

PRAYER OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

Prayer Leader:

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; because His mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel (OR NIGERIA) now say that His mercy endureth for ever

Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth for ever (Ps 118:1-4 KJV)

1. *Let us now with hearts full of joy and gratitude to God. Thank God for His mercy over the nation generally.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Almighty God for Your mercy over the nation of Nigeria since the amalgamation. We thank You for Your mercy in allowing the British to put this entity together as a nation. We also acknowledge Your mercy for our strategic geographical location in Africa. We thank you for all our rulers and leaders, both past and present.

Prayer Leader:

2. *Let us render thanks for God's mercy on the different tribes.*

Corporate Response: Father, we thank you for your mercy over the different tribes that make Nigeria. Despite our ethnic or tribal hostility and animosity to one another, You have continued to be merciful to us and have kept us together as one nation over the years.

Prayer Leader:

3. *We must never be forgetful to thank God for forgiveness of sins.*

Corporate Response: Our Lord we thank You for not dealing with us according to our sins as a nation. We thank You for forgiving our many sins as a nation. Despite the fact that wickedness pervades our society, You have always forgiven our sins when we cry unto You in repentance. We thank You for the blood of Jesus Christ by which we receive atonement.

Prayer Leader:

4. *Let us be thankful for God's prophetic agenda.*

Corporate Response: Lord, we thank You for your special interests and plans for Nigeria. We thank You Lord for the prophetic words You have spoken over Nigeria through Your servants in history. Thank You for carefully and systematically bringing these prophecies to fulfillment before our eyes.

Prayer Leader:

5. *Let us be thankful for our intercessors and watchmen.*

Corporate Response: Thank You Lord for raising intercessors and watchmen who labour day and night for the fulfillment of Your propose in the nation. We thank You for Nigeria Prays, Intercessors for Nigeria, and other national intercessory bodies. Thank You Lord for the work of national intercession at all levels of society.

Prayer Leader:

6. *Let us be grateful to God for numerous prayer testimonies.*

Corporate Response: Our Lord we thank You for the many results of prayer we see in our nation on a daily basis. We thank You for encouraging us with answers to prayers over national issues. Thank You for the answers to prayers recorded daily at various national prayer altars. Thank You also for sustaining the fire of prayer on those altars.

Prayer Leader:

7. *We need to bless our God also for god's creational favour.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for Your creational favours in Nigeria. Thank You for the Atlantic Ocean through which huge commerce comes to the nation. Thank You for one of the best agricultural climate in the world. We thank You Lord for a fertile land rich in mineral deposits. Thank You for the gift of abundant deposit of petroleum and natural gas.

Prayer Leader:

8. *Let us thank the Lord for the abundant tourist attractions in Nigeria*

Corporate Response: Lord, we thank You for the natural attractions that bring tourists to our nation regularly. Thank You for Olumo rock, Ikogosi Warm Springs, Oguta lake, Zuma Rock, Aso Rock, Azumini Blue River Rose, Ogbunike Cave, Obudu Cattle Ranch, Silicon Hill, NOK Village, Bible She, Wikki Warm Springs, Lake Chad, Matsirga Waterfalls, etc.

Prayer Leader:

9. *Lord, we are rendering thanks for creative and intellectual power.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for the gift of creativity and intellectual prowess displayed by Nigerians all over the world. Thank You for the international achievements of Nigerians in arts, music, movies, science, and business.

Prayer Leader:

10. *We have come to give thanks for our ruggedness and never-give-up spirit.*

Corporate Response: We bless You Father for the resilience and never-give-up attitude of Nigerians. We thank You for a people that are not easily discouraged in spite of the many political and economic challenges facing the nation. Thank You for a people who are generally happy in disposition.

Prayer Leader:

11. *Let us show God our gratitude for the absence of natural disasters.*

Corporate Response: Father, we thank You for the providential absence of natural disasters in our nation. Thank You for sparing our nation from the ordeals of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis. We have seen what other nations have suffered from these disasters, and we are grateful to You Lord for not allowing their occurrence in our nation.

Prayer Leader:

12. *Let us thank God for a resilient economy.*

Corporate Response: Father, we thank You for a resilient economy that has managed to thrive despite the daily assaults of treasury looters. We thank You for an economy that is growing daily. Thank You for the banking, manufacturing, and service sectors. Thank You for the flourishing conglomerates, indigenous organizations, and upcoming entrepreneurs.

Prayer Leader:

13. *We have come to thank God for an investment friendly population.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for giving us a population that has become the target and haven of many investors. We thank You for the different ethnic groups that make up this population.

Prayer Leader:

14. *Let us thank God for the progress of the Church*

Corporate Response: Father, we thank You for the progress of the different Christian denominations in Nigeria over the years. We thank You Lord for the thousands of Churches that are thriving in the cities and rural areas of Nigeria. Thank You for the availability of Bibles and the continued missionary efforts of Christians in the villages.

Prayer Leader:

15. *Let us thank God for diverse divine interventions.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for Your interventions at various instances in our history when the nation was at political or leadership crossroads. We thank You for Your intervention during the turbulence of military dictatorships and the June 12 saga. We thank You also for Your interventions during the coups and the unpatriotic attempts to break the nation into fragments. Thank You also for not allowing the civil war agenda to prosper. Father, we say we are grateful that Nigerians did not become refugees all over Africa.

Prayer Leader:

16. *We offer thanks to God for the constant arrest of religious tension.*

Corporate Response: Lord we are grateful to You for the way You have helped us to manage religious terrorism in the nation. We thank You Lord for the recent arrest of some extremist religious sects in the nation. Thank You for granting effective wisdom and strategy to the government and security forces to maintain peace in the nation.

Prayer Leader:

17. *Let us be thankful for successful transition of governments.*

Corporate Response: Our Lord, we bless You for the successful elections and transition of governments in the past. Even though we cannot guarantee the credibility of some elections, we however thank you for bloodless and violence-free transition of governments. We thank You Lord for the legal provisions that encouraged these smooth transitions. Thank You for allowing aggrieved politicians to seek redress through non-violent means.

Prayer Leader:

18. *Let us appreciate the Lord for His mercy over youth restiveness.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for the way You have helped the government to manage youth restiveness in Nigeria. Thank You for helping Nigerian youths to think constructively and positively about Nigeria. At a time in history when youths are mobilizing for mass protests in some nations of the world, to cause mayhems and change of government. We thank You for making our youths to believe in the Nigerian project despite their frustrations with the Nigerian system. We are grateful that the agenda of violence and destruction has not succeeded in Nigeria.

Prayer Leader:

19. *Let us thank God for what He has done before and what He is presently doing through the government in the area of infrastructural development.*

Corporate Response: We thank You Lord for the level of infrastructural developments going on in the nation. Even though it is obvious that we could have done much better, we are still grateful to You for the little You have helped us to achieve in this regard. Thank You Lord for the progress we have made so far in providing basic infrastructure for our people.

Prayer Leader:

20. *To our God, we give thanks for improvement in critical sectors.*

Corporate Response: We thank You O Lord for the improvement in our aviation and power sector. Even though we are yet to record optimum efficiency in these sectors, we are however grateful that there are noticeable improvements. We thank You for the sanity that is gradually coming into these sectors. We thank You also for the revolution that is taking place in the agriculture sector. We are also grateful for the significant success in the fight against HIV/AIDS pandemic, malaria scourge, polio, guinea worm, and infant and maternity mortality. Be blessed forever O God.

We give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever

We give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth forever

We give thanks to the Lord of lords: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for His mercy endureth forever.
(Psa 136.1-4)