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### WISDOM NUGGETS FOR OUTPOURING

1. Great accomplishments require great planning, and all planning must be preceded by fervent prayers. That is why God has told us clearly in Proverbs 16:3 to "commit our work to the Lord which in turn will guarantee that we are established."

The first thing you ought to do this new year is to take out the time (you should have already done this at the end of last year) to articulate what your joint plans with God are and hand them over to Him in the place of prayer.

The plans that are birthed in the place of prayer always carry that help that can only be from God, secure this help for yourself as this new year kicks off.

2. If it has not been your practice before now, get yourself a journal or a work book; list out all you plan to achieve this year and think through all the practical steps that you need to take to achieve them. The steps you list out must be actionable with timelines.

Listing out the practical steps is just the initial step and on its own will not guarantee success, what will guarantee success is your commitment to follow through on all the steps you have listed out and prayed over, for God is committed to bless the works of your hands.

Periodically ask God for all it takes to follow through, ask Him for the perseverance and wisdom required to achieve what you have set out to achieve.

3. "Faith is one key ingredient that you must secure for yourself in this new year, faith makes your labor easy, faith takes your little but sincere effort and turns it into a sign and a wonder."

Pray Psalm 51 over your life and affairs. "For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous with favour with thine compassions as with a shield. Make it a point of duty to petition heaven till you see the manifestation of favour in your life and affairs. But note the condition for the favour – you must be counted as righteous in God's sight. Do all it takes to fulfil the requirement and your petition for favour will receive speedy response from Heaven."

I pray for you today, that at the end of this new year, you will look back and rejoice because God would have satisfied you with success.

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### From The Publisher

The events of last year has inadvertently opened up more vestiges and opportunities for us to reach the unsaved for Christ. With the restriction on the distribution of the hard copies of the Living for Christ magazine, God enabled other online platforms for the propagation of His gospel, and for this we are grateful. Please visit our website to learn more.

However, we are glad to announce the resumption of the distribution of the hard copies of the Living for Christ magazine this year and we are expectant as we look forward to the many opportunities that God will make available for us to spread His Gospel this year, for it is evident that the return of our Savior is at hand and we therefore must snatch as many as we can from the fire and return them secured into the presence of our loving Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us in faith as we believe God for the first ever Living for Christ conference this year, we will bring you more details as we get more clarity from the Holy Spirit.

All of us at Living for Christ keep you in our prayers, praying without ceasing that you may stand strong, having girded yourself with the gospel of truth. And that you may always be ready to withstand the enemy having fattened righteousness like an armor on your chest.

We pray Numbers 6:24-26 KJV over you: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

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# Straight From *My Heart*

Welcome to this brand-new year that promises to be a breathe of fresh air.

Looking back at how God brought us all through last year, we cannot but give God all the praise that is due to Him. And offering of praises to Him is what we must do without fail this year, because despite any storm that might arise in 2021, God's sure word concerning you – the born-again believer – is that His voice will echo through the storm silencing it and cause an outpouring of His peace that passeth all understanding. Throughout the year, let praise and worship never cease from your lips. God has ordained deliverance and breakthrough for His beloved on the altar of worship. Psalm 29 should be your anchor scripture.

“Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: The God of glory thundereth: The Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth everyone speak of his glory”. The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Beloved, the voice of the most high God will be heard all through this year; furthermore, everything that you need to live naturally supernatural is now available for you, be intentional about fulfilling that glorious destiny that is already yours through the redemptive power of God, more than anything else make that conscious decision and effort to draw nearer to God this year, fortify your prayer life, it is the year for the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God, do not be left out!

***Get ready for the move of God!!***

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this is so because behind every storm is an abundance of rain, there is always a refreshing that comes after you have conquered the storm through the help that God gives, and when you activate the peace that comes from God in that stormy situation, you actually even thrive within the storm just like God has promised

Having this posture guarantees divine illumination that is critical for success.

However, achieving the above becomes difficult if we haven't already discovered, determined and settled it beforehand what the source of our peace is. I have had the opportunity to discuss with a couple of people going through moments of pressure and storms. Some of them had it all wrong and thought they could achieve some peace of mind by going on a hangout with friends, going on a vacation or engaging in some other activities. At best, those may bring about very temporary reprieves, at the worst those might also lead the Christian down the pathway of error.

In speaking to His disciples, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let your heart not be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27).

This gives us clarity to avoid the peace that the world gives and rather embrace that peace that flows like a river that can only come from God.

Paul in addressing the brethren at Philippi said, "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:2)

Also, Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Again John 16: 7: but very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

The Source of peace is God, the pathway to get that peace is Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit shows us how and is the carrier of God's peace. If you are born-again, the Holy Spirit dwells in you, therefore the peace of God likewise already dwells within you. The connection between you and the peace that God gives is therefore the Holy Spirit of God.

