



FOR THE LORD HAS SOUGHT OUT  
A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART  
1 SAMUEL 13:14 (NLT)



A CELEBRATORY TRIBUTE TO

*Pastor*  
**MICHAEL OLAWORE**

1961-2018

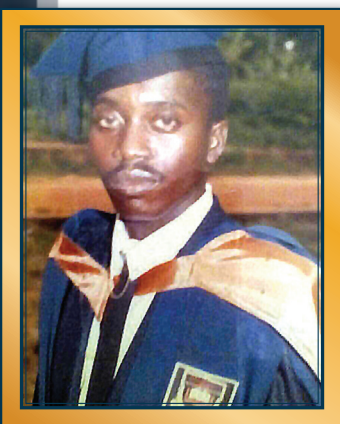


*Pastor Michael Olawore*

# A LIFE DEVOTED TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Pastor Michael Olagoke Olawore was born in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 1st December 1961 to the family of Mr Jacob Olawore and Mrs Adebimpe Deborah Olawore. He was the sixth child of seven children.

He attended Baptist Day School, Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire for his primary education, and moved from Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria at the age of 12 where he lived with his half-brother. For his secondary education, he attended Baptist High School Ejigbo, Nigeria. While there, he had a passion for table tennis and was part of the school team. He also enjoyed playing football. He sat for his GCE "O" levels in June 1980 and graduated with a division one.



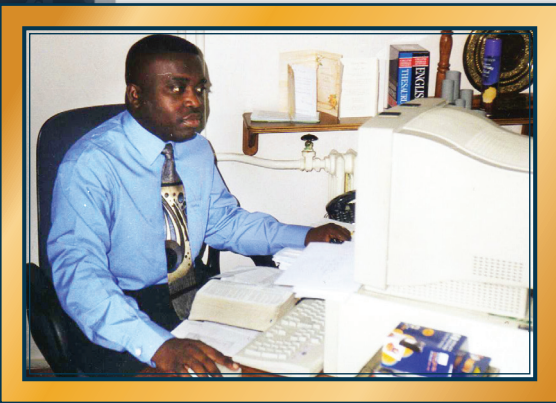
He later studied at Federal Polytechnic Idah, Nigeria, and graduated in 1982 with a diploma in electrical engineering. In that same year, he was admitted into the University of Ilorin where he continued his studies in electrical engineering and graduated in June 1986 with a second class: upper division.

He relocated to the UK in June 1989, and while settling down to life in the UK, he became aware of a nagging feeling of emptiness. Something in him told him that life had to be more than what he was currently experiencing in the empty pleasures of night clubs, drinking and worldly living. The things that used to excite him had begun to irritate him, and he began to seek to discover the purpose and essence of his life. So, when a friend invited him to Church, he honoured the invitation. Most of his unanswered questions were answered at that service, and in the evening



of that day, he knelt down in his room crying and sobbing – he finally let go of the world of frustration and embraced Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour!

From the moment that he gave his heart to the Lord, he began to experience deep-seated satisfaction, fulfilment and real joy. Life now became meaningful; for him, it was the beginning of real life! He settled down in a local Church and started attending the “Upper Room Fellowship” led by Dr Tayo Adeyemi. Later on, when Upper Room Fellowship became what is now known as New Wine Church, he played a pivotal role in its phenomenal growth, alongside the founding Pastor, Dr Tayo Adeyemi.



In 1990, he graduated from the computer science department of University of Greenwich with a diploma, and later did his Masters in Information Systems Engineering at London South Bank University (LSBU). At LSBU, he wrote and presented a dissertation on the topic – “Developing Information Systems for New Wine Church.” His presentation was rated the best in the department, and this was a defining moment in his burgeoning career.

From the time when he began his walk with the Lord, Pastor Michael would regularly visit brethren with the view to encourage them in the faith. His spiritual defining moment was in 1993 when he visited a woman who had been diagnosed with diabetes. He prayed for her and she was healed of her condition. This was a turning point in Pastor Michael’s walk with the Lord, and he became passionate and committed to ministering healing and hope to people.

Pastor Michael was the first Director of the ushering and protocol departments in New Wine Church. Under his leadership, the team grew significantly and was highly sought after whenever city-wide Christian conferences were organised. Amongst those conferences where he served were the London International Power Conference, Mission to London, and Prophetic Intercessory Prayer Conference. He was also instrumental in training ushers from other churches and ministries.

Within New Wine Church operations, he was later redeployed to become head of the Warfare and Intercessory Team (WAIT), the prayer engine of the Church. Under his leadership, the team grew from 4 members to 140 strong, dynamic and seasoned intercessors. He led teams of intercessors on



prayer marches to places within the community and to the Home Office to make prophetic declarations of peace and blessings over the society, and justice and fairness in executive decisions.

In 1993, he met Miss Ayotunde Olujumoke Sotire at a friend's house. Their friendship blossomed into a relationship, and they got married on 21st May 1994. Theirs was the first wedding conducted in New Wine Church. A year later they were blessed with a set of twin boys, Emmanuel and Joshua. Later on, in 2002, they were blessed with a baby girl, Zoe, who is the apple of her father's eye.



While Pastor Michael's family was growing, so was his relationship with God and his commitment to ministry. In 1995, he was ordained a minister in the Church. He joined the corporate expression of the Church (New Wine International) as a full time staff, and in his capacity as the Executive Administrator of New Wine International, he was responsible for administering many of New Wine's operations.

He was ordained as a Pastor on 25th July 2004. Shortly afterwards, he became the Executive Director of New Wine International, and was responsible for all of New Wine's operations both in the UK and abroad. This included setting up and running New Wine International offices in Lagos, Nigeria and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Pastor Michael's biggest dream was to see the power of God flow through him to the extent that the demonstration of God's power would become a normal, everyday occurrence. From the inception of New Wine Church, he served diligently alongside the founding Pastor, and contributed to the tremendous growth of the Church from 25 members, to the point where it has become one of the leading churches in the UK with over 3,000 members.

Pastor Michael became the Senior Pastor of New Wine in 2013, after the transition of the Founding Pastor, Dr Tayo Adeyemi. He continued to grow the ministry, expanding from one location in South-east London, to 15 other branches located in the UK and other nations such as Bulgaria, Luxembourg, South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria and Canada.

He carried a distinctive mandate to empower people to understand and experience God's grace, and to challenge them towards fulfilling their life's purpose.



Pastor Michael served the Lord in full-time ministry for over 24 years. He possessed a unique passion for excellence, and an unceasing zeal to see people set free from spiritual bondage and experience God's boundless blessings. He was relentless in stirring up the gifts and potential inside people, and challenging them so that they are propelled from where they are to where God wants them to be in order to fulfil their divine destiny. This was demonstrated in his tremendous work of equipping and impacting Church members and actively developing leaders around the world.



He was a seasoned conference speaker who shared the message of the Kingdom of God, the power of His grace and the love of Jesus Christ with tens of thousands of people in many countries including Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Bulgaria, Uganda, Tanzania, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and the US. He was also the host of the Maximise Life TV broadcast that currently reaches over 140 million homes in over 150 nations weekly.

Pastor Michael was the CEO of New Wine International and was part of the board of directors of Creflo Dollar Ministries, Europe. He was also a respected community leader, sitting on the leadership boards of various organisations.

He held a firm conviction that the Church of God is God's agency of positive transformation to the world. He believed that the Church had the responsibility to reach out beyond the walls of the worship centre in order to engage effectively with the community. This conviction was consistently demonstrated in Pastor Michael's leadership, as he led New Wine Church to embark on many philanthropic programmes that continue to transform multiplied thousands of lives around the world.

In the Spring of 2017, under Pastor Michael's visionary leadership, New Wine Church received a civic leadership award from the Royal Borough of Greenwich for "outstanding contribution to the social, economic and physical wellbeing of the community."





Pastor Michael demonstrated a passionate love for God, unceasing love for people and a phenomenal commitment to the advancement of God's Kingdom.

He placed an exceptional premium on a healthy family life and enjoyed 24 blissful years of marriage to his precious wife, Lady Ayo. She is an epitome of dignity and graceful womanhood, and was the quiet, prayerful tower of strength behind her husband's success.

Following a courageous battle with illness, Pastor Michael transitioned into eternal glory on 6th July 2018. He has left a great legacy of faith, excellence, vision, divine wisdom and exemplary service that mark him out as a Kingdom trailblazer whose impact upon tens of thousands of lives within New Wine Church and around the world will forever be cherished.

We salute Pastor Michael and honour him as one of God's chosen vessels of honour in this generation.



He is survived by his dearly beloved wife, Lady Ayo; his children, Emmanuel, Joshua and Zoe; his extended family and the family of New Wine Church in London and across the world.





CELEBRATING A LIFE OF TOTAL DEVOTION TO GOD  
AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HUMANITY



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Pastor Michael Olawore*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

FRIDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 - 10:00AM

PROCESSION	<i>New Wine Mass Choir</i>
OPENING PRAYER	<i>Dr Hugh Osgood</i>
WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS	<i>Pastor Kola Taiwo</i>
IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL	<i>New Wine Mass Choir</i>
BIBLE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 1 – 10	<i>Patricia Narebor</i>
TRIBUTE	<i>Emmanuel Olawore</i>
EULOGY	<i>Multimedia</i>
TRIBUTE	<i>Joshua Olawore</i>
THE AIR I BREATHE	<i>New Wine Mass Choir</i>
TRIBUTE	<i>Zoe Olawore</i>
BIBLE READING: ROMANS 8: 31 – 39	<i>Jide Olaleye</i>
TRIBUTE	<i>Wole Oyetwale</i>
WORD 1	<i>Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo</i>
SONG: GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE	<i>New Wine Mass Choir</i>
TRIBUTE	<i>Enock Olawore</i>
50 CHURCHES IN 5 YEARS	<i>Multimedia</i>
WORD 2	<i>Dr Creflo Dollar</i>
MICHAEL OLAWORE BULGARIAN LEGACY	<i>i. Multimedia</i>
	<i>ii. Dr Creflo Dollar</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	<i>Pastor David Adabale</i>
CLOSING PRAYER	<i>Rev. Celia Apeagyei-Collins</i>
CLOSING HYMN: GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN	<i>New Wine Mass Choir</i>



# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:

*It is well, (it is well)  
With my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live  
If Jordan above me shall roll  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*- Hymn 2 -*

# THE AIR I BREATHE

Chorus:

You are the balm of Gilead  
You are the rose of Sharon  
You are my peace in the midst of the storm  
You are the air I breathe, oh Lord you are /2x

You are the balm of Gilead  
You are the rose of Sharon  
You are my peace in the midst of the storm  
You are the air I breathe, oh Lord you are /2x

Verse:

Lord I thank you for your touch  
And Your warm embrace  
Your joy fills my heart  
Lord I'm so thankful

Lord I thank you for your touch  
And Your warm embrace  
Your joy fills my heart  
Lord I'm so grateful

Chorus:

Hook:

Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh  
Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh  
Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh  
You are the air I breathe, oh Lord you are /2x

Bridge:

You are the air I breathe /10x

Chorus:



# GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

God be with you till we meet again  
By His counsels guide, uphold you  
With His sheep in love enfold you  
God be with you till we meet again.

