray with us as we go out for group mobilization today, that the Lord will lead us to places where we will find acceptance.

#### **Wed 8 December**

As we march toward the Christmas festivities, people are usually very busy. Pray that Christians will be able to stand in true righteousness to correct the ills of the season, and that we will not become too busy to hear God.

#### **Thurs 9 December**

Perhaps you have carried one burden right from the start of the year, and you are on the verge of accepting defeat? Pray to God for yourself, to focus more on potential for the future rather than think about your frustrations and struggles.

#### **Fri 10 December**

Most kidnappers and other criminals work with informants in a community who furnish them with information on the unsuspecting victim for a cash reward. Pray that the Lord will expose such people in such a way that they will be fished out of the society for a better nation living in peaceful coexistence.

#### **Sat 11 December**

Pray for all those who attended any of the Grace & Light workshops, trainings or seminars in the course of the year to put the lessons learnt into practice so as to spread the message of Social Righteousness in their places of endeavour. Ask God to help Christians live lives that are socially righteous in their communities.

### **Sun 12 December**

71.41% of the population of the Czech Republic in Europe are non-religious. Pray that the indigenous Christian workers and missionaries operating in the country will have positive influence on the people who are still living with the heritage of communist rule.

### **Mon 13 December**

Through advocacy visits, Grace & Light has been able to make known her activities and programmes to leaders at different levels, showing the importance of inculcating Social Righteousness in our daily living. Pray for a fruitful outing and a positive response from those we will be visiting today.

### **Tues 14 December**

One quality of a good Christian counsellor is being able to listen to hard stories without letting emotions do the judging. The absence of this quality in many parents has led their children to conceal hard information. Pray for parents to create a conducive atmosphere to hear their children's stories during this break.

### **Wed 15 December**

Come 2022 we desire to reach many places with messages of Social Righteousness if Jesus tarries. Pray that Grace & Light would gain access to many new settings with messages on wealth and poverty, work and corruption, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and trauma healing, for societal transformation.

### **Thurs 16 December**

Thus far this year the Lord has led us as a ministry in churches, schools and communities, where we have listened to people share their stories and helped them to do better. We commit all of these people unto the Lord during our monthly prayer meeting today, for God to uphold, sustain and encourage them to stand to the end.

### **Fri 17 December**

Grace & Light has enjoyed a warm relationship with Book Aid UK. As a result of the partnership, we are into book ministry which has helped many people already. Pray that, as plans are being made toward shipping books next

year, we will not incur any demurrage costs; pray also for favour with the clearing agents.

### **Sat 18 December**

Nigeria has experienced a lot of bloody crises this year, ranging from kidnapping to banditry and Boko Haram insurgencies, which can partly be blamed on bad governance. Pray for a true federal system of Nigerian government and God's intervention in His mercy and grace. Also, pray against any crisis during Christmas celebrations.

### **Sun 19 December**

A lot of travel usually takes place within the Christmas period for ceremonies and festivities to mark the end of the year. Pray for God's protection as we move around if this becomes necessary, and for wisdom to end this year well. Ask God to bless our worship services today.

### **Mon 20 December**

One of our core values in Grace & Light is integrity in all its ramifications, with adherence to biblical standards. Pray for integrity to become anchored in the lives of people we have shared this truth with, to create the needed change, especially at this time of need and festivities.

### **Tues 21 December**

A good name is better than silver and gold says the Bible (Prov. 22:1), yet many people strive to leave wealth to their children rather than a godly legacy. Pray that Christians will model godly values to people they work with.

### **Wed 22 December**

Many Christian families suffer with difficult issues, resulting in disunity and malfunctioning. Pray for such families to look for mature and trusted couples to help them save their marriages and find fulfilment.

### **Thurs 23 December**

Listening and understanding in communication are essential keys that promote harmonious relationship within the family setting. Pray that our families will value listening to and understanding each other as paramount in dealing with challenges.

**Fri 24 December**

Misunderstandings and quarrels may occur in life for us to learn from and make amends, but some have allowed these to linger beyond fixing. Pray and be deliberate in taking action toward reconciliation with all, regardless of the degree of your hurt, because Christmas is all about love.

**Sat 25 December**

The birth of Jesus Christ is the only hope that anchors our soul sure and strong, yet many will celebrate Christmas today without Christ. Pray for a neighbour who is yet to come to terms with the truth of Christmas, and make deliberate efforts to share the good news as well as food with someone.

**Sun 26 December**

You may be feeling hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck, but not destroyed, as Paul said to the Corinthian church. Pray for the persecuted church the world over to be comforted and, as people share gifts today, that these will serve as a reminder of God's gift to mankind.

**Mon 27 December**

Our office area has been under attack by gunmen many times despite the fact that it is situated close to an army barracks. We have seen God's protection in all these happenings; continue to pray for God to secure our head office and make the place a beacon of hope for the people of the area.

**Tues 28 December**

Praise the Lord for our faithful partners who have been there for us from the start of Grace & Light. They have supported us in prayer, financially and in kind. They include AMEN, Operation Mobilization, Golden Stable and Pioneers, as well as many churches and individuals; ask for God's blessings upon them.

**Wed 29 December**

For nearly two decades Grace & Light has remained true to the founding vision God entrusted to us. However, we are yet to see one aspect of that vision realised: *growth*. God has given us grace to do things others are not doing: pray

that in 2022 he will lead us to do these on a greater scale, so that we lead more people into the fullness of the Gospel and the righteousness it brings.

**Thurs 30 December**

The factor that limits growth is *funding*: pray that God will help us grow our funding in 2022, adding both to the core funding of everyday activity through standing orders and to the additional funding needed for various activities as well as building in support of these.

**Fri 31 December**

Commit Tassie Ghata to the Lord as she continues to lead Grace & Light toward our third decade: thank Him for repeated deliverance from harm for her and her family and ask Him to add grace to grace, to work in and through her ever more. Pray too for the management, ministry and other staff and volunteers who work alongside her, that all may flourish and bear fruit in every way as they put God and His work first and open themselves to the Holy Spirit.

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