

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Heavenly Father, Jehovah Jesus Christ, Holy Michael, Almighty and Merciful God, we come before You today by Your grace. You are the God of grace—the number five—and in this fifth month Your grace has been compressed for the founding of this great church. Upon that celestial grace of Luly we stand and gather. Mighty Father, minister Your grace to our souls. As I minister Your Word in Your name, let every force of darkness that has risen against us bow down. In today’s encounter, by Your grace, grant us total freedom, and may Your glory be magnificently manifested in every life. In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen.

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### **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! We return all glory to God Almighty for our lives and for the gift of a new month. It is a promise of continued grace, and He who began this good work will carry it on for us in Jesus’ name. Lift your hands and say, “Thank You, Daddy!”

On behalf of our spiritual head, Reverend Mano Friday, we greet and welcome you to this house of worship. By the standard of His grace, you shall not go back empty-handed today. Amen!

We express heartfelt appreciation to every member of the Cathedral, both here and abroad—our fathers and mothers, the parish council, every department, and each individual. On behalf of my family, I say: Thank you. May the Lord, who has counted us worthy to serve Him, meet you at your point of need.

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### **A Word to the Youth**

To the young ones among us: you are a generation set apart by God, poised to fulfill your destiny. By His faithfulness, you are here for a divine purpose. Amen!

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### **Opening Praise**

Let us celebrate with this song of promise:

“I am going higher today, into the presence of Jesus.  
I speak with celestial audacity that none of you shall be stopped, in the name of Jesus.  
Hallelujah!”

Clap your hands and rejoice! Whatever trials you face, whatever failures you’ve endured, God’s grace will uplift you. Let us worship Him together.

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### **Declaration of Empowerment**

As we prepare for our juvenile harvest, I pray: every enablement—financial, spiritual, physical—shall be released unto you in the name of Jesus Christ. Surrender your status, your achievements, and your honors to God. Feel your nothingness before Him, and watch as the Lord elevates you. Amen!

This year, by the voice of God, I declare that Your glory shall speak for you. Hallelujah!

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## **Sermon: “Withhold Mercy—The Making of a Remnant of Grace”**

### **Introduction**

Our failure to appreciate and honor the grace we enjoy often leads to its abuse. Familiarity breeds contempt, and in our complacency we forget the battles we face unconsciously. Yet God is calling us to a higher standard of obedience, for obedience is the key to miracles (Ezekiel 14:12–13).

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### **1. The Breaking of the Staff**

“Son of man, when the land sins against Me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out my hand upon it and break the staff of its bread; I will send famine upon it and cut off man and beast.”

—Ezekiel 14:12–13

The “staff of bread” symbolizes provision. In disobedience, God withholds this staff—our natural and spiritual sustenance. Many think their position secures provision, but without God’s grace, their resources cannot sustain them.

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### **2. Abuse of Grace and Familiarity**

“You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but never have enough; you drink, but never are filled with drink...”

—Haggai 1:6

This shows that though we abound in resources, true provision eludes us when we despise God’s grace. People may not honor you, but when God’s honor rests upon you, all opposition bows.

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### **3. The Remnant of Grace**

Even in the midst of judgment, God preserves a remnant:

“Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought forth, both sons and daughters.”

—Ezekiel 14:20

That remnant is here today. Despite pervasive sin—in society and even within the Church—God’s grace upholds those who remain faithful.

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### **4. The Call to Repentance**

When John the Baptist saw the religious leaders, he called them:

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance...”  
—Matthew 3:7–8

We too must examine ourselves. Are we living out our profession? Or are we venomous in our speech and conduct? True repentance yields fruit—it transforms the heart and life.

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## 5. The Danger of Doubt

When the Israelites doubted God’s promise, they prolonged their journey:

“As I live, says the Lord, none of the men who have seen My glory and the signs I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted Me these ten times and have not obeyed My voice, shall see the land...”  
—Numbers 14:22

Excuses and doubts disqualify us. Every doubt is a step away from breakthrough. God cannot be mocked; what you sow, you reap.

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## 6. Reserved for a Monument of Mercy

You are not casualties—you are a reserved generation called to be a monument of God’s grace. In Genesis 7, Noah is remembered and preserved:

“Come you and all your household into the ark...for I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.”  
—Genesis 7:1

Noah entered the ark before God sent the flood. Likewise, God is calling you: “Come in, that you and your household may be saved.”

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## Application & Prayer

- **Obedience:** Align every act, word, and thought to honor God in this sanctuary and beyond.
- **Repentance:** Bear fruit worthy of repentance, demonstrating a heart transformed by grace.
- **Faith:** Trust God’s spoken Word without doubting His ability.
- **Position:** Enter the place of God’s presence now, so when judgment falls, you and your household are spared.

### Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your withholding mercy that refines us. By Your grace, restore every contaminated area of our lives—spiritually, financially, mentally, and physically. Multiply our resources; empower our gifts; uphold us by Your strength. We declare that no calamity or storm can shake us, for Your grace is our anchor. We are the remnant of grace, a living monument to Your mercy.

Fill us, revive us, and lift us high. Every failure is canceled, every delay removed, every condemning word silenced. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen!

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### **Closing Declaration**

Wherever you have been incapacitated—spiritually, financially, mentally, or physically—grace shall empower you. Grace shall revive you, uphold you, and become your very identity. Speak it out: “I am a remnant of grace. Grace speaks for me, represents me, and elevates me in Jesus' name!”

Hallelujah, and God bless you richly!