## Refrain

*Till we meet, till we meet  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet  
Till we meet, till we meet  
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you  
Daily manna still provide you  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again  
When life's perils thick confound you  
Put His arms unfailing round you  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you  
Smite death's threatening wave before you  
God be with you till we meet again.



*“A life of unceasing prayer  
and worship empowers  
you to influence  
heaven and earth.”*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE



*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"Jesus is The Vine... all you need to live a fruitful life  
is found in Him!"*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE



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# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"You are an incredible original, called by His grace in Jesus Christ,  
to manifest God's glory in your own unique way. Arise and Shine."*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE





‘you are the salt of the earth...’  
‘you are the light of the world...’

Matthew 5: 13 – 16



*A glorious future awaits!*

# 50 CHURCHES IN 5 YEARS

When you stand on the shoulders of giants, you get the opportunity to see further. This aptly describes the transfer of leadership of New Wine Church from Dr Tayo Adeyemi, the founder, to his successor, Pastor Michael Olawore.

In 2013, when Pastor Michael received the mantle of leadership, he hit the ground running! He had a tireless approach towards expanding the reach of the Gospel of Jesus, and actualising the multi-dimensional vision that his predecessor Dr Tayo Adeyemi had encapsulated in a statement called “The Church I See.” Pastor Michael had an indomitable spirit and a heart that embraced people of every cultural background, so it was not a huge surprise to the leaders under him, when he introduced the vision for expansion, with the goal to plant “50 Churches in 5 Years.”

Pastor Michael was a seasoned traveller. Over the years, he had visited many countries across the world on mission trips, attending conferences, ministering at crusades, and honouring speaking engagements. During his journeys, he identified various needs in communities and also within the Body of Christ. These needs stirred in him a deep sense of love and compassion for people, and an insatiable quest to raise and equip Pastors who would serve their congregations and communities with the heart of a shepherd.

Following a dynamic encounter with God in October 2014, Pastor Michael unveiled the mandate to replicate the model of New Wine Church in 50 other locations. He pursued this vision to plant “50 Churches in 5 Years” on the basis of the unique vision that God had given the corporate body of New Wine Church, which is: to help individuals discover, develop and deploy the unique gifts that God has placed within them to the glory of God and the betterment of humanity.

Pastor Michael held the firm belief that the Church of Christ is God’s agent for the transformation of society. He believed that the Church is



to be the agent of hope and purpose for people living in an often-difficult world. He embraced the truth of Christ's Words in Matthew 5: 13 – 16,

*'you are the salt of the earth...' and 'you are the light of the world...'*

Pastor Michael was passionately committed to the urgency of the moment and wasted no time in moving when the Lord said 'Go!' So, from the time the mandate for "50 Churches in 5 Years" was birthed, he laid foundations which have resulted in rapid growth. Within three and a half years of the five year mandate, the Lord has established the nucleus for 25 Churches, with 15 branches fully operational in 7 nations, namely United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Uganda, Canada, Nigeria, South Africa and Bulgaria. Plans for 10 new branches are in place and pastors for these branches have already been trained. These branches are set to be launched in Jamaica, Bulgaria, Haiti, Luxembourg, Cote d'Ivoire, France and various cities in the United Kingdom.

Pastor Michael saw New Wine Church as transcending a religious centre. He envisioned it as a multi-faceted expression of God's goodness and power to bring transformation to the different spheres of society and national life such as Education, Arts & Entertainment, Religion, Family, Business & Economy, Media and Government.

Consequently, New Wine Church in Lagos, Nigeria launched a day-care centre to cater for children in the community. Pastor Michael also led New Wine to sponsor water borehole facilities and purchase educational resources for École Fraternité Bois de Caiman, a primary school in Haiti. The headquarters Church in London also established "Gateway Saturday School" which has flourished, with plans underway to setup Gateway School, to serve more children in the Royal Borough of Greenwich community.

Pastor Michael also commenced plans to set up a School of Politics and School of Entrepreneurship to equip believers with the knowledge, skills and spiritual enablement to fulfil their assignment in those spheres of endeavour.

Pastor Michael lit the torch of expansion, which has gone into several nations as a beacon of hope. The journey continues into many more nations, with firm faith in God and complete assurance that He who began this great work through Pastor Michael is faithful to continue and complete it. So we march on in Christ... A glorious future awaits!





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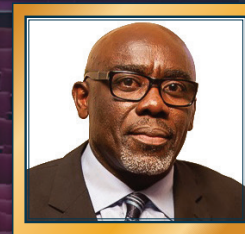
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*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"Embrace the word of God unreservedly;  
it is assigned to lead the way towards your next level."*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE



*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"Never write yourself off.  
It is never over until God says so."*  
PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE





## *Ayo Olawore*

### A TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

My darling husband, you will be greatly missed. Words cannot express how much I miss you. It's like a part of me has gone and the pain is deeper than words can ever express.

I know you are finally at rest; No more pain, No more stress, Peace at last. Even though you will be greatly missed, I am happy for you.

Thank you for being the great husband and father that you were. You were indeed an awesome man who provided for his family and did everything to make sure we did not suffer any lack. You were generous, caring, compassionate and a man of great wisdom.

A great man with a heart of gold.

You were a great vessel in the hand of God to make me the person I am today. You believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. You always said, "Ayo, you can do it." You guided us through life, doing all you can to protect us from the storms of life.

Thank you for being the great lover that you were.

Thank you for being the great father that you were.

Life will never be the same without you but I know you would want me to be strong and by the grace of God, I will be.

I use this opportunity to once again say Farewell to MY HUSBAND, MY LOVER, MY HERO AND MY KING.

Till we meet again at Jesus feet.





## *Emmanuel Olawore*

### A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER

This is easily the hardest thing I have had to write. What words can encapsulate the life of the greatest man I knew?

You had such an impact across the world. The standard you would require in everything you did was inspiring. You gave your all to God and still managed to give your all to your family and your all to New Wine. You led and taught through your actions and your love for people was endless. You would go out of your way to make sure I had anything I wanted and needed and you left a legacy as a man after God's own heart.

Thank you for all the lessons you taught me, from how to carry myself when I walk to how to be a man. Thank you for every moment you took my breath away and thank you for living a life that I can use as a blueprint.

I still can't believe you have gone but thank you for providing me with all the tools I will ever need in this life.

I will always be honoured to have the privilege to call you my father and by the grace of God, I promise to make you proud.

Love you always.

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## *Joshua Olawore*

### A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER

Dad, I miss you so much. Not a day goes by when I'm not thinking about you. You've always been there for me. You taught me everything I know.

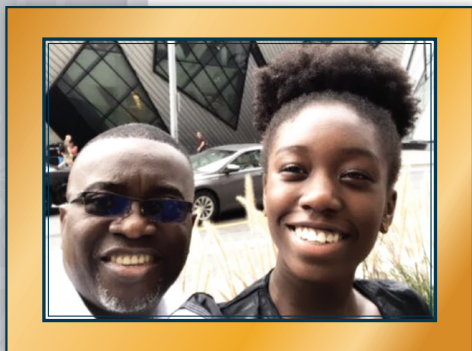
You taught me to put God at the centre of everything I do, you taught me that if I work hard as a young kid, I can enjoy the fruits of my labour when I'm older. One thing my Dad would always say is "pay now, play later," and those words have never left my heart.

As a child/teenager I would dedicate most of my time to studying and working hard, and that's because of what you taught me, Dad. I just wish you were still alive to witness everything that I'm yet to accomplish in the future, but I know that you'll be proud of me in Heaven.

You were an excellent man of God, a perfect Dad, and a role model - and I just want to say thank you for everything you've done for us.

I love you so much Dad and I'll miss you so much.





## Zoe Olawore

### A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER

There are many words that I could use to describe you, Dad. You were kind, motivating, caring, strong-willed and the list goes on. The problem is that none of these words do justice in describing who you fully were and what you meant to me.

Despite that, I'll try: You never hesitated to show me how much you loved me, it came natural to you. You showed me how much you loved me through small actions such as driving to McDonalds after night vigil to the ones that will forever touch my heart such as insisting to climb to the loft despite your pain, just so that I could wear the skirt that I wanted to.

Even to this day, the last memory brings me to tears. Even when your health faltered, your love never did. Even though you were in unbearable pain, you always managed to pull a smile and give me a small hug. I love you so much for that.

Dad, you were also a man who strove for excellence. This quality reveals itself through the renovation of the church, the number of Churches that have been planted and even in the way you got haircuts weekly so that you always looked sharp. The thing about you is that it wasn't enough for you to simply just have this quality; you made sure that the boys and I had it as well.

From when I was young you drilled into my head that "readers are leaders" and "pay now, play later", you were also EXTREMELY passionate about my education. You even moved me to a grammar school with full equipment and clothing one day after I got accepted. At least I can say that your efforts have not gone in vain because I am now also hard-working and passionate about being the best version of myself.

Although it hurts me so much that I'll never see you again, I need to remember that now, you are free from all pain and suffering. Even though we cannot make any more memories, you have filled me with enough to last a lifetime.

I love you Dad.

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## Mrs Olajumoke Oyolola

(Sister)

YOU LEFT US AND YOU HAVE ALL LEFT ME...

*"Death is swallowed up in victory. The sting of death is gone.  
The grave has lost its victory. Victory is ours through Christ"*  
1 Corinthians 15:54-57

I do not really know where to start from and how to start paying tribute to you. Who? Pastor Michael Olagoke Olawore, my most beloved brother! As a matter of fact, my hands are still shaking while writing what will remain an indelible print to a painful loss of a loving husband to your adorable wife, Ayo, a caring father to your children and an ever-listening brother to your 'baby sister' who happens to be me – OLAJUMOKE.





