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Welcome Message By Apostle Folorunso Alakija

Dearly Beloved,

I welcome you all in the wonderful and matchless name of our Lord and Saviour to our second, "Yes Lord Prayer Retreat" in 2023 themed, "Unconditional Love".

1 Peter 4:8 says, "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

The dictionary defines love as an intense feeling of deep affection, while unconditional love is described as an affection without any limitations. In essence, unconditional love is love that is offered freely without any strings attached. It is not based on whether it is reciprocated or not. You simply love them and want nothing more than their happiness.

An example of this type of love, also known as compassionate or agape love, is the love parents have for their own child/children.

We see this love displayed in the story of the prodigal son in Luke chapter 15. The younger son of a very rich man demanded that his father gave him his own share of his inheritance. As soon as he collected it, he left home and squandered it all. When he realised his mistake, he returned home to his father, who forgave him and threw a party to welcome him back home.

Just as our natural parents, God also loves us unconditionally. This love was demonstrated in redemption. Romans 5:8 tells us that, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still

sinners, Christ died for us".

God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the world without requiring anything in return. He reached out to man in compassion, even when we were undeserving of such love.

He also went further by adopting us as His children, according to 1 John 3:1a, which says: "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God".

Brothers and Sisters, God's love for us is unconditional, eternal and perfect. He's not going to love us more when we get to heaven than He already does today.

Therefore, as God's children, He expects us to demonstrate this same love to all. When we express forgiveness and love in our midst, then we will be His children indeed.

Our first University of Marriage Retreat comes up on 11th March 2023. Please make sure you attend and invite others too.

As usual, our newsletter is full of testimonies, prayers, and memory verses to bless you. Share it with your friends and loved ones and use it as an evangelism tool to win more souls to Christ.



Yours in His Service, Servant-Leader

Rose of Sharon Glorious Ministry International Unconditional Love 1Peter 4:8 Ministering: Apostle Folorunso Alakija Servant Leader (RoSGMI) HYMN: I AM SO GLAD THAT

MY FATHER IN HEAVEN

 I am so glad that our Father in heav'n
 Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;
 Wonderful things in the Bible I see: This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

CHORUS

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me; I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

- Though I forget Him and wander away,
 Still He doth love me whenever I stray;
 Back to His dear loving arms would I flee,
 When I remember that Jesus loves me.
- Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,
 When in His beauty I see the great King,
 This shall my song in eternity be: "Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me."

VISION

To restore the glory of the Lord's people, release those in bondage, heal the sick and the broken-hearted and uphold marriages towards effective nation building.

MISSION

Delivering and defending the afflicted in the body of Christ by applying the word of God, praising God for breakthroughs, evangelising counselling, and testimonies through the power of His might.

VALUES: HOLINESS

H-Humility O-Orderliness
L-Love I-Integrity
N-Neighborliness E-Empathy
S-Service S-Sacrifice

Picture Gallery



















PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 1. Abba Father, thank you for your unconditional love towards us. You demonstrated Your love by dying for us while we were yet sinners. Be glorified Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 2. Merciful God, we confess our sins and weaknesses to You. Though Your perfect love forgives us, help us to reject and do away with any love that will destroy us and our relationship with You in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 3. Ever loving Father, by Your Spirit I receive the capacity to love You and my neighbour as I ought to. Increase in my heart the zeal to serve You better, winning souls to Christ in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 4. King of glory, I pray that the love of God will dwell richly and abound in our homes, Ministry / Churches, offices / marketplaces and country in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 5. My Father, uproot and tear down everything contrary to the love of Christ in my life, family, neighbourhood and nation; be it jealousy, hatred, unforgiveness, selfishness, malice, tribalism etc in Jesus mighty name, Amen.

Memory Verse (All scriptures quoted from the NKJV)

Week 1

+ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9

Week 2

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Week 3

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:14

Week 4

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4

TESTIMONIES

Miracle of Healing

I thank God Almighty for healing me of a painful ailment on my right hand since November 2022. I got my divine healing during the Saturday, Healing Service themed "Hours of Signs & Wonders" in January 2023. I can now lift the hands without feeling any pain at all. Praise the Lord!

Minister Kate Enyichi

Saved from Fire Outbreak

Praise God! Firstly, I thank God for preserving my life and delivering me from fire outbreak from my house power supply changeover. Secondly, I give all the glory to the Greatest Physician for His divine healing and total recovery from flu. I am expressively grateful to God.

Sis. Akinwale Adebukola

Celebration of Life and Financial Restoration

Glory! I bless God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for adding another year to my age in good health. Secondly, God restored the total amount that was fraudulently withdrawn from my bank account. I give all praises to God, halleluyah!!

Sis. Cordelia Ezinna Ibeabuchi

DECLARATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 1. I declare that the banner over me and my household is God's love. Nothing shall separate us from the love of Jesus. The love of Christ is shed abroad in our hearts. We are well rooted and grounded in His unshakable love.
- 2. I declare that I will not take the love of God for granted; rather, I will daily, be living, walking and sharing the love of Christ to everyone, winning souls for Christ so that God's Kingdom will continue to be established on earth as it is in heaven in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 3. I declare that in all things, I am more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus, who loves me. Therefore; I face life's difficulties, battles, trials, temptations and tribulations in the assurance of His love and I emerge a winner with overwhelming victories in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 4. I declare through the love of God that no weapon formed against me, my family, Church or nation shall prosper. This season; I am rising above troubles, I am overcoming obstacles and rejections in Jesus' name, Amen.
- 5. I declare that I am the apple of God's eyes, the sheep of His pasture and I am greatly loved by Him. My future is not in any man's hands but in God's and He brings to pass His plans and purposes for my life. My future is bright. My path is clear. I will not be put to shame, Amen.
- 6. I declare that through the love of God I come alive in Christ. I am dead to sin, and I live in righteousness. The Lord delivers me from the kingdom of darkness and has made me a solution to my world. I have become the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Halleluyah!!!

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins, and the life that I have lived; I need Your forgiveness.

I believe that Your only begotten son, Jesus Christ shed his precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn away from them

You said in Your Holy Word, in Romans 10:9 that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

Right now, I confess Jesus as the Lord of my Life. With my heart, I believe that God raised Him from the dead and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, so according to Your word, I am saved.

Thank you, Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. I thank You that Your grace never leads to licence, but to repentance. Therefore, Lord Jesus, transform my life so that I may bring glory and honour to You alone and not to myself. Thank you for dying for me and giving me eternal life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Weekly Tuesday Fellowship holds from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Post-Covid Restriction) Evening Service: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Fellowship: every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 6:00 p.m.
- **Monthly Vigil:** holds every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 11:00 p.m.
- Monthly Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat holds on 2nd Saturday of every month
- **Monthly 3-Day Fasting and Prayer:** 1st Monday to Wednesday of the month. Prayer Meeting holds daily at 6 p.m. 7 p.m.
- **Monthly Evening of Praise** holds 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- University of Marriage Retreat holds quarterly on 2nd Saturday as well.
- **Jesus On The Street Evangelism** holds every 4th Friday of the month @ 8:00 a.m.



James 5:16

Theme Song

Yes Lord

I'm trading my sorrow I'm trading my pain I'm laying them down For the Joy of the lord... Chorus: Yes Lord! Yes Lord!

Yes, Yes Lord! 3x Amen



The "Alone With God" (Devotional) 2023 is available for free download on our website www.rosgmi.org. Also subscribe to our monthly newsletter online.

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