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PRAYING FOR NIGERIA

Dear Prayer Partner,

We selected you to receive this letter along with a 10 Naira note as a reminder to pray for Nigeria. We are sending 10 requests (one for each naira) for now: 5 praises and 5 needs. We have also included the National anthem, coat of arms, and flag for your reference and prayer. Please keep these in your prayers throughout the year. We will post an update on our website or you can ask us

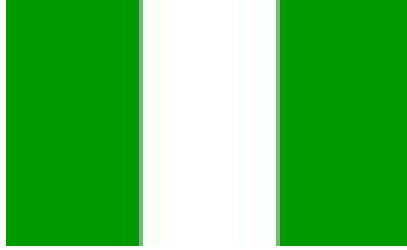
by e-mail. Also, please let us know how God leads you to pray... via our e-mail(s) or cell phone listed above. We believe Nigeria can be a powerful tool in the Lord's hands in fulfilling the Great Commission in OUR generation.

THANKSGIVINGS

1. Thank God for using the lawmakers in thwarting the intended Constitutional Amendment which was to add a third term for elected officials including the current President and Governors. (Job 5:12,13)
2. Thank God for bringing to rest the tension in the Bakasi Peninsula between Nigeria and Cameroon. This almost resulted in a battle. Nigeria has accepted to hand over the peninsula to Cameroon according to the World Court ruling. (Zech. 9:10)
3. Praise God for the check in corruption in Nigeria. There are two bodies established by the government to address this evil: the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). There has been a heavy crackdown on corrupt officials by these bodies. (Eccl. 8:11)
4. Thank God that the Christian/Muslim tensions have not degenerated into another bloody civil war. The tension is highest in the North. Several attacks and retaliatory attacks have been exchanged between Muslims and Christians. God has allowed Nigeria to remain one! (Eph. 2:14-16)
5. Thank God for a renewed zeal toward Christian education. Christian schools are being established in the North and Christian Universities are starting in the South. (Phil. 4:8)

(Bonus) Thank God for the present administration - under Olusegun Obasanjo. Nigeria was awarded debt relief from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under his tenure. (I. Tim. 2:1,2)

FULLFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION IN THIS GENERATION



Nigerian Flag

PRAYER NEEDS

6. Nigeria will be conducting elections in 2007. In the past, election periods were marked with violent clashes, assassinations, and ritual killings. Pray that 2007 will be a different story. It is going to be a free and fair election. It is God who exalts and deposes. Pray that God will anoint His chosen officials to sit in elected positions. People who are coming to the government should be people who will advance the kingdom of Christ and the Church. (Dan. 2:21, Rom. 13:1, Ps. 94:20)

7. The south-south (southernmost) part of Nigeria is oil rich. It is presently boiling with tensions. Expatriate oil workers are being taken hostage. The Government and the youth frequently clash and properties are destroyed. Pray that peace and calmness will return in this part of the country. Ask God to help make the recent efforts of the government to develop the area yield fruit. (Isaiah 57:19)

8. Pray against ethnic tribalism. It is like a silent cancer spread thru the whole country. Tribe rather than merit often receives priority in the National life. Many times tribalism manifests itself in religious crises. (Eph. 2: 14-16)

9. Pray for success for the Polio eradication campaign, particularly in the rural north. The vaccines were halted previously because of allegations that they caused sterility or AIDS. (Is. 8:12)

10. Ask God to forgive the sins on the land and have compassion. (Micah 7:18) Let Him send the awaited revival in Nigeria, starting from the Church. (Ps. 85:6) Let there be an increased hunger and thirst for the true God in both young and old throughout Nigeria. (Jer. 29:13)

NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey

To serve our fatherland

With love and strength and faith

The labour of our heroes past

Shall never be in vain

To serve with heart and might

One nation bound in freedom, peace

and

unity.

*Oh God of creation, direct our noble
cause*

Guide our leaders right

Help our youth the truth to know

In love and honesty to grow

And living just and true

Great lofty heights attain

*To build a nation where peace and jus-
tice*

shall reign