Up till this moment, I find it so difficult to believe that you are no more. I know and believe that we will all die but it never crossed my wildest imagination that yours will be so soon. The last time we met, I realised that something was amiss but I could not really pinpoint what was going on. My spirit kept on telling me that you were not your usual self.

In order not to prolong my unusual thoughts about what could be going on or not going on, I decided to go on ceaseless prayer sessions and close encounters with GOD so that everything could be alright with you. It did not take long for me to learn that you were ill. I was far from you but I knew how courageously you confronted the unthinkable malaise. You fought it like a warrior!!! We prayed so much that you will be well. God knows more than we do.

At the end, your Creator declared: "suffer no more my son; I have prepared a place for you. Come home and rest!" Oh yes, you deserve your eternal rest because you served Him till your last breath!

It is quite painful that we won't get to see you or speak with you anymore. Who are we to question the authority of the Most High God? We take solace in the fact that you are with your Maker and you are free from pains and the wickedness of this world.

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7. Pastor Michael, you have fought a good fight. Rest in the bosom of your MAKER till will meet again.

Good night and adieu, most beloved brother!!!

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## *Tolulase Ajayi*

*(Sister-in-law, on behalf of EKO Sotire family)*

Uncle G, as I fondly called him, from the first day I met him in the late 80s to when I last saw him on the 12th of June 2018, has always come across to me as a principled gentleman who deeply loves God. He was 'prim and proper' and particular about his appearance, both at home and in public. He made true of the statement, "how you are dressed is the way you will be addressed." He was a caring husband, a doting father, and he was hospitable to all.

The news of his passing on to glory came to us as a shock as we were all still praying and believing, but then God knows best when to take his soldiers home.

Uncle G, you fought the good fight of faith, you ran your race and now rest in the bosom of your Lord. As we say farewell to you, the following lyrics of a song ring so true.

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters  
Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for You

When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing  
Only what I've done for love's reward, will stand the test of time

Lord Your mercy is so great, that You look beyond our weakness  
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints

I will always sing Your praise, here on earth and ever after  
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home  
When it's all been said and done, You're my life when life is gone





## *New Wine Church*

### A TRIBUTE TO OUR PASTOR, FROM YOUR FAMILY

Our beloved Pastor Michael, we celebrate you as a Kingdom Statesman, Leader, Mentor, Coach, Pastor, Vessel of Honour in God's hands and a true Father in the Lord.

You defied the odds, confounded opinions, amazed the world and made God proud. You are the quintessential demonstration of the man who "put his hand to the plough and did not look back."

You collected the baton of leadership of New Wine Church from a giant in the faith, Dr Tayo Adeyemi and whilst the world wondered and pondered, you focussed... with passion, determination and love for God's people, on the race that was set before you.

And O what a beautiful, triumphant race you have run... and left an indelible imprint on our hearts and in the annals of history.

Where others might have faltered, you marched forth with courage.

Where others would have slowed down, you accelerated with divine zeal.

Where others would have settled for what is, you dared to dream of what could be.

And you took us on the phenomenal journey of grace with you... through your unceasing love for the people of God entrusted to your care; through your passionate prayers in season and out of season; through your countless, thankless, selfless hours of counselling, support and encouragement to many people inside and outside the Church and through your grace-infused teaching that brought us closer to God and helped continually shape us into the image of Christ.

You had a lovely smile and a heart of gold... even when you were upset with us, you still showed how much you loved us.

Our world is a better place because you passed through it. You illuminated it with the unique



radiance you carried; the spirit of excellence, integrity, passion, sense of humour, discipline, loyalty, faith, uncommon wisdom, humility and love for God and for His Word. Thank you for your incredible heart of servant leadership and your passion for advancing the Kingdom of God.

You took the blueprint of “The Church I See,” lived it, breathed it and transferred it to our hearts, with the unfolding of 50 Churches in 5 years, so that this model Church would spread into the nations to touch, heal and transform the nations in a richer, dynamic and lasting way.

We love you and thank you for modelling what it means to be a godly father, loving husband, visionary leader, true servant of the people and Man of God.

Whilst our hearts may hurt from the knowledge that you are no longer in this dimension of existence for us to experience your touch, smile, laugh and grace-filled words, we are comforted by the truth that your absence from the body is immediate presence with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom you truly loved and who loves you eternally. We are confident that you have gladly heard these words from Him as you stepped through the portals of heaven:



*“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things,  
I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.”*

MATTHEW 25: 23

You made your mark, you made a difference and you have left us an incredible legacy. You taught us to Excel, encouraged us to Multiply, equipped us to experience Overflowing Abundance and positioned us to enjoy and manifest Divine Influence. By the grace of God, the Church is marching on and we will step into the fullness of uncommon Significance that God laid on your heart.

Your legacy will live on. Your voice will reverberate unto the ends of time and generations yet unborn will rejoice at the sound of your name... because you will live in our hearts and the vision you have entrusted to us will shine ever brighter and reach even further to the glory of God.

We love you and bid you... Sleep Well our Beloved Pastor Michael...



## *Pastor E. A. Adeboye*

GENERAL OVERSEER  
THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

We commiserate with the friends and family of a great General in the Lord's Army and a great soldier of the cross, Michael Olawore. He indeed fought a good fight, ran a good race and finished very well. He fought gallantly. He stayed faithful to the call and ended gloriously well.

His indelible footprints and immense contribution to the kingdom of God will continue to inspire everyone who knew him on this side of eternity. He shared the Gospel in many nations. A great preacher of the Word.

We cannot but ask the Holy Spirit to please comfort all members of the New Wine Church as well. The Lord will uphold and strengthen every member of the family.

Our heart goes out to Lady Ayo, and the children. The Father of all fathers will protect and keep them.

He will strengthen and comfort and preserve them as one united family bound together in the love of Christ.

And the church will continue to grow and march on in the mighty name of Jesus.

Rest in Peace thou great soldier of the cross. Till we meet again in the bosom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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## *Dr. Creslo Dollar & Taffi Dollar*

WORLD CHANGERS CHURCH  
INTERNATIONAL

**To New Wine Church:** We share our deepest sympathy with the family of Pastor Michael Olawore and the members of New Wine Church on your great loss at his passing.

May you all find solace in memories of the deep devotion and contributions he made. We know he was a friend, a counsellor, and a great spiritual leader.

Pastor Michael was a man of vision, integrity, wisdom, and greatness. We knew him as a unique individual who showed gentleness, strength, humility, and dignity as a servant of God.

We join New Wine Church in rejoicing in the strength of his life and the guidance he gave to all who knew him. Our prayers are with you all in this season.

With Much Love.



## *Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo*

SENIOR PASTOR, KICC

Pastor Michael Olawore made a most memorable impression on me during the five years of his closeness to me.

The first thing which struck me was his unflinching faithfulness to the colossal late Dr Tayo Adeyemi. He was committed to carrying out all the instructions of his Pastor to the letter. Particularly as regards the estate, children of Dr Tayo, the church and every other wishes of his boss.

Secondly his quest for knowledge and his legendary expression when he was excited: "oh my God." He would book to see me for an hour of counselling and mentoring and we would end up doing three hours every three months.

Words would fail me if I try to delve into the virtues he exhibited; his humility was amazing, his ability to manage crisis was unusual, his pursuit of excellence like Pastor Tayo was worth noticing. In those brief years of being responsible for leadership, I can say without a doubt that Michael Olawore was 'an officer and a gentleman.'

I can say that his family had the finest father and husband. New Wine had a giant in spirit as its Pastor for a short five years. We had a great brother and friend in Christ.

Rest well Michael Olawore!

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## *Dr. Hugh Osgood*

FREE CHURCHES MODERATOR

CO-PRESIDENT, CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

It is a privilege to pay tribute to Pastor Michael Olawore – a mighty man of God now in the presence of his Lord and Saviour.

Pastor Michael impressed me from the very earliest days of New Wine Church. His servant-heartedness spoke volumes and his faithfulness was a testimony to all, even in those early days of church planting. No one who was alongside New Wine at the beginning could possibly forget his diligence and thoroughness.

As roles changed, Pastor Michael adapted to meet every need, providing strength and encouragement to the whole leadership team.

In the last few years we have come to know and respect Pastor Michael as a senior church leader with a national and international profile, gracing platforms and inspiring congregations; effective as a conference host as well as a conference speaker.

Pastor Michael will be sorely missed and our love and prayers are with First Lady Ayo, the family and the whole New Wine Congregation.

There is comfort in knowing that few people have left such a complete legacy of heart-felt love and service as a man willing to give himself unstintingly to all in the service of His Lord.







## *Rev. Celia Apeagyei-Collins*

REHOBOTH FOUNDATION, UK

*"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living"*  
(Cicero)

And our loving memories of you abound. A tribute is an act, statement or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect or admiration - Pastor Michael, where do I start? How do we replace a hero, a friend, a brother, a mentor, a shepherd, a coach, a husband, a dad, a General, a marksman, a diplomat, a role-model, a team mate, you were all that and some.

You personified and had a reputation for faithfulness and loyalty – to your God, to Dr Tayo, to the vision, to your people; you were a fighter till your last breath – you championed the cause of Christ, you drew the battle lines early and drove the boundaries of the enemy back like your father before you *"... the bow of Jonathan (Michael) did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul (Tayo) return empty"* (2 Sam 1:22) – you truly accomplished much in your short years. *"In the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"* (Abraham Lincoln).

Wise, generous and caring, a real gentleman, a man of excellence, you carried the weight of responsibilities you didn't ask for without complaint. You were focused and diligent, going beyond the call of duty. You led well, you kept New Wine Church going and left a legacy for the Body of Christ. You were humble and submitted yourself to counsel – it was an honour to serve you and I shall miss our luncheons. We promise to stick by your family, by New Wine Church. Thank you for your love.

See you Oga, "we know you'd be with us today if heaven wasn't so far away." Our goodnight will someday turn to good morning.

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## *Dr. Ron Kenoly*

To the family, friends and members of the New Wine Congregation, I join with you in sorrow and grief over the passing of our dear brother, Pastor Michael. He was a friend to my ministry and a personal friend to my wife and me.

Pastor Michael gave the full measure of his life and talents to the ministry at New Wine. He was faithful to the call on his life. Our Heavenly Father was faithful to anoint him with a powerful anointing to help him accomplish the mission for which he was assigned.

