



Church of the Province of West Africa

PRIMATE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

My dear brothers and sisters. On behalf of Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Faithful of the Church of The Province of West Africa, I send you warm Christmas greetings and prayers.

At Christmas, the message of the Angels rings true. fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people for in the city of David is born a saviour who is Christ the Lord. Again in Luke 2:14, it is recorded of the song of the Angels, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill to all people.

As we enter the dying embers of the year 2025, we are reminded by the Angels that we are not to be afraid, but to remain resolute and strong in our faith in the Lord Jesus and to be persuaded of the promise and pledge of our God and creator that the thoughts he has for us are good and always for our benefit and his plans for us are without blemish.

Again, we should never forget the essence of the message of the Angels, Glory to God in the Highest. All Glory in our life and our purpose must be ascribed to the God of grace and favour. It is only he who deserves Glory and honour. As the Psalmist says in Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness..

This should be our core business in the coming year as we look forward in anticipation of what he is able to accomplish in our life.

Secondly it is our core duty and business to seek the welfare of our peoples especially the poor and the vulnerable in our communities. This Christmas, The Christ Child calls on us to share Goodwill with all people. God on his part has always showered on us underserved mercies and goodwill despite our particular circumstances and we are called this Christmas to be heralds of his Goodwill and His Peace. Let us make an intentional gesture of goodwill in our church communities to the poor and the vulnerable this Christmas.

We call on all Anglicans worldwide and in our Province of West Africa to consider themselves as heralds of Peace and Goodwill in ensuring that the message and songs of the Angels become a reality in our homes, families, Churches and nations. All glory and all we have been able to achieve this year must be ascribed unto the Lord and due honour be given to him.



We call on all Anglicans to consider themselves as heralds of the call to five years of discipleship in our province and to join in the call to plant 500 new Anglican Churches in Our Re Ghana and to win 50,000 souls. I call on this to be replicated in the Internal Province of West Africa.

Finally, we are called to be champions of environment justice for our nations and to ensure that God's creation is sustained and renewed. Let us continue to preach the message of Goodwill to all People. This Christmas, I invite you to make a gesture of goodwill to friends and non-friends alike.

Dear friends, as we celebrate Christmas and look to the year ahead, may we hold to these words, as we seek to be a faithful Christian presence.

May The Christ Child lead us to discover the peace that the world is looking for through acts of selfless service and respect for God's gift to us in the birth of His Son. May we cleanse our thoughts and minds to receive the one perfect gift that God bestows on All Humankind.

May our song resonate with the song of the Angels, Glory to God in the Highest and Peace and Goodwill to All people. Together let us sing this song in unison and concert with All God's People.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New Year.

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