**WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT**

**MIDMONTH 3-DAYS FASTING EXERCISE (170621)** *Day 1*

**Theme: SCATTER THOU THE PEOPLE THAT DELIGHT IN WAR**

**Topic: REBUKE THE COMPANY OF SPEAR MEN**

**Text: Ps. 68:1-5, 26-35**

**INTRODUCTION**

As the saying goes, necessity is the mother of invention; so has the unyielding security deterioration necessitated the introduction of this three-days midmonth exercise which permits the consumption of fruits only at the end of each day.

It must be remembered that controlled/supervised fasting exercise is not only good for accelerating spiritual attainment, but also a health booster, as it aids in detoxification or cleansing of the body systems (Isa.58:6-9).

The Psalmist called on the Almighty God to arise and discomfit His enemies, and put them to flight; and on another hand, let the righteous be made exceedingly glad. He acknowledged the Almighty in His identification with the weak and disadvantaged – the fatherless, widows, the lonely and prisoners (v.1-6, Dt.14:28-29). He ultimately called on the Lord to rebuke (chide, reprimand) the **company of spear men**…and scatter the people that delight in war (v.30 cp. Nah.1:4; Ps.106:9, 119:21). The word spearmen (Heb. qanch) means *a reed as erect*. Some translations in the place of “*company of spearmen’* read **“*Beasts living among the reeds’****.*

Today, there are people that hitherto enjoyed the hospitality of the indigenous people of the land; but now have transformed to invaders with the sole objective of conquering and dispossessing the indigenous people of their land. They dwell in the forests (among the reeds) and brazenly carry out attacks in different parts of the country; claiming that their god gave them Nigeria for their possession (Ps.11:1-2 cp.2Chr.20:10-12).

Now, though we know that God is judging the nation for her iniquities, yet we cannot keep mute and watch the wicked deal with people more righteous that them (Hak.1:13 ,Gen.18:23,25). As we appreciate that the gospel work in being seriously threatened (Isa.49:5,6, Matt.28:19), we should cry unto the Lord to rebuke the invaders company of spearmen even the beasts living among the reeds and scatter the people that delight in war (Prov.19:21, Ps.33:10)

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**PRAYER POINTS**

* **(Ps.92:1-5)** – Let’s give thanks to the Lord for all His mercies towards our GS, and the entire Watchman Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement.
* **(Jer.9:23,24)** – Let us praise the Lord for His attributes of righteousness and justice.
* **(Ps.68:10)** – The invaders have the mind of beasts and so show terrible wickedness to their victims, let us ask the Lord to immediately intervene and stop them in their tracks.
* **(Isa. 22:25)** – These godless invaders have apparently taken root in the forests of Southern Nigeria; let us call upon God to root them out.
* **(Job 31:3, Ps.11:7)** – The blood of the murdered people are speaking. Let us pray that the Lord will visit the iniquity of their collaborators (those that assisted or are assisting them, in their wicked program).
* **(Gen.16:8-12)** – Let every man’s hand turn against the sons of the bond woman.
* **( )** – Pray for more grace and other Personal requests.

**WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT**

**MIDMONTH 3-DAYS FASTING EXERCISE (180621)** *Day 2*

**Theme: SCATTER THOU THE PEOPLE THAT DELIGHT IN WAR**

**Topic: SAVE ME, O GOD FOR THE WATERS ARE COME IN UNTO MY SOUL**

**Texts: Ps. 68:1-5; 69:1-6**

**INTRODUCTION**

In the art of prayer, there is a place for the repetition of requests until observation or realization of expectation (1Kgs.18:41-45, Matt.26:36-44, Mk.8:22-25). The Lord Jesus buttressed this truth in His parable of the unjust judge (Lk.18:1-7 cp. 1Thess.5:22). The issue of rapidly escalating rate of insecurity in the nation cannot be over emphasized; and the Watchmen cannot afford to relax until the situation is reversed and the new Nigeria long awaited is realized, as light that shines out of darkness (Isa.62:1,6-7). So until we stop seeing gory images of people butchered en masse, and sights of villages completely burnt down, we will not stop calling upon the Lord for His intervention.

The psalmist cried out to the Lord to save him from a potentially destructive circumstance (Ps.69). It was the same way that King Asa cried out when the intimidating one million man Ethiopian army came against him (2Chro.14:8-14). Whenever the poor or weak cries unto the Lord, the Mightier than the mightiest and Stronger than the strongest always responds (Ps.34:4-6, 3:4).

Our country is suffering severe hemorrhage (bleeding) through the activities of invading bandits (from neighbouring countries) and their collaborators. These evil men are blood thirsty and heartless. They rape, maim, murder and destroy the belongings of their victims; and occupy places abandoned by fleeing natives. They are well armed and supported by some people in authority. We have no might against them but we have the Lord of host with us (2Cor.10:4). He has the capacity to drive them away overnight (Isa.37:29).

