

P011_11_16_Witnessing the Power of Your Prayers (September 2021 Video Review)

Greetings: *Oriire fun owo!* (Good Tidings to you!)

I pray that you are feeling awake, aware, and elevated in mind, body, and spirit wherever you are, and whatever may be happening around you!

Ase! Ase! Ase o!

I am *Baba Umar, Oluranse Emese, (Voice of the Emese), Member of the Isoro Traditional Council of Chiefs, and Babalawo of Ile Awo Orisa.*

Thank you for joining us for another lesson in our Video Blog Series. I invite you to **click the links below** to become a **Subscriber** to this Channel, click the **Notification** button to stay up to date, and **Share** this resource with your family, friends, associates, and anyone who you feel may benefit from this wisdom.

Homage To The One Who Sends, and to those who are sent! Homage to ***Orisa*** and ***Egun!***

Our topic in this video review from my November 2016 Blog Post is **Witnessing the Power of Your Prayers**, and I want to share some of my personal experiences with you in this video.

There is an ***Ifa*** expression that goes:

Igba Olodumare Nigba!

It is the time of *Olodumare* that is time!

In my Posts for August and October 2016, and in my July and August 2021 Video Reviews, I talked about prayer, ***Adura: The Power and Benefits of Adura – Prayer***, and **Things We Pray For**. I hope these messages help each of you on your personal spiritual journey.

Aye L'oja, Orun N'ile!

The world is the marketplace; the Spirit World is home!

This is another ***Ifa*** proverb from the Sacred ***Odu Ifa***. Our journey in the marketplace can be difficult and sometimes, painfully so. If you are a regular reader of my Blog then like me you are a person who believes in a Higher Sentient Being and a Spiritual Reality. Maybe you are a devotee of ***Ifa***, or maybe you are still searching for your Path. I traveled a number of paths as I unwittingly found my way to ***Ifa***. Nothing has been left behind! The knowledge and experiences gained during each stage of my journey have helped to make me to become the person I am today and to more fully appreciate the ***Ifa Isese***, the ***Ifa*** Spiritual Tradition

As I think back over my journey I can see how the pieces fit together like a quilt or well-designed structure. But as each of the stitches and pieces, the stones and mortar were being put into place the outcome was still unknown to me. When you buy a puzzle at the store you get a picture on the box so that you know what the finished product will look like. **The *oja* (marketplace) is not like that!** *Ooh-no-o-o!* That would make this journey too easy.

Instead, especially for those of us growing up outside of the ***Isese***, you have to put the pieces together without a pattern or blueprint. At least not one that is obvious to you when you first strike out on your particular Path. Something about the nature of this journey compels you to reach out. That's why you're listening to this video and hopefully have subscribed to this channel. You know that you are not personally in total control of your reality, yet something haunts you with the idea that you can influence even what seems beyond your control.

As believers we share a sense of a metaphysical, spiritual connection to something that has the power to influence the course of our lives and assist us in creating a beautiful structure even without a pattern or blueprint. In ***Ifa***, we call that 'something' our ***Ori Inu*** (Spiritual ***Ori***), our share of the Omniscient Consciousness of Creator. It is your ***Ori Inu*** that makes you more prepared for this journey, and more powerful than you think you are.

Being able to **Witness the Power of Your Prayers** is an essential condition for the structure of the ***oja***. If ***Olodumare, Orisa***, and ***Imoles*** (the Immortals) did not answer your prayers, and if your ***Egun*** (ancestors) did not intercede in your behalf by speaking to you, the fabric of the marketplace and the ***Ase*** that binds it to the ***Orun*** (the Spiritual Realm) would disintegrate. ***Adura*** (Prayer), ***ti ilana isin*** (ritual), and ***ise isin*** (ceremony) are the very powerful means of influencing your reality.

Of course there are those who say *hogwash!* But for the devotees like you, who have witnessed the power of your prayers, time and time again, there is no doubt in your minds or hearts that prayer works. And, 'coincidence' fails as an explanation for what you have experienced. You should also know that it is not important to convince others, it is only important that you bear witness to your own truth.