Pastor Michael would take time out of his busy schedule to give me a call every now and then just to see how I was doing. After we would update each other, he would speak a blessing over me, and give me a word of encouragement. I will miss those calls and those blessings.

I pray for the family of Pastor Michael and the New Wine congregation. May you receive strength and courage from on high to face the coming days without his divine wisdom and good judgment. I pray that his leadership principles and his vision for New Wine Church remain strong in your hearts and minds. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you in all decisions that are being made for the family and the Church.

Pastor Michael is in that heavenly place that he worked so hard to attain. His work is finished, his troubles are over, he has finished his course, and his joy is full. Pastor Michael is now resting in peace; he has received his reward.





## *Bishop John & Co-Pastor Penny Francis*

RUACH CITY CHURCH, LONDON, UK

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Pastor Michael Olawore but we are comforted in knowing that his suffering has come to an end and we will meet again. I came to know Pastor Michael as he faithfully served and worked with the late Dr Tayo Adeyemi. When Dr Tayo passed, he continued to demonstrate his faithfulness in service in the pastoring of New Wine Church as he continued his legacy.

Pastor Michael was determined, focused and a man of great vision and faith. This can be seen in the growth and expansion of New Wine Church both nationally and internationally. He was a true Pastor, showing a sincere love of God's people and their well-being which was always reflected in his powerful, insightful teaching. Pastor Michael will be missed but we know he has gone to a far better place and has indeed left an incredible legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your Pastor, Leader and Visionary and we pray that you will carry on the legacy he has left. We will deeply miss Pastor Michael Olawore's presence in the earth but we take heart knowing that these words must be echoing around heaven, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"- Matthew 25:23. We extend our prayers, our love and deepest condolences to Pastor Michael's wife, Lady Ayo, his children and family and the New Wine Family.



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## *Rev. Wale Babatunde*

SENIOR MINISTER, WORLD HARVEST  
CHRISTIAN CENTRE, UK

I am deeply saddened by the passing away of such a great friend and brother. To say I am still in shock will truly be an understatement. However, I take solace in the fact that Pastor Michael has gone to join the Saints Triumphant. I am already missing him; his laughter, tight hugs and priceless words of wisdom. My greatest pain in all this is that I did not have the privilege of bidding him farewell.

About 25 years ago, I met Pastor Michael who was then an associate of the founder of New Wine Church – Dr Tayo Adeyemi. Over the years, I watched him very closely and admired his loyalty, consistency, sacrifice, and unwavering passion for God, his late mentor and the people of God.

After the mantle of leadership fell on him 5 years ago, we became relatively close. He was a man of his word, extremely generous, a great encourager, very discerning and wise. Pastor Michael wouldn't mind who took the credit, as long as the Kingdom of God was being advanced, souls were saved, and the saints were nourished and established. I look back at the times when I had some challenges in the Ministry and would run to him. Even when he was unwell, he went the extra mile to be of great help to me.

New Wine Church has indeed lost a great leader; the Church in the United Kingdom has lost one of God's most valuable assets, and I have lost a dear friend, confidant and brother! Our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. I am comforted also that under his visionary leadership, he not only gave God his very best, but the Ministry of New Wine Church expanded exponentially. I pray for his wife and three precious children, as well as the Board of Ministers, and the entire membership of New Wine Church – that our God of Grace will comfort and strengthen you all at this period and in the days ahead!

I really miss Pastor Michael and look forward to our reunion at the feet of Jesus.





## *Rev. Dr. David Cerullo*

CHAIRMAN AND CEO, INSPIRATION MINISTRIES, UK

Barbara and I knew Pastor Olawore as a wonderful saint of God. He was a loving husband, devoted father, tireless pastor and precious friend.

Today, we pay tribute to God's servant, and rejoice with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as our friend has finished his race well and gone to his eternal home.

We rejoice that this is not the end of his story because the memory of his life and the influence of his legacy remain. Pastor Michael devoted his life to God and His kingdom, and because of that, he was energized by a power that is greater than our earthly thoughts or understanding. He knew how to love like Jesus did, and he showed that love with every breath he took...in his loving and caring nature...in his passion to save the lost...in his heart for those who were broken and hurting.

He was truly anointed to preach the Word in season, to heal the broken-hearted and proclaim liberty to those who have been held captives. He was passionate about taking the message of Christ to all corners of the earth. We can say in all sincerity... Pastor Michael was a man after God's own heart, and today the angels are rejoicing at his arrival in Heaven.

Together in grief, our hearts mourn with everyone who is suffering his loss. His family, friends, and this congregation who so recently also suffered the tragic loss of Bishop Adeyemi. This is a painful time, yet we also know that the life-restoring hope of God's comfort is there for you. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted..." In courage and strength, you can cling to the divine assurance of your Creator God who, even now, is wrapping His loving arms around you.

Few will ever forget Pastor Olawore's heart for souls and what he meant to his community, family, and church. His life was a shining city on a hill, and his life's work left a deep imprint that will continue to touch eternity.

You will be missed, my dear friend. Barbara and I pray that the grace and peace of Almighty God would show themselves powerfully to you, his family and friends, and that our loving Heavenly Father would continue to embrace you all in His love and compassion.

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## *Matthew Pennycook MP*

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GREENWICH AND  
WOOLWICH, HOUSE OF COMMONS

TO ALL AT NEW WINE CHURCH:

I was deeply saddened to learn that Pastor Michael Olawore passed away on Friday 6 July after a courageous battle with illness. I am writing to you all to convey my condolences on your loss. In the days since, my thoughts have been with Lady Ayo, Pastor Michael's three children, Emmanuel, Joshua and Zoe, his wider family and friends, and all those who worship at New Wine Church.

I know from my many private discussions with Pastor Michael that his devotion to the Church





and its members was total. All of you will know that he was not only a beloved Pastor, but played an integral role in the formation of the Church and its ongoing development in the UK and further afield.

His dedication and service to our local community was well known, whether it was providing comfort to those who are homeless or sleeping rough or reaching out to the wider community through events like the Christmas Hamper campaign. He was a remarkable man who touched the lives of a great many people, not only here in Woolwich but also in other parts of the world.

On a personal note, Pastor Michael always welcomed me warmly when I visited the Church and we worked together on many different issues in order to strengthen our local community. I will always be grateful for the kindness and sincerity he showed me. I once again extend my deepest sympathies to everyone at New Wine during this difficult period of mourning.

Very best wishes.

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## *Rev. Kingsley George Adjei-Agyemang*

HEAD PASTOR, HOUSE OF CONSECRATION MINISTRY

TRIBUTE TO MY BEST FRIEND:

I must say this is one of the most intricate things I have ever had to do in my fecund life. Pastor Michael was a visionary leader and a man blessed with deep wisdom. His calm disposition to life was very refreshing. He cared deeply for others and had a very good heart. Weep O Earth, for we have lost a great comrade. Rejoice O Heavens, for one of your own is coming home.

To Lady Ayo and the family, I pray that God torrents his strength upon you to cope in these trying times.

To the leadership and members of New Wine Church Worldwide, it is well. God will keep us strong and together as we forge ahead to accomplish his dreams and aspirations.

I know my best friend is in a better place, watching on as we journey, till that day when we shall be reunited to part no more.

It is well!

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## *Councillor Christine May*

MAYOR OF ROYAL GREENWICH

It is with deep regret that I learnt of the death of the Senior Minister, Pastor Michael Olawore – and on behalf of all Members of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the congregation of the New Wine Church.

Pastor Michael Olawore will be greatly missed. He played a vital role in the community, displaying a dedicated service to his local community and the Borough.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.





## *Bishop Mark J. Chironna*

CHURCH ON THE LIVING EDGE  
LONGWOOD, FLORIDA

Dear First Lady Ayo, Emmanuel, Joshua, Zoe, The Elders and Deacons, and The New Wine Family:

As we honour the life of a great man of God, Michael Olawore, a husband, a father, a pastor, and a great leader in the Kingdom, and a precious brother and friend, I want to first and foremost offer my profound condolences and prayers to the family and the church at this season. While we do not mourn as the world mourns, we are ever

mindful that death is an enemy, and while Christ has overcome death, it is yet the last enemy to be defeated at the consummation of the Kingdom.

Until it is defeated, when our loved ones die, we do indeed feel the sense of absence and we deeply miss them. The depth of our sense of missing them in their absence reveals the depth of the love they shared with us and the depth of the love we shared with them. It is for this reason that the Psalmist said, *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"* (Psalm 116:15). The depth of that love is ever with us because however strong death may seem to be, Solomon reminds us that it is no match for love (Song of Solomon 8:6).

John the Beloved pens these words in Revelation 14:13

*"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write: The dead who die in the Lord from now on are blessed.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "let them rest from their labours, for their works follow them!"*

Heaven declares that Pastor Michael is a blessed man. So too, we declare that he is indeed a blessed man. He has been a faithful husband, a faithful father, a faithful pastor, a faithful leader, and a faithful friend.

There is no question that Pastor Michael's works will follow him. His legacy lies in what he has left behind for all of us to grow on. Pastor Michael is someone I cherish as a co-labourer in Christ who loved God with passionate fervency, loved the people of God with caring intimacy, and loved the work and mission of Christ with relentless intentionality.

A choice servant of Christ, Pastor Michael was a man of great resolve and resilience. He was a stalwart in his walk with the Lord, a man of integrity and righteousness. He continually added value to the lives of all that he touched. We could simply say, "He loved well!"

All of us carry a holy restlessness for that day when death will be no more while we live in the "now and not yet" reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. There now is another great servant of Christ, who faithfully served his generation that has entered the cloud of witnesses, there to participate in Heaven's intercession for the perfecting of the saints until that great Marriage Supper of the Lamb where we will all be reunited, never to be separated again.

May the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus be on the entire Olawore Family and on the New Wine Family as you hold on to every precious memory you shared with and every bit of wisdom and insight into truth you were given through Pastor Michael and the way he lived his life. May you be given the grace to let go of those things that are no longer possible because of the separation that has occurred. May you by God's Spirit hold on to every rich and fertile gift Pastor Michael gave you in his life, his words, and his deeds, and may you have the courage to take on his legacy, and carry it forward in the days that lie ahead, and be sure that his vision for what could be will become what shall be.

May the Shalom of Christ be your portion, nothing missing, nothing broken.

In His Strength and Grace.



