Bishop Suda— "As a servant leader with you, it is my hope and prayer that with the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, Love (the verb to do) will consume us, mold us, and move us in all directions, so we become powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ, filled with the power of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit".

In other words we must lean on the Lord as a Servant of Jesus Christ. God wants us to stop playing it safe and to step out in obedience.

We will be challenged. As we take risks, we may feel doubt, indecision, and fear. Or, we might think we're incapable or inadequate. These aren't reasons to refuse God's assignment; they are opportunities to trust the Lord.

We can count on God's presence. It is impossible for believers to live a single day without the presence of God. (Heb. 13:5-6) The relationship we have with Him through Jesus Christ is permanent. Our Father's love for us is deep and abiding, and His promises are sure. When He calls us to venture outside our "comfort zone," we can obey because He's right there at our side.

The Holy Spirit's enabling power is ours. The Spirit of God lives within each believer and gives us the divine strength to be victorious. When we falter, He strengthens us. When we stumble, He steadies us. And when we fall, He picks us up.

The Holy Spirit is a must in our spiritual growth. Holy Spirit enables us to understand mysteries of life giving us the strength and courage we need by encouraging, teaching and directing us. Holy Spirit reveals the wisdom and knowledge of God to us because we belong to Christ John 14:16-21.

Holy Spirit was sent to us by Christ after the death of Christ helping us to learn Godly Joy. He shows us our sin. Holy Spirit helps us to learn what is true and what is not.

Holy Spirit helps us to have a personal relationship with Jesus by revealing God to us (God's personal plan for you). Holy Spirit aids and comforts us John 15:26.

Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf stating our case and our needs before God because we are part of the family of God Romans 8:14.

Holy Spirit leads us and guides us John 16:13.

Holy Spirit comforts and we receive power 1 Corinthians 2:3-5.

Being a servant is more than simply coming to church on Sunday. Jesus demonstrated a servant when He washed the disciples' feet in the upper room during the Last Supper. Servants do not wait to be askedJohn 13:15.

He will quietly go about his service without looking for recognition or reward. He is satisfied and with the overwhelming joy that comes by simply giving.

We must learn to receive as well as to give. The disciples had to allow Jesus to wash their feet or they'd have no part with Him. Peter balked because he was too proud to receive such care John 13:8.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, part of the Holy Trinity, you are our special friend. As our helper and our guide I pray that each of you listening will be filled with the Holy Spirit working in your life. If you have experienced salvation; do not miss the abundant life in the Holy Spirit; God's blessings will work through you by the power of the Holy Spirit. Open our spiritual eyes to what is right and what is wrong in our lives. You are our spiritual guide to help us learn to

follow Jesus as our example. You will teach us in all areas of our religious training. Help us to listen. You word said in John 16:13 that the Spirit of truth comes to guide us into the whole truth for you will not speak on your own but will tell us even things that are to come. Bring understanding to our hearts and minds that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.