

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."(Jeremiah 29:11)

Beloved in the Lord, this firm promise from our creator and preserver of all life, gives us a reason to celebrate in this New Year; not just for blessings received, but for the promise of a better tomorrow. To some of us the year 2018 was wonderful and great. Yet to others it was not so; but to all of us a new dawn, 2019 is come and we ought to be glad for where there is life, there is hope.

As a Diocese we cannot but be very thankful to our God and Father for dealing with us with such immeasurable and undeserving mercy, grace and love in the just past year. His grace was so much that we felt, smelt, touched, wore, drank, and lived in it in every facet of our life. His plans to prosper and give us a future was so evident that we are forced to declare that we will magnify the Lord at all times and that His praise shall continually be in our mouth.

As a state and nation we cannot thank God enough for keeping our flight calm in the midst of great storms, uncertainties and self afflicted hardship. But We are so expectant as we believe that the year 2019 will begin the manifestation of God's plan for our prosperity and good future particularly in this state of Abia and our nation at large.

Therefore we charge our Diocesan faithful and all God's people to remain prayerful and committed to the worship of our great God who sits on the throne; who we know will fight for the deliverance of His people. As we welcome you all to this year of our divine visitation, we enjoin you to strive to live in love and peace with all people. Forbearing one another, **LETTING OUR LIGHT SO SHINE, THAT PEOPLE SEEING OUR GOOD WORKS MAY GLORIFY OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND MAY YOUR DAYS BE LONG AND BRIGHT

And to Him who is able to keep you from falling; and to present you faultless before His throne. To the immortal, invisible and only wise God be all glory, honor, praise and dominion now till the end of the age. Amen.

Your Brother and Bishop,

 **NATH, ABA NGWA NORTH.**

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