*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"God's grace will take you from a place of barrenness  
to the palace of blessings."*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE





## *Apostle Zacharie A. Adetola*

PRESIDENT OF MISSION EPHRATA IN ABIDJAN,  
IVORY COAST AND FRANCOPHONIE  
POUR CHRIST IN PARIS, FRANCE.

I have known Pastor Michael Olawore from high school. He was a man of vision and passion and an exemplary servant of God indeed. He was an inspirational leader and was full of encouragement and great motivation to others.

His yieldedness and consecration to the matters of God's Kingdom was rather remarkable. His selfless love – expecting nothing in return, trustworthiness in God and faithfulness as the minister of God's word was exceptional and worthy of emulation. Making disciples of nations was his passion.

He was able to plant quite a number of churches in a short time. He was an apostle indeed. His transition was a blow to me because I planned to accompany him on some of his missionary trips. *"But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."* (Psalm 115:3). I trust that The Lord will watch over his biological and spiritual family left behind. *"Blessed are the dead who die in The Lord from now on. 'Yes', says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them"* (Revelation 14:13).

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## *Joke Adeyemi*

Pastor Michael, a gallant soldier for Christ, he loved God deeply, served Him with passion, dedicated his life for the cause of Christ and gave his all to the Lord.

A man of integrity and great character. A respectable, respectful, diligent, faithful, loyal, committed, generous, selfless, sacrificial, demon-chasing, thunderous prayer warrior. And of course, I must not forget – A smart, sharp dresser!

An excellent administrator and a fierce negotiator, he never paid full price for anything, not even at the supermarket. I have seen him in action many times and was grateful that we were on the same side as he never left anything on the table! Even when it was fair to leave something, he would always say "Ah Ah you are bigger than that!"

Dedicated to the core – the first to arrive and the last to leave. He epitomised the phrase – we are here to serve you. A truly unforgettable servant. If you committed anything to his hand, you could go to sleep knowing that it would be done to an excellent standard. Pastor Michael, available to help, morning, afternoon and night. Any time, any day and anywhere – no distance was too great, no time of day was too late, a reliable friend indeed.

You took the reins of leadership at the most difficult time in our history. It took courage, tenacity, steadfastness and a great deal of sensitivity to lead. Despite the pressure, you steadied the ship and navigated us through the storm excellently. As they say in the part of the world where we come from 'You do well!' *Tu as bien fait!*

In my darkest moment, you were a source of comfort and strength, a shoulder to lean on, a shield and a rock. And over the past 5 years, you have been a confidant, an encourager, and an incredible supporter. Thank you for looking out and looking after me. I am eternally grateful.

To Lady Ayo, Emmanuel, Joshua and Zoe and our New Wine Family: The Lord will comfort us and we will fulfil destiny. In Jesus Name, Amen.

*Au Revoir, bonne nuit, jusqu' à ce que nous nous rencontrions.*







## *Mark Oakes*

UK DIRECTOR – CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS

I first came to know Michael around 20 years ago. Such an amazing humble man of God I was proud to have known him.

We laughed and marvelled together at how New Wine was full to capacity upon the visit of Reinhard Bonnke. Every square inch of the carpet full of people hungry for the Lord.

We remained friends ever since. He and the Church together were so passionate about CfaN and the Harvest.

My thoughts and that of our whole CfaN family is with Michael's family and you, the Church.

Whatever happens in the future of New Wine in terms of Leadership, we know that it has already been carried on the shoulder of two generals of the Lord.

Pastor Michael Olawore, we salute you... You have run the race and now are face to face with Jesus.

May the Lord continue to give you all the peace and grace you need in the days ahead.

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## *Apostle Josephat Elias Mwingira*

EFATHA MINISTRY, TANZANIA

On behalf of Efatha family, my wife, Eliakunda, and myself, I wish to convey my condolence to the family, leadership, friends and the entire family of New Wine Church for the loss of the Senior Pastor, Michael Olawore, my spiritual son who we were together for many years.

May my sympathy and heartfelt condolence bring comfort to you all. I remember Pastor Michael, his kindness and attitude to serve God dearly. I celebrate and admire his commitment and kindness, and the love he showed unto the ministry that God laid upon him was very unique.

He was dearly committed to serving God and I know I will meet him in heaven one day. I know all of us commit to serve the Lord, knowing that the day of reward is coming, according to our deeds before the Lord. This is the truth.

In Tanzania, we remember him dearly and he was scheduled to come back in October 2018. I was puzzled to hear about the demise but what can we do? We celebrate what God has done. All in all, let us praise God, give thanks in all circumstances, "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" according to 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

For the wife and the children of Pastor Michael, let the Spirit of God comfort you wherever you are in this time of mourning. And the New Wine Church family, let our heavenly Father embrace you whatever you do. The hand of God be with you always.

And to the friends, let the word of God encourage you to move forward because you know there is reward in serving God. All we know is that one day we will be together with Jesus Christ in heaven. This is our gain.

Till we meet again, thank you.





## *Councillor & Mrs Olu Babatola*

PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS,  
ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

We are so blessed, privileged and honoured to have known Pastor Michael Olawore. It is our human nature to want to understand everything now, but TRUST requires that we learn and rely heavily on God even when things seem unclear. Pastor Michael brought joy and sweetness to those around him. We give our thoughts and prayers to his immediate family and to everyone of the New Wine Church near and far.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

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## *Mark Sturge*

CHRISTIAN AID HEAD OF ENGLAND, LONDON

Dear friends and family of New Wine Church:

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I offer my deepest condolence, on behalf of all my colleagues at Christian Aid, to Lady Ayo Olawore, Emmanuel, Joshua and Zoe, the leadership and family of New Wine Church on the loss and home-going of a dear husband, father, friend and confidant, Pastor Michael Olawore.

The news of Pastor Michael's death was so unexpected and by human reckoning, untimely and undesirable. Our brother, friend and pastor, had so many plans, dreams and aspirations to expand the Kingdom of God and the mission of the Church. Yet, we rejoice because on 6th July 2018, God's offer was irresistible: *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34).

In confidence, we trust in God, whose ways are perfect and just, and who is able to complete whatever He has started.

I met Pastor Michael through Pastor Tayo Adeyemi in the very early years of New Wine Church and throughout the years, we have worked together in the background. I will miss the hours we spent reflecting theologically, challenging each other, strategising and testing out what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

Pastor Michael was also a friend of Christian Aid. He welcomed our Chairman and former Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Revd Dr Rowan Williams, to New Wine for Christian Aid Week in May 2015; and on the 4th April 2018, New Wine Choir joined other friends of Christian Aid to form our Martin Luther King Celebration Choir at the Rediscovering Justice Service and Symposium, at a capacity-filled Westminster Abbey on the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Revd Dr Martin Luther King Jr, where Pastor Michael attended with some of his leaders.





As we celebrate Pastor Michael's life, how he lived and served God and His people, with passion and the beauty of holiness, we also reflect on our own lives, trusting that we too would be impactful and faithful to the end.

Pastor Michael, may you enjoy your rest and worship in the presence of God.

Your colleague and friend in His service.

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## *Dr. John Solomon*

About 10 years ago, I was conversing with Dr Tayo Adeyemi about his extensive travel around the world, during which time I asked whether New Wine Church would miss him. At that time there were 3 or 4 Associate Pastors in the Church. Dr Tayo told me: "Yes, they do, but if Pastor Michael is preaching that Sunday, the congregation does not miss me!" Yes, that was the calibre of my friend, Rev. Michael Olawore.

I have known him very closely for the last 2 decades, as an Able Administrator, Profound Preacher and a Sainly Person. I had the pleasure of dedicating him as the Senior Pastor of New Wine Church along with Bishop Francis Wale Oke, Rev. Randy Morrison and Dr Creflo Dollar. I used to feel proud every time he discussed about his ministry and often addressed me as one of his mentors.

The Lord prepared him very steadily to take over New Wine Church and its administration so effectively. I was astonished to see him and his wife, Lady Ayo, continue to be so humble even after assuming the high office of New Wine International.

Many thousands of people cried with me when we heard about his promotion into Glory. Rev. Michael Olawore had visited India many times in the last 20 years. His sincerity in serving the Lord was seen by thousands of people here and was appreciated. Whether it is a Public Crusade or an Intellectuals' Meeting, he captured the crowd exactly like his mentor, Dr Tayo and fulfilled his duties diligently. He worked hard for God's Kingdom from this world; now he is very much in the Kingdom, praising God in his glorious personality!

May his wife, children and the members of the New Wine family (including me) be comforted by the Holy Spirit Himself!

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## *Councillor Denise Hyland*

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMY, SKILLS & APPRENTICESHIPS  
ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

It was my great pleasure to have known Pastor Michael Olawore and although I did not know him well, to me he embodied all that Christ espoused.

My experience of him was that he was a quiet man who was both humble and modest. Yet he had a presence in the midst of people and showed how much he loved his congregation.

He believed in the notion of community and celebrated it - I thank him for that - and felt empowered by his encouragement.





## *Pastors Bank & Sharon Akinmola*

WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH FOR ALL NATIONS, (WOCFAN), USA.

When Michael Olawore took on the mantle from Tayo... who could have thought that he would depart so soon? Now, the brevity of life has dawned on us again. At 57, and just five years as the set man of New Wine Church, London, Michael has entered his ultimate rest. Even when in our spiritual short-sightedness, we might describe this as an untimely death, God knows about this for He said, "No strand of your hair would drop without his knowing" (Matthew 10: 30).

If you ask for one man that was faithful to his Spiritual Father, I will show you Michael in a life time. He was loyal to Tayo... his mentor and predecessor. He served with a high sense of commitment and loyalty. He never disregarded the landmarks of the founding father of the ministry. Rather, he strengthened and nurtured the relationships his predecessor had with many of us.

The moment the mantle fell on him as the set man, the zeal of his Father's house consumed him. He ran the race as though every day was his last. I cannot forget easily how sometimes he called me at odd hours, sometime as late as 2:00 am GMT to discuss the work of the ministry. Michael had grace for service, he worked in and out of season, labouring round the clock. He is a true illustration of what Jesus meant when He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

He will be remembered as a man who dis-regarded his convenience in the work of the ministry so much that I could see Michael gradually take on the physical semblance of Tayo - the founding father of the New Wine Church, who went to be with the Lord five years ago. What an incredible semblance to behold!