So, having been born-again, you need to work out your relationship with the Holy Spirit for it is Him that will show you how to appropriate the peace of God and in effect deliver this peace to you.

Therefore, when the storms come, as born-again, Spirit filled believers, you must look inwards to the Holy Spirit that indwells you for that peace that surpasses all understanding. The peace of God is not found in something external, it is rather found in someone who is internal. Once you find Him in any situation, then peace gushes out from within you like a river.


Again, the Holy Spirit is the carrier of the peace of God, this peace comes to us through Jesus Christ and God is the owner and source of that peace.

Whatever comes your way, let it be settled in your mind that God is in charge and let your peace stay anchored to that knowledge that God has got you covered.

The peace of God is one of the mysteries of heaven that guarantees that when others complain of a casting down you rather declare an uplifting because upliftment in the stormy season is only possible by hearing God's direction and hearing God's direction is only possible when that peace abides in you.

This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. (Isaiah 48:18)

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. (Isaiah 26:3)

I pray for you today; may you receive the grace to hear and pay attention to God's commands. May you receive the grace to trust completely in God in all the situations that may come your way. May you come to realize that truth in God's word that says He has plans for your life that will ultimately bring you to an expected end, which will be a wonder to the world and bring glory to His name. Above all, may you have sufficient peace that you may hear clearly even in the midst of the storm that still small voice whispering in your ears saying, "this is the way my child, walk therefore in it" 





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## 2. Pray Backed by Faith in Constant Motion

“If indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard.”—Colossians 1:23 (NASB)

Faith that excites God is going to come from faith that is in constant motion.

What does that mean?

When something isn't in constant motion, it becomes stagnant—complacent. As you know, stagnant water becomes putrid—a breeding ground for bacteria. It no longer offers life, but instead, becomes a hazard.

When you talk to God in prayer backed by faith in constant motion, you're not complacent in your believing. You are not moved away from the hope of the gospel and the promise of answered prayer. You are flowing and moving with His power, confidently partnering with Him to bring about His perfect will in your life.

God is a forward-moving God, and He wants you to be the same. The kind of prayer that changes everything is prayer backed by faith in constant motion

If your faith has become dormant, it's time to put it in motion again! How can you do that? Feed regularly on God's Word, fight the good fight of faith, and apply faith to every situation.

## 3. Pray Early in the Morning

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.”

—Genesis 3:8 (NKJV)

We know that we can pray to God anytime, anywhere. But different types of prayer unlock different types of power. Corporate prayer, the prayer of agreement and the prayer of intercession are each powerful in their own way. The same can be said of prayer during different times of the day.

In her book, Mary Colbert shares about her personal experience with early morning prayer. She and her husband, Dr. Don Colbert, live in Florida and often drive to the ocean in the early morning hours to take in God's creation and connect with the Father.

She believes there is a special presence of the Lord in the cool of the day that is unlike any other. “It opens the door to amazing moments with Him,” she says.

If you're in a place where your prayer life needs refreshing, try rising before the sun and praying either in your home or in a place where you can take in His creation. Speak with Him in the cool of the day, and let prayer in the early morning connect you with your Father in a fresh, new way.

## 4. Pray on the Victory Side

“But thanks be to God, who always causes us to triumph.”  
Corinthians 2:14 (EHV)

The goal in any prayer is to take victory on the other side, right? There should be no other option on the table.

If you're approaching God with a “maybe He will, maybe He won't” mentality, you're off to a bad start. Your prayers are answered when you BELIEVE you will have what you ask (Mark 11:24; James 1:6-7). You have to pray on the victory side because that's the kind of prayer that leads to triumph. On approaching the throne with confidence, Mary Colbert says, “I've never had God call me into a battle He didn't intend for me to win.” She knows from experience. When she unexpectedly ended up in the center of her nationally known prayer efforts for President Trump during the 2016 election, she had an unwavering confidence simply because she prayed with confidence that God would triumph through her. (For more on this impactful story, see the book Mary co-authored, *The Trump Prophecies*, or the movie *The Trump Prophecy*.)

If you need to stir yourself up to pray the kind of prayer that changes everything, start to see yourself victorious in your situation. Pray from a posture of triumph—not defeat. God ALWAYS causes you to triumph. You just have to get on board!

