

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AT THE CORPORATE
PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME OF CALEB UNIVERSITY, IMOTA,
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Visiting Ministers, Management, Staff and Students of Caleb University

Happy New Year! May the Lord make this your best year ever!

I welcome you all to this special corporate prayer and thanksgiving programme of Caleb University, the first of its kind since a similar programme was organized to dedicate this location when the University relocated from the take-off site in November 2009. First, we thank God for sparing our lives to see yet another calendar year and it is for this reason that we gather to glorify God for His wonderful works among us. Second, we also need to commit the new year to God so He can shower more of His blessings and mercies on us.

As this is a Christian University, it is Biblical to praise the Lord, acknowledge His greatness and power and thank Him for all He has done. We are in our sixth year of existence and have successfully graduated two sets of bachelor's degree holders; our products are excelling in their callings; our programmes have NUC and professional accreditation; our students and staff are winning awards and honours; we were spared when the NUC axe fell on some private universities last year; our college of postgraduate studies is set to take off; and many of us have personal testimonies of divine intervention in our lives. That's why our song today is: "I have a reason to praise the Lord" and why we praise the Lord always with our whole hearts.

And yet we need to ask God for more grace and blessings as we face the challenges of a new year. New programmes, such as MSc Architecture and BSc Physics-with-Electronics, are coming on board, our second Convocation is around the corner and the third is planned for later in the year, and there are ambitious plans to expand facilities and programmes before the end of the year, none of which we can achieve by our power. There are battles to fight every step of the way as we move along to possess our possessions in the Promised Land.

It is for these reasons and also to make ourselves ready for the Lord's coming and to be vessels of honour as we do so that we have gathered today to praise and pray. We must prepare our hearts and manifest faith for the power of God to be demonstrated in our lives today. I am

confident that something good is about to happen today and that God will use His anointed minister and his team to bring down power as of old.

On behalf of the Caleb University Family, I welcome our guest Minister, Pastor Amos Ifedayomi, a man that God has endued with His power, grace and gifts for this generation. I can testify to what God can do through him because we once invited him for two full days of ministration at the University of Lagos with results that endure to this day. Please humble yourself, cleanse your heart, manifest faith in God and His prophet so that He can do you good. You will never be the same again from today in Jesus Name.

May the Lord open heaven today, transform people, use His ministers mightily and bless everyone, especially Caleb University, beyond what we can ask or think. For, we know that He is well able ...

Thank you for listening. God bless.

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