Sometimes the timing between the things you pray for and their realization is so close as to make their connection obvious. These occasions fortify you with faith, the strength of faith that can carry you through those occasions when the timing between your prayers and the manifestation of that which you prayed for extends out over a longer period of time. ***Do you consider that some of the things that you pray for may take time, both because of the conditions of the world and because of your own readiness to cope with the reality of that which you have so passionately prayed for?*** Remember, your ***Ori*** is working to protect and guide you at all times!

My own Journey to the Root is not complete! Over the past twenty years since I traveled to ***Ile-Ife*** much has happened that I've not yet shared on the ***Ile Awo Orisa*** web site. I consulted with ***Orisa*** in 2011 to see if the way was open for me to begin my Blog Posts for you. The answer was an **Absolute Yes!** My Posts were and are based on what I have been taught, what I have read, what I have divined, and what I have experienced that has emboldened me On the Path of ***Ifa***. **I am a witness to the Power of Prayer.** Twenty years ago, as I tell in my **Journey to the Root**, I knelt in the **Sacred Temple of Ifa** and made a prayer. It was a prayer of **gratitude, devotion, and commitment** that I could make a difference in some way.

I did not know it at the time, but that was one of those prayers that would take time and grow in consequence far into my future, and far beyond anything I could have imagined at the time. Today, 20 years late, I am a member of the ***Isoro*** Traditional Council of Chiefs, the ***Oluranse Emese*** (Voice of the ***Emese***), ***Babalawo*** of ***Ile Awo Orisa***, and an ***Oluwo*** (keeper of the ***Ikin Ifa***,

having initiated my first **Babalawo** under the direction of the **Isoro** Council). My intention for the **Ile Awo Orisa** website and this series of **YouTube** videos is to share with you information that will inspire you to continue your study of the **Ifa Spiritual Tradition of Orisa and Ancestor Worship** and to establish your own regular **Ifa Iwa (Ifa Practice)**.

Here's a brief overview of **Ile-Ife** and the **Emese**, the Root and Repository of the **Ifa Spiritual Tradition**.

Ile-Ife, Ile Owuro!

Ile-Ife, the land of the most ancient days!

Ile-Ife, Oodaye!

Ile-Ife, where the word of creation took place!

Ile-Ife, Ibi ti Ojumo ti mowa!

Ile-Ife, where the dawn of the day was first experienced!

Ile-Ife, Ori aye gbogbo!

Ile-Ife, head of the whole universe!

Ile-Ife, Ooye Lagbo!

Ile-Ife, the city of the survivors!

Ifa ni bawo aiye sise!

Ifa is how the Universe works!

The History of **Ifa** dates back to the Beginning of Creation and of this world, the **oja**. There have been three cities called **Ile-Ife**, the present day city being the Third **Ile-Ife**. The first **Ile-Ife** was **IFE OODAYE (IFE THE GENESIS OF CREATION)**. The first Council of **EMESE** was formed in **IFE OODAYE** when **Oduduwa** was the first **OONI** and the **Orisa** were the first **EMESE** Council Members. The **EMESE** Council has remained in place throughout the three cities called **Ile-Ife** and they are still the **Repository, Guardians, Caretakers, and Final Authority** on the **Ifa Corpus** and the **Ifa Tradition of Orisa and Ancestor Worship**.

Each member of the **Emese** can trace their lineage all the way back to the members of the original **EMESE** Council in **IFE OODAYE**, back to the **Orisa**. The **Emese** have ALWAYS remained in relative seclusion and are very rarely seen by the public or even devotees. They have authorized the **Isoro Traditional Council of Chiefs**, also based on lineage to the beginning, (of which I am a designated member) to serve as their public face. The **EMESE Council** is the living Source of the Oral Traditions and **Ifa** Corpus dating back to the beginning of time.

Upon my return from **Ile-Ife** in 2001, I set up the **Ile Awo Orisa** web site and devoted it to the essence of my prayer made in the Sacred Temple. Little did I know that ten years later in 2011; not just ten years later but ten years later to the very day, I would be blessed to become the first every **Oluranse Emese**. NEVER in the History of **Ifa** has anyone been designated with such a title and responsibility. To say that I am in awe of this answer to my humble prayer would be a complete understatement. You will learn more about the **EMESE**, the **ISORO Traditional Council of Chiefs**, and the **IFA** Spiritual Tradition on the web