

Prayer for the Success of the Second African National Eucharistic Congress (August 2012)

Lord Jesus Christ, on the eve of your sacred passion, you instituted the Holy Eucharist as the sacrament of your Body and Blood. We invoke your divine presence among us as we gather for the Second African National Eucharistic Congress.

Lord Jesus, you willed that your mystical body, the church in every nation, culture, language and people be fed, nourished and sustained by the sacrament of your Body and Blood, our sacrament of unity. Draw us together by our faith in you as Africans from various national, cultural and ethnic backgrounds to worship and adore you.

Lord Jesus, we beseech you to inflame our hearts with love for you. Confirm our faith and belief in your divine presence in the Holy Eucharist. May we celebrate this precious gift of unity with joy; renew our spirit and draw us closer to you to bear witness to the gospel.

Lord Jesus, as we prepare for the Second African National Eucharistic Congress, nourish our body and soul; sustain us in our life and mission; transform us and make us instruments of justice and peace. Grant that we, each and all, gather our resources, contribute our time and talents, congregate and fellowship fully. May we radiate your divine love and compassion; help us to amend our lives and become authentic witnesses of your gospel and be dedicated to the Eucharist. Grant that we may be found worthy to share in the eternal banquet of heaven with all the saints.

You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen.