Michael was incredibly generous. He would stop at nothing to give his substance and time to people. His life is a practical example of service to God. I do not know how his death at 57 will work together for the good of his widow and children or for the ministry but I believe God knows. This is a trying period for New Wine Church and a big challenge to this ministry. Even when it is natural to mourn and grieve at a time like this, our consolation is in the promise of resurrection that we will see Michael once again and we are assured that the vision of New Wine Church lives on.

May his soul rest in peace.

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## *Rev. Betty King*

As I was reflecting on my experience in interaction with Pastor Mike, it has always been of deep generosity. In fact Pastor Mike was one of the most generous individuals I have ever come across. He was a man of such gentleness and kindness with a very caring nature. His loyalty to his friends and his integrity are second to none.

I know that he has gone home to be with the Lord but I can't help but wonder at the quality of the man's character. He is simply irreplaceable and I grieve that. I grieve the times where I could call him and just chat. I grieve the times where he encourages you to move on; to get on with what God has called you to do. I grieve that.

Still, I also rejoice because in the time that I knew Pastor Mike, he played a key role in my life. He is now before the Lord, dancing with his destiny. He fought a good fight and he won. I pray many of us will learn from his life. Truly, he was an exemplary human being. We shall miss you dearly Pastor Michael. I pray God's protection and favour over your family.

Your Legacy lives on.





*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"Uncommon success belongs to those who choose to  
partake of the uncommon grace of God."*

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE





## *Pastor Nathaniel Basse*

My first visit to New Wine was during one of the monthly vigils.

I connected so well with Pastor Michael and I guess his passion for prayer was a major point for this. But beyond that, his authenticity and integrity as a Pastor and more importantly, as a person, endeared him to me even more.

The song, "You are God from Beginning to the End", was inspired by a session of prayer he was leading that night. As he prayed in tongues, it felt as though rain was coming down on me. And while the keyboard player, Goziam, played at the background, I prayed along in the Spirit.

And then I began to hear this melody springing up from within. Later that night/morning, in the service, for those who were present, you would remember we sang that song for the first time. And today, that song is being sung in many parts of the world.

The day I got the news of Pastor Michael's passing, I was deeply distraught to say the least. But then I remembered in the midst of that pain, that our God is still God From beginning to the end despite the news, and there's no place for argument whatsoever. As He is indeed God all by Himself.

We will miss Pastor Michael. But we rest in the blessed hope that he is worshipping with the Saints right now.

To his lovely wife, children, the New Wine Family, and entire body of Christ, I say, "be strong." One day, we shall all meet in heaven to part no more.

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## *Pastor Mark Amadi*

SENIOR PASTOR, FOUNTAIN OF PEACE MINISTRIES

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

I wish I could write an epistle to eulogise a chosen, 21st Century Church hero. I wish I could describe him enough to explain who he is ... or is it who he was?

Pastor Michael, I thank God for the rare gift of God bestowed on you, father of fathers, shepherd of shepherds, mentor of mentors; whose love, counsel and care never ceased. What a huge legacy you have left for entire mankind! You were a bundle of inspiration and a man of spiritual depth and insight.

Pastor Michael, you demonstrated that an in-depth study, diligence and structure are very important in the preparation and presentation of the Gospel that would change lives for God's kingdom. Though you have "gone home," your legacy of perfection, excellence and humility still lives on. You were an authentic epistle that was read by all.

Pastor Michael, rest well in the bosom of the Father where there is no struggle or pain.

Rest Pastor, the storm of life is over.







## *Rev. Nims Obunge MBE DL*

SENIOR PASTOR, FREEDOM'S ARK CHURCH

Dear Saints in New Wine Church,

The greatest gift we can ever give is the gift of divine service to humanity. Such was the life of Pastor Michael Olawore who took over the mantle of leadership for New Wine Church from Pastor Tayo Adeyemi and championed a vision of excellence and growth for five years.

His silent resolve, resilience, drive and determination took the Church from strength to strength as leaders were raised from coast to coast.

Today his absence has created a vacuum in many hearts, the deepest of all within his family. I pray that Lady Ayo and the children will find comfort in knowing that, as is spoken of King David in Acts 13:36, "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep;" it too will be said that "Pastor Michael, after he served his generation by the will of God, he fell asleep."

To New Wine Church and its leadership, I charge you by the Word of the Lord revealed to me in this season for you in Isaiah 65:8 "Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all."

There is power and a divine blessing in the cluster of saints and together as each one supplies from the grace within, then the New Wine will flow abundantly and disaster and destruction averted. Take courage and take charge. God bless.

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## *Oreoluwa Adeyemi (Son of Dr. Tayo Adeyemi)*

I am lost for words to say when I think of you, you are like many great men combined into one. You were someone that served my Dad and the church better than anyone else and you did everything in your power to ensure that the ship moved forward in my father's absence, without complaining or even showing anyone the burden that you were carrying.

You have taken the vision and the torch and ran as far and fast as you could with it. I'm grateful for how you have loved me and taken me in as a son, it has been a blessing to have a father like you that treats me as though I am actually his own.

It has been a blessing to walk with you up until now and to share memories and moments with you. Although I do not understand and cannot give an explanation, amidst the searing pain, my soul rejoices because I know that your life is now more glorious than ever before.

You have gone to be with my father (your spiritual father), and our Father who art in heaven. We will continue to live our lives and fulfil destiny and calling just as you have; now with even greater strength will we give our lives to the work of the Lord just as you have.

Good night Dad, I love you and I'll see you again when I too come home.





## *Pastor Wale Olulana*

PRESIDING APOSTLE,  
HARMONY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Ore! I miss you. Your family, Church and body of Christ miss you.

The friendship we shared was so short-lived! 'Pastor Wale, can I call you - Ore (Bosom Friend)', you asked at our first lunch. 'Gladly. Please do' I replied. And so began our five year friendship.

It was always rigorously funny, both of us trying to find a free date to hang out. And when we finally found a convenient day, we were like

lads looking forward to reuniting in school after the holidays.

We committed to one another without the pulpit agenda or any expectations. Our friendship was very unique and refreshing. You were always kind, positive and daring in your ministry plans. Ore, no trip to O2 Arena will ever be the same again for me – the memory of our time there and deep thoughts we shared.

Truly, God qualified the called and gave grace to the humble in you. You showed the world what it means to run and add great value to a legacy received. Now, you have left your own legacy, your voice will ring to the ends of the earth.

You stood on the shoulder of a giant and rode on the wind of the Spirit. You were the faithful steward given five talents and yielded much more. When you spoke of your fast paced goals, I said 'wow, why so much, so soon?' Almost like you knew that 'the night cometh, when no man shall work.'

Now, your watch is over, you have gone to your Maker, your rest and reward. I can hear your Maker saying, 'well done, my faithful servant'. I can see the broad smile on Dr Tayo as he claps and cheers you in.

And I can see your combined legacy that is STILL in the wine saying to the 'clusters of grapes' you left behind in your families and in New Wine Church, 'Press, press more for the new wine, for there is much more in the wine press.'

I shall miss you my Ore. We shall press on for now, till we all see and part no more. Adieu

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## *Dr. Ezekiel Alawale*

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES (GVM) UK

I have known and related with Pastor Michael for almost 2 decades.

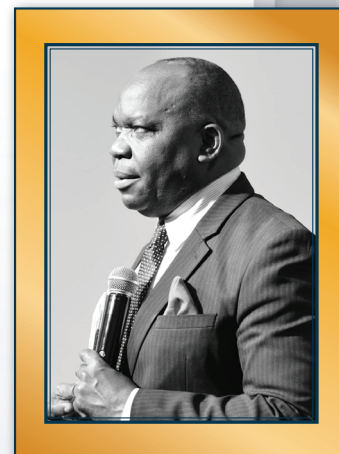
He was very amiable and humble. He was a man of integrity. He was a get-it-done leader with a commitment to excellence.

He was passionate in his love for God and in building God's kingdom.

Despite his very busy schedule, he never forgot to reply either texts or return my phone calls. Pastor Michael was thorough and unassuming.

We have lost a kingdom lover and a kingdom builder. Our only joy and hope is that you have gone to rest in the eternal Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Adieu!!! Till we meet again.







## *Muyizwa Olarewaju*

I am deeply thankful to God for allowing my family the opportunity to have known two great leaders from the New Wine Church Family. In losing Pastor Michael, we lost a true great; I measure his greatness not by the accolades that men gave or by the likes on social media platforms but by the lives he not only poured into but changed for all eternity.

His work and sacrifice was a worthy reflection of 2 Corinthians 4:8-12, pressed on every side, perplexed but not despairing, carrying around in his body the death of our lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be revealed.

Pastor Michael used his voice for good, his words inspired us to press harder than what we realised we were capable of, and he helped us find the depth God put in us.

Lady Ayo, I hope that you, Mani, Josh, and Zoe know and feel the hundreds of thousands of us praying for you, that you'll find the strength and courage to finish strong as your husband and father joins the cloud of witnesses cheering you on to preach the Word in and out of season until you too are ready to be offered up at the end of your race.

Pastor Michael was the people's champion and we the people, at least I speak for Funmilola, Oluwaloni Chibueze, Oluwagbemileke Chinomso and I, we raise his trophy high for all the world to see.

*Au revoir champion, bien dormir:*

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## *Bishop Delroy A Powell*

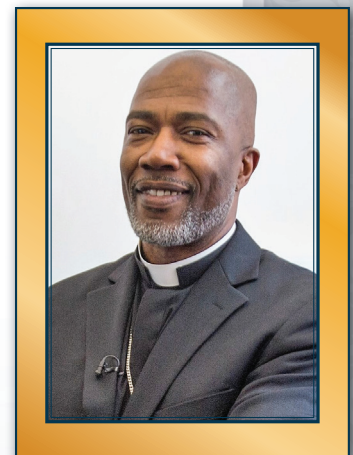
NATIONAL PRESIDING BISHOP  
NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY (ENGLAND)

On behalf of the New Testament Assembly group of churches, we express our deepest sympathy to the Olawore family and members of New Wine Church.

Pastor Michael's passing and the unexpected timing marks a significant loss to the body of Christ. On a personal note, I am indebted to Pastor Michael for his friendship and particularly his support during one of the most difficult seasons of my life.

Whether through direct coaching or observation, there is no telling the scope and reach of Pastor Michael's leadership and influence across the globe. Like King David, with a skilful hand and integrity of heart, he led God's people at a pivotal moment to great success. We salute Pastor Michael for his indispensable contribution to family, church and society.