When you make these simple changes in your prayer routine and begin praying the kind of prayer that changes everything, EXPECT to see breakthrough—EXPECT to receive what you ask! God's not holding anything back from you. He's waiting for you to break through those things that have hindered you for far too long. It's about time for VICTORY! 🏆



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# SCRIPTURES TO PONDER

**Jeremiah 29:11** "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."

**Psalms 34:8** "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

**Mark 10:27** "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'"

**Philippians 1:6** "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

**Psalms 37:23-24** "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand."

**2 Corinthians 5:7** "For we live by faith, not by sight."

**Luke 12:32** "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

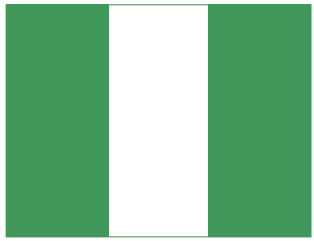
**Hebrews 10:24-25** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

**Deuteronomy 31:6** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

**Psalms 23: 5-6** "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

**Proverbs 3:3-6** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."





# *Nigeria, let the Righteous Arise*

## RIGHTEOUS PRAYER POINTS OF ACTION

"...Lord, by your strange acts, give us righteous leaders who will lead our Nation in righteousness and the fear of God."

"...Father, Turn the counsel of the wicked in our Nation into foolishness, frustrate the plans of the wicked that seeks to keep our Nation in bondage

"...Father, release the spirit of boldness and a sound mind upon your people in our Nation."

'...Lord, set the Church on the right path of righteousness, let your Spirit of conviction descend upon both the clergy and laity that your children might come back to you in repentance"

"...Father, frustrate the devices of the enemy, let their wicked plans concerning our Nation fail."

"...Lord raise men and women in your church – Gideons, Jehu's, Elijah's and Elisha's. Men and woman who will bring forth your power to bear on our nation"

"Father, let the refreshing wind of righteousness blow over our Nation and her people and thereby usher our Nation into a newness of life."

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."  
(Isaiah 62:6-7)

Beloved, be that watchman that God has set upon the walls of our Nation!!

**It's our moment for glory!!**

"WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN  
AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE; BUT  
WHEN A WICKED MAN RULES,  
THE PEOPLE GROAN".

(MALACHI 4:2)

Our nation finds itself at that defining moment where God has stirred up the hearts of many to yearn for real and positive change. We must therefore back this move by intensified prayers, beseeching our God to visit our Nation, change it for good and place the righteous in places of authority.

It must always be at the back of the mind of every believer that we must pray to our God, and because of them we must set a watch against them day and night". (Nehemiah 4:9). This is the time to make that commitment to birth a new Nation in the place of prayer.



## WISDOM NUGGETS FOR OUTPOURING

1. Great accomplishments require great planning, and all planning must be preceded by fervent prayers. That is why God has told us clearly in Proverbs 16:3 to “commit our work to the Lord which in turn will guarantee that we are established.

The first thing you ought to do this new year is to take out the time (you should have already done this at the end of last year) to articulate what your joint plans with God are and hand them over to Him in the place of prayer.

The plans that are birthed in the place of prayer always carry that help that can only be from God, secure this help for yourself as this new year kicks off.

2. If it has not been your practice before now, get yourself a journal or a work book; list out all you plan to achieve this year and think through all the practical steps that you need to take to achieve them. The steps you list out must be actionable with timelines

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Listing out the practical steps is just the initial step and on its own will not guarantee success, what will guarantee success is your commitment to follow through on all the steps you have listed out and prayed over, for God is committed to bless the works of your hands.

Prayerfully ask God for all it takes to follow through, ask Him for the perseverance and wisdom required to achieve what you have set out to achieve.

3. “Favor is one key ingredient that you must secure for yourself in this new year, favor makes your labor easy, favor takes your little but sincere effort and turns it into a sign and a wonder.

Pray Psalm 5:12 over your life and affairs, *“For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.*

Make it a point of duty to petition heaven till you see the manifestation of favor in your life and affairs But note the condition for the favor – you must be counted as righteous in God’s sight. Do all it takes to fulfil the requirement and your petition for favor will receive speedy response from Heaven.

I pray for you today, that at the end of this new year, you will look back and rejoice because God would have satisfied you with success





## ~ From The Publisher ~

The events of last year has inadvertently opened up more vestiges and opportunities for us to reach the unsaved for Christ. With the restriction on the distribution of the hard copies of the Living for Christ magazine, God enabled other online platforms for the propagation of His gospel; and for this we are grateful. Please visit our website to learn more.

However, we are glad to announce the resumption of the distribution of the hard copies of the Living for Christ magazine this year and we are expectant as we look forward to the many opportunities that God will make available for us to spread His Gospel this year, for it is evident that the return of our Savior is at hand and we therefore must snatch as many as we can from the fire and return them secured into the presence of our loving Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us in faith as we believe God for the first ever Living for Christ conference this year, we will bring you more details as we get more clarity from the Holy Spirit.

All of us at Living for Christ keep you in our prayers, praying without ceasing that you may stand strong, having girded yourself with the gospel of truth. And that you may always be ready to withstand the enemy having fastened righteousness like an armor on your chest.

**We pray Numbers 6:24-26 KJV over you: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."** 