

BISHOP'S LENTEN MESSAGE.

Beloved In The Lord.

We bring you greetings of love and commitment in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus The Christ.

In recognition of His invaluable grace and mercy upon us, we call on you all to join us in worshiping the Majesty of the only true God, the Creator and preserver of all life, as we welcome you to the holy season of lent.

As we all know, the events around the human globe between this season 2020 and now, have really rattled the powerful and Lord of the universe has literally “filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.”(Luke 1:53).

Therefore, as a Diocese, we dedicate this Lenten season as a season of thanksgiving and commitment. Remembering that we are nothing but dust, we must in this season soberly express our appreciation and heartfelt thanksgiving to God for having dealt so lovingly with us in the face of the ravaging pandemic. As we pour our hearts out in repentance, we must also offer our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice to the service and glory of Him who has been our help in time past and sure hope for now and the days ahead. Let us continue to draw strength from our Spirituality rich and inspired Lenten meditation program from our respective church stations as together with fellow laborers we journey through the season.

We encourage our youth to take advantage of our numerous programs and activities to build up their spiritual, mental and physical muscle so as to withstand the trials of their generation. We pray, plan and hope that many of them will be at the Joshua Generation International Conference organized by our National church come April this year. We believe the Lord awaits them there for a life time encounter.

Let us all then approach this Lenten period with humility and sincerity of heart, purging ourselves of every pretense, and expectant of the transforming and renewing power of the Holy Spirit to bring us to that level of maturity where no challenges of life can hinder our light from shining. Our love for all must be sincerely revealed in our daily dealings with all people, in providing for the needy and caring for the lonely. We must value the life and dignity of all men.

Let us therefore allow the Holy Spirit to set the pace and control the tempo of our meditation, life, and actions this season for without Him we are nothing but dust; but in Him we are more than Conquerors.

May the Lord, in this season, receive our sacrifices and hear our cries.

And to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His throne; to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be all honor, glory and dominion now till the end of the age. Amen.

Your Brother and Bishop,

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