To the Olawore family and all who mourn the passing of this gallant servant of God, may his legacy of faith, excellent spirit and resilience inspire you to carry on. May he rest in peace and be raised in glory in the resurrection.





## *Rev. David Proudfoot*

DPWE / CCD

It was my great pleasure and privilege to work with Pastor Michael on a new phase in New Wine Church's growth / outreach strategy. I was deeply impressed by his strength of vision and purpose, his love for the One he served, and his love and concern for both the Church community and those beyond, within the Church's reach.

My wife, Michele, and I, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lady Ayo and the children, and pray that they will know the comfort of God.

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## *Pastor Iliya Panov*

NEW WINE BULGARIA

Pastor Michael, My appointment with you was divine!

You had a heart for Bulgaria, to help with many things.

Pastor Michael, we will continue your vision to plant churches throughout the world, and to feed the poor in Bulgaria. You are a man of love. You even helped me to build the first level of my house in Bulgaria. Thank you so much for your love.

You were an answer to my prayer by God. I honour you, Pastor Michael... with all my heart and my family.

I miss you a lot, I'll remember you forever.



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## *Dr. Ola-Vincent Odulele*

BASIC TRUST INTERNATIONAL

When my brother and friend, Dr Tayo Adeyemi, went to be with the Lord, we all truly wondered who could fill such big shoes and take up the mantle of leadership of this great Church and ministry. Over the last half decade, you not only steered New Wine Church through turbulent waters but took her to the next level opening vibrant church branches in the nations, impacting communities and touching lives globally.

It was evident from our last chat in June that you were waging a battle of faith. Nonetheless, you insisted on mustering all your energy to press on, confident in the fulfilment of our Father's will. We will never forget your unrelenting commitment to building the body of Christ and fulfilling the great commission.

The BASIC Trust International family salute Pastor Michael Olawore; husband, father, son, brother, friend, co-labourer and saint of the Most High. You fought the good fight of faith and now rest in the bosom of the Father.

May our Lord comfort Lady Ayo, your immediate family and New Wine Church. Amen.





*Wonderful memories of*

# A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*"God uses the ordinary to do the supernatural.  
He can use you to achieve extraordinary things on earth."*  
PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE





## *Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Temi Odejide*

HOUSE ON THE ROCK, LONDON

*'...the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.'* (1 Samuel 18:1)

Pastor Michael Olawore was a true friend and brother. At the first time of making connection with him, we had both recently taken on roles of great responsibility in our respective ministries and therefore the demands on our time and persons were all consuming, but at that first connection

there was a kindred spirit and genuine knitting of our souls together.

He extended to me the hand of genuine friendship and great honour (I would often come to a New Wine Church conference, content to sit at the back somewhere but Pastor Michael would not hear of it and would have me ushered to the front and make sure that I stay for the after service dinner with his esteemed guests. Sometimes while seated at the table I would wonder why he accorded me such honour).

His humility was disarming and simplicity profound. We conducted a wedding together just a few months ago and at the close of the ceremony he said to me "lets have lunch or something together soon". Little did I know that our lunch date would now be at the celestial wedding feast in glory.

Pastor Michael Olawore was a man of faith, a man of integrity and great honour. He was a great leader with both audacity and tenacity to weather multiple storms. Even in failing health he did not let go of his hope but persevered in advancing the kingdom of God and extending whatever benefits God had given Him as far and wide as possible. He will be sorely missed.

On behalf of House on the Rock, London, we celebrate this general of God that has gone home to glory and we honour his memory by resolutely running the race that is set before us too with faith and patience. Our prayers rise to the heavens continually for his family and the New Wine Church; for the divine fortitude to bear this loss, inexplicable comfort to strengthen your souls and unfailing faith to continually advance.

Yours in the Comfort of the Lord.

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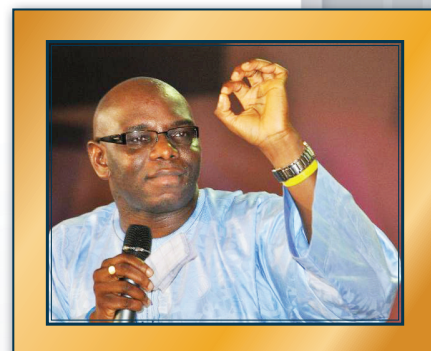
## *Pastors Francis Soska & Angela Forbes*

THE GATEWAY, ABIDING WORD MINISTRIES,  
THE GAMBIA

There is a fine and unique thread of kingdom joy, passion, upbeat faith and smiles that is almost a NEW WINE TRADEMARK! In my association and acquaintance with this church, from its charming founder to its present leadership, this observation is quite well-known and remains, ... and must remain!

Who we are is never changed by the seeming circumstances that befall us. You are bigger than them, NEW WINE! I have heard you being called CHAMPIONS, and champions indeed you all are. From the gateway of ABIDING WORD MINISTRIES in The Gambia, we send you our solidarity and moral support at this time. We hold your hands New Wine, you are not alone!

PLEASE KEEP LOOKING UPWARDS, because on the lateral plane we can only speculate





and speculate, for we only know and prophesy in part. ONLY JESUS KNOWS ALL, AND HE ALONE CAN REVEAL ALL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; and with our eyes FIXED ON HIM, we have the assurance that it will all work out for our good! (Romans 8:28a)

Adieu Pastor Michael – the ever-smiling, loving, jovial, caring and giving Pastor Michael. We know that you live on in the loving arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom you loved and served so diligently while you were here on earth. My wife, Angela and I are so glad and grateful to have met and fellowshiped with you.

Lady Ayo and the children, as well as the wider Olawore Family, rest assured that there are many saints globally praying for, with, and around you every step of the way. We love you!

*“...according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain...” (Philippians 1:20-21 NKJV)*

Amen, and AMEN!

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## *Dr. Tariq Abbasi MBE DL*

HER MAJESTY'S DEPUTY LIEUTENANT

I am truly saddened to have lost a very dear friend. Pastor Michael was an amazing human being with great deal of community spirit.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Pastor Michael's family and friends. It was a real pleasure and honour having Michael as a friend.

We shall miss him. May he rest in peace.

With my prayers.

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## *Pastor Elijah Bwogi*

ROYAL AMBASSADORS MINISTRIES, NYANAMA, UGANDA

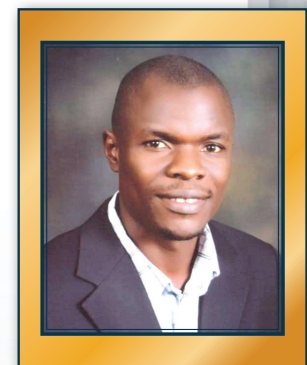
Dear Brethren, the Christians in Uganda, East Africa, received with deep shock and grief the news of the demise of Pastor Michael Olawore; his departure from the earth back to his God and Lord whom he earnestly served while alive.

Brethren, we want you to know that we have very fond memories of the great and mighty ministry work of Pastor Michael in Uganda during the two times he came here.

All the Churches where he ministered during his conferences and their Leaders will miss his ministry style and the unique grace upon his life.

We shall all greatly miss Pastor Michael Olawore, his personality and ministry. We promise to keep you, the brethren of the New Wine Church, in our prayers and hereby vow to stay submitted to the New Wine Church leadership.

Please accept our deep condolences. May his soul rest in eternal peace.





## *Rev. Dr. Paul Jeyachandran*

SENIOR PASTOR, LIFE CHURCH CASTLE HILL, AUSTRALIA

The late Pastor Michael Olawore, a modern-day apostle, was one of my closest friends in the ministry. I've known Pastor Michael for over two decades. And it's not just the length of time but the great stature of this godly visionary pastor and the depth of our relationship.

I remember the first time we met in 1996 in Chennai, India. He accompanied Dr Tayo Adeyemi on their maiden trip to our beautiful country. I saw him as one who is very humble, servant-hearted and a faithful son to Dr Tayo.

If I had realised that Maximise Life Convention 2017 would be the last time we will meet at this side of eternity, I would have said a whole lot more to him about what our friendship meant for me and how truly I have been inspired just watching his faithful ministry under Dr Tayo and fruitful ministry since taking over as Senior Pastor.

But thanks be to God, my LAST memory of Pastor Michael would be a LASTING one! It was a very happy meeting! I will sorely miss him! I caught a glimpse of his true stature. For I am grateful to God, as very few have such a privilege thereof, that I heard of his quiet pain and witnessed his joyful victory. He carried the pain of the weight of national and international leadership – which in obedience to God, he bore so admirably well.

Farewell, my friend. Enjoy the presence of the Lord.

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## *Felix & Busola Osadolor*

I don't know where to begin, all I keep thinking of is how I wish I had that one more opportunity to see you daddy, to hear your voice and to see you smile, and you telling me it's going to be alright.

I have so much to say and yet I don't know what to say because I am short of words. Probably because I still find it hard to believe that my father is actually gone to be with the Lord forever. I know you are in a better place dad, but I just wish we had just a little more time with you.

My father's death came as a shock to me, because he was in a good shape as of the week before and he was looking forward to our trip. He was planning and giving instructions on what we should do and how it should be done, which is typical of dad's way of life; making sure all the t's are crossed and i's are dotted! It came as a total shock to us, because we totally believed my father was going to come out of this. I was telling him the week before he went to be with the Lord, "DAD WE HAVE TO TALK AFTER THIS." He looked at me with his beautiful eyes and smiled, little did I know.

If only I had known to say all that was in my mind to him, what I would have told him: You are My hero; My teacher; My pastor. Your selfless ability to love the unlovable or your kindness to those who you knew were being unkind to you, I will never understand. I guess that's just who you were (my daddy) you were sold out to the cause of Christ and His people. You fought the good fight to the end, death had no power over you; death could not take you, you answered the call to heaven, "I am coming." My consolation is knowing you are in a better place.

When my husband met you, he gave feedback to me saying, "Your father is principled; disciplined and firm but I like him." The 'like' quickly changed to 'love'; you have a way of capturing people's heart. My husband was so fond of you he would do anything for you. He would say, "If it's for daddy, nothing is too big or small to do." I know you loved him too; you took your last breath in





his arms. Christmas will never be the same without you, when we come together as family, see who can have the most in their plate or who's going to fall asleep first! Even though you were not my biological father, you stepped into the role of being my father with ease. I know you loved me, you gave me so much love; care; kindness; direction; you invested so much prayer in our lives. Our children and grandchildren will know of your legacy. We promise to make you proud! Daddy, my husband and I thank you for your support, prayer and encouragement. You were simply amazing in our lives!