We shall call upon the righteous God to intervene and bring their counsel to naught.

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**PRAYER POINTS**

* **(Ps.47:1-9)** – Let us bless the King of the earth for all the victories that we have enjoyed through Him. Let us appreciate the divine protection that we have enjoyed.
* **(Num.23:19, 2Cor.1:20)** – Let us remind the Lord of the numerous promises that He made to us especially the 3 fold end time project, and ask Him to arise to neutralize all forces that want to negate them.
* **(Prov.6:16,17, Joel 3:19)** – Let the Lord frustrate and abort all plots to shed the blood of the innocent in any part of this country. Pray that the Lord will frustrate all plans to assassinate high profile targets, to scuttle God’s program and subjugate any people.
* **(Acts 9:1-5, Isa.59:19)** – Let’s call upon the Lord to defend His church and make mortal men know that they are but grass. Let the Lord give those standing against Christianity a dose of His wisdom as He did to Benhadad (1Kgs.20:13-20).
* **(Isa.10:1-3)** – The 1999 Constitution which the nation is operating on is very unfair to majority of the citizens; let us pray that the Governor among the nations will assist in its removal and replacement with an equitable draft.
* **(Isa.8:9,10)** – There are sorcerers that are making enchantments to keep the people in this country indifferent to the evil goings on; let us pray that the Lord will scatter such sorcerers and neutralize their enchantment/curses. Let us pray for general arousal of awareness in the people of this country to refuse evil in all forms.
* **(2Sam.17:14, Isa.47:1-3)** – Let the Lord expose and disgrace all those politicians secretly working against the constitution that they swore to uphold and defend.
* **(Zech.12:8-9) –** Pray for the protection of our staff and students at LOGISS; and for all Watchman students, corpers, etc all over the country.
* Personal requests.

**WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT**

**MIDMONTH 3-DAYS FASTING EXERCISE (190621)** *Day3*

**Theme: SCATTER THOU THE PEOPLE THAT DELIGHT IN WAR**

**Topic: BE SILENT, O ALL FLESH, BEFORE THE LORD**

**Text: Zech.2:1-13**

**INTRODUCTION**

Fasting is an exercise that a believer should regularly engage in (Matt.6:16-18; 2 Cor.6:4,5; 11:23,27). It potentiates faith and spiritual power (Est.4:13-16; Matt.17:17-21). It paves the way for spiritual manifestations (Acts 13:1-4). Fasting also yields improved physical health (Isa.58:8). It is therefore a form of labour with tremendous profit (Pro.14:23).

On this 3rd day of the fast, the power of God is assuredly present to attend to the issues that will be raised. Zechariah, the post exile prophet got a vision of the manifestation of God’s power in favour of His people: enlargement (v.4), security (v.5), defence (v.8), restoration (v.10,12). It should be noted that Jerusalem had just come out of divine judgment and is now being assured of great things ahead (v.6; Jer.29:11). And Babylon which was the instrument of the judgment shall be punished (v.6,7,9).

Whenever God’s power manifests, every creature is required or influenced to be still/silent. (Ps.76:6-8, 89:7-9).

The forces spilling the blood of Nigerians are the instruments of judgment and shall equally be judged, as it was with Babylon. (Rom.15:4, Zech.2:8-9).

We shall pray and move the hands of God in favour of our existence, for corporate prayers avail tremendously (Matt.18:18-20). All flesh shall be still.

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**PRAYER POINTS**

* **(Ps.124:1-6)** – Appreciate God who has been on our side.
* **(Isa.43:26; Gen.26:13; Heb.11:12)** – Let’s remind the Lord of these promises and request for speedy fulfillment.
* **(Ps.21:1-6; 71:7-9)** – Pray for the health of the GS; and for his family that the Lord will assist them to fulfill their purpose.
* **(Isa.41:21; Ps.20:1- )** – Pray for the Diocesan Pastor and family that the Lord will assist them to fulfill their calling/purpose.
* **(1Cor.16:9)** – Pray for open doors for the Watchman at this time, let there be influx of people.
* **(Isa.19:2-4)** –Let all the instruments of judgment (Boko-Haram, ISWAP, Bandits, Herdsmen) turn against each other until none is left. Their sponsors shall go down with them. Let the Lord also *use natural forces* to neutralize them **(Job 1:16, 20)**
* **(2Kgs.6:8-22; Isa.37:29-38)** – Pray that the Lord will scuttle every plan or programme designed by men that will conflict with God’s plan for this nation.
* **(Zech.2:5; 3Jn.2) –** Pray for protection and provision for the Watchmen at this time.
* **(Est.6:6-10) –** Make declarations on yourself as the one that the King delighteth to honour; after these days of fasting exercise.
* **(Eph.3:20) –** Also pray for your neighbours for superlative visitation.
* Thank the Lord for His positive response to our prayers