

Christian Legislators Fellowship Holds National Prayer Breakfast on the theme **The Emergence Of New Nigeria**



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The Christian Legislators Fellowship in the 10th National Assembly held the 13th Edition of their annual National Prayer Breakfast on the 9th of November 2023 at one of the Senate hearing Chambers in the National Assembly. This edition of the National Prayer Breakfast with the theme; **The Emergence of new Nigeria** was attended by Christian legislators from the two chambers of the National Assembly, dignitaries, traditional rulers, staff of the National Assembly as well as visitors, friends and well-wishers from both within and outside the National Assembly.

In his welcome address the President of the Fellowship, Distinguished Senator Yaroe Binos Dauda welcomed all the dignitaries present including his colleagues while recalling the first time he attended the National Prayer Breakfast at the International Conference Centre in 2019 where prominent sons and daughters of Nigeria including

former head of State Gen. Yakubu Gowon (rtd), Gen. T.Y Danjuma, Prof. Jerry Gana and a host of other distinguished Nigerians were in attendance. According to him, 'even though today National Prayers is not graced by such arrays of personalities my joy is that we have the presence of the most important personality in the world

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who is Jesus Christ with us'. He appreciated the Almighty God for the continuous sustenance of the National Prayers which according to him has helped not only to foster unity and love within the Fellowship but has also helped to keep the country on the path of peace, unity and progress. He enjoined members of the Fellowship to continue with the same zeal by attending prayer meetings on Wednesdays at the Senate and Thursdays at the House of Representatives. The President promised that by the special grace of God the next edition of the National Prayer Breakfast will be taking place at the auditorium of the Fellowship Chapel located within the National Assembly which is almost nearing completion. He expressed his gratitude to the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Sen. Remi Tinubu and the Senate President Rt. Hon. and Distinguished Senator Godswill Akpabio for their moral support and commitment to the completion of the Chapel. Senator Yaroe maintained that the theme of this 13th Edition implies that everyone of us and all Nigerians must change our conduct to reflect our dream for the emergence of a new Nigeria.

At the prayer session, Hon. Dr. Adedayo Adesola Samuel a zonal Pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God lead in the prayers for the nation while Senator Amos Yohanna led the prayers for the leaders of the Nation. Pastor Okoji from Benue State led the prayers for the Executive Arm of Government while another lawmaker Hon. James Barka led the prayers for the Legislature. Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis led in the prayers for Judiciary

while Hon. Bamidele Salami led in the prayers for peace and unity in the country. Hon David Ogegwu led the prayers for the security of the nation while Hon. Jeremiah Umaru led in the prayers for the growth and development of the country. After the prayers session there was a powerful music ministration by the Fellowship Choristers which was followed by the message from the Guest Speaker, Rev. Tokunbo Adejuwon. In his sermon the Guest Speaker who is a leader of the Rhema Bible Train Ministry took his message from the book of Isaiah 65 v17. He said that God's method of bringing change in the life of a people and nation is through faith in the word of God. According to him there seemed to be a negativity that is prevailing in the nation which is contrary to the word of God. 'Everybody seemed to have lost hope in the country and so there is negative confession all over the place and this can not and will never augur well for the progress of the nation' He explained that for a nation to move forward the thinking, speaking and believe of the people must change. This is because according to him it is what the people of a nation thinks, believe and confesses that ultimately comes to pass according to the word of God. Mark 11v23. According to him what we say about our country matters a lot.

If we confess positively, we get positive results but when we confess negatively that is what we get. 'For us to birth a new Nigeria we must all renew our minds, we must think positively, our attitudes must change, and we must see what is positive about our nation.' He said that our Leader must be visionary and always keep a picture of where they are taking the nation and her citizens to. 'We must all move our nation forward and stop trying to divide our nation along ethnic, tribal and religious lines. We are better together'. According to Rev, Adejuwon 'our primary responsibility as Christians and children of God is to preach the gospel, but this cannot be achieved in an atmosphere of division. If we need to stay together, we need to see things in God's eyes. Let's start thinking right, think Nigeria, put Nigeria first. We must all resolve to stand for what is right and continue to pray for our nation. Leadership is about serving the people and not self-seeking. It is putting the people first'. He concludes his sermon by maintaining that for the emergence of new Nigeria we must all think positively, believe in God and in our nation, speak positively about our nation and act and confess according to his word and purpose for our nation.

In his remarks and vote of thanks the Vice President of the Fellowship Hon. Amos Magaji took his time to identify and introduced all the lawmakers and dignitaries present. He appreciated and thank everyone that attended the National Prayer Breakfast. He enjoined all to continue to look up to the Almighty God who alone is worthy to be praised and honoured. He promised just like the President did earlier that the next edition of the National Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Fellowship Chapel which will soon be complete