Goodnight Daddy, much love.

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## *Bishop Adama Ouedraogo*

EL SHADDAI CENTRE, LUXEMBOURG

Pastor Michael! What a great man of God!

In my 40 years of Christian life and my 31 years of ministry, I have met so many servants of God.

But, this one (Pastor Michael) was a very special one. He caught my attention the first time we met in New Wine London in 2006; by his humility, his kindness and his big heart for God's Kingdom work.

When he called me about opening a New Wine branch in Luxembourg, I was so thrilled because I was praying to God to send more reapers in Luxembourg. His vision met mine. I realized this was God's timing.

I hoped we would have more time to work together. After questioning the Lord why this is happening to the New Wine Family, I came to understand one thing: Pastor Michael has finished his race. He has fulfilled his divine purpose on earth. And now, he is seated with our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, whose ultimate desire is to call every single member of New Wine Worldwide to take the torch and continue to run the race until the Lord comes back.

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## *Professor Mike & Pastor Yemi Adebamowo*

LAGOS, NIGERIA

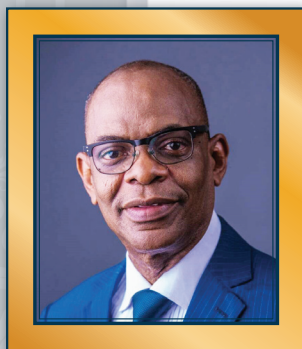
Pastor Michael Olawore means so much to my wife and I. A man of integrity, excellence, love and impeccable character. His passion for God, loyalty in service and absolute faithfulness was intoxicating.

Despite his busy schedule and after officiating a wedding service in London on Saturday, August 19, 2017, he travelled same day to Lagos to honour my wife at her 50th birthday on Sunday, August 20 and ministered on that occasion against all odds.

A man of humility and unbeatable generosity. We will certainly miss him! His faith in the Lord especially during the period of the sickness was unwavering but the Lord decided to take him home after having fought the good fight, having finished the race and having kept the faith. We are comforted that the Angels of the Lord carried our own beloved Pastor Michael to be in His presence where we shall surely meet again to be with Him forever.

Sleep on beloved brother and friend, till we meet on resurrection morning.





## *Pastor Bode Orekoya*

CHRIST IMAGE ASSEMBLY

Though I was aware that he was ill before his passing on, Pastor Michael's transition still came as a shock. He was a man who pursued whatever he believed in with great passion. He was well-versed in church administration. He was a great organiser.

I am aware that he played a major role in crafting the various programs that has made New Wine Church to stand out. He was also a great family man. It is my prayer that God will grant Lady Ayo, the children, his extended family and New Wine Church, the fortitude to bear the loss.

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## *Pastors Carlton & Dawn Smith*

VISION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

On behalf of Vision Ministries International, and the Smith family, we would like to extend our condolences and prayers to Lady Ayo, the Olawore family and to New Wine Church.

At times in life, we are blessed to meet people who leave a positive indelible footprint in our hearts; Pastor Michael was one such person. Our paths first crossed twelve years ago, when I was amazed by his gentle manner, servant heart and desire to reach out and help others. When we discovered that we were born on the same day, we clicked, like two brothers working on joint ventures.

For the past twelve years, Pastor Michael has been both a friend and encourager of ourselves and our ministry. He has continuously supported us and shared his anointed wisdom with us. His unassuming presence touched our lives, our children's lives and our ministry deeply. He always took the time to show how much he cared, and was an example of Christ-centred leadership.

In 2015, when our church became an International ministry, I was honoured when he officially recommended and endorsed me for my installation as Pastor, standing with me on that day. Pastor Michael has indeed left a rich legacy, and we are proud to be a part of it. We will miss him, but the wisdom and guidance he imparted to us, is a gift that we will strive to pass on to others.

Our brother is now with his Lord and Saviour, but he remains forever in our hearts.

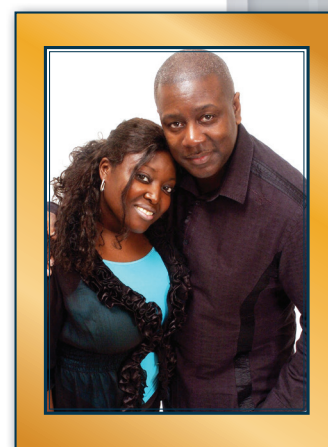
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## *Dr. Pieter van der Merwe MBE DL*

HER MAJESTY'S DEPUTY LIEUTENANT, ROYAL GREENWICH

Pastor Michael was clearly a very inspiring leader, who will be greatly missed. The generous charitable work of the Church during his ministry has always been a most impressive contribution to the local community, and I much appreciated the warm welcome I invariably received from him on my brief visits to Gateway House.

With sympathy and best wishes.





## *Micah Stampley*

I have had the privilege of developing a very strong bond with Pastor Michael and New Wine family for the past five or six years and it's been a joy. It's been a tremendous blessing knowing New Wine, getting to know Pastor Michael and being able to come and stand by his side, ministering to God's people; it's been awesome!

My heart is heavy. When I found out that he was no longer with us here on earth, I had to remind myself that he is definitely in the hands of the Lord and I wanted to just share words of comfort with you all, to let you know that we are praying for you; we are in your corner, we are here to support you.

I am reminded of a Scripture in John 16:22: "so also you have sorrow now but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice and no-one will take your joy from you." I just want to offer these words of comfort and just let you know that I, my wife Heidi and my family, we are here with you. You can call on us if you need us. I love you with all my heart.

Pastor Michael, I'm going to miss you tremendously, tremendously! We are praying for New Wine, for strength and the courage to keep doing what the Lord has assigned you to do here on the earth.

I love you, be encouraged!



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## *Stefan Proudfoot*

MD, CCD GROUP

Pastor Michael, I salute you sir! You were a man of integrity, tenacity, love, and with that uncompromising fervour for the Lord that is in the very DNA of all of God's Generals.

I have had the privilege of knowing, and working with Pastor Michael for almost a quarter of a century. During this time I have witnessed a man who grew in stature, matured in wisdom, overflowed with love, developed in faith, and advanced in ministry. But for me, his one main attribute was something that never changed, and that was his consistency of Godly character. This precious trait is one that I believe made him a constant and stable mentor for all of those who were blessed enough to have known him.

Whether he realised it or not, he was also a mentor to me, and his messages and our times together have left a profound effect on my life. As I write, I have the New Wine Church calendar sat on my desk, and this month's word of wisdom, from Pastor Michael, is this – "God infuses you with a Spirit of Excellence, so that you can influence your environment for Him." This was easy for him to write, because this was the consistent code to his life and ministry, and his Spirit of Excellence will remain his legacy in the hearts of all those who he came into contact with.

I am so grateful to have known you, Pastor Michael, and as it says in 1 Corinthians 15, I will see you again on that last trumpet call, when we will all be raised, and Yahweh will change us all, forever!

Shalom my friend.



# *“Set Bulgaria Free!”*

Pastor Michael's deep burden for a people desperate for God





## *Legacy Project*

# TRANSFORMING LIVES IN BULGARIA

*“I have a passion (a burden) in my heart to see the people of Bulgaria set free from the shackles of the past and released into the glorious destiny that awaits them in the Kingdom of God.”*

Those words from the lips of our visionary leader, Pastor Michael, ignited a vision and plans to bring hope, deliverance and transformation to different communities in Bulgaria through New Wine Church as Jesus Christ’s agent of change, both in its spiritual expression and its practical demonstration of the loving heart of God.

Pastor Michael had an insatiable desire to help the downtrodden to rise from the ashes of defeat to experience new life in Christ, characterised by spiritual renewal, emotional healing and practical life-transformation. His heart yearned to see the weak made strong and the helpless empowered to become all they could be for God.

Through divine leading, Pastor Michael connected with Pastor Iliya Panov, a native of Bulgaria, with a like-minded passion to see God move in his nation... and thus began a journey of destiny that has led to two new branches already established in Bulgaria, a third branch to be launched soon, and a range of initiatives that Pastor Michael planned for the empowerment of the people of Bulgaria. These include:

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

A school that will serve the children in some of the most deprived communities in Bulgaria. It will offer exceptional standards of education and create a solid foundation in the lives of the children that will help them break free of the shackles of poverty and deprivation around them.

### FEEDING PROGRAMME

A programme that will provide nutritious, good quality meals for the homeless and severely underprivileged people in the community. It will also offer the recipients the opportunity of an environment for personal empowerment and spiritual uplifting. ▶

## SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE

This will provide a source of economic empowerment for the people, equipping them with skills in different trades and helping to facilitate a “different way of thinking” that will unleash their great potential and position them to reach greater heights of success and fulfilment.

## NEW WINE CHURCH BRANCHES

The branches will serve as the catalysts throughout Bulgaria for spiritual renewal that will be the bedrock upon which truly fulfilled and God-glorifying lives will be built.

## BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE

A centre that will serve to train New Wine members in Bulgaria and others, to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and equip them to be more effective in reaching their world for Christ.

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Pastor Michael has cast the vision and now entrusts us with the sacred responsibility of bringing it into manifestation through the grace of the Almighty God, whom he loved with all his heart and served with all his might.

We invite you to join us in bringing his legacy to life, work together to see it fulfilled and reap the eternal reward of lives transformed through the advancement of the Kingdom of God in Bulgaria.

Visit [MichaelOlawore.com](http://MichaelOlawore.com) for more information and to donate towards helping to make Pastor Michael’s legacy a living, transformational reality.







CELEBRATING A LIFE OF TOTAL DEVOTION TO GOD  
AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HUMANITY





# *Thank You!*

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for your outpouring of love and tremendous support since the transition of our beloved Pastor Michael Olawore.

Your words of encouragement and prayers have been refreshing, uplifting and served to communicate the unceasing love of God towards us.

We pray earnestly that the abounding grace of The Lord Jesus Christ will continually enrich your life and bring you into the fullness of your divine purpose.

THE NEW WINE CHURCH FAMILY  
AND THE OLAWORE FAMILY





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A COPY OF SOMEONE ELSE'S.  
LIVE THE LIFE THAT GOD  
HAS ORDAINED FOR YOU.  
IT IS UNIQUE, ORIGINAL  
AND GLORIOUS.”

PASTOR MICHAEL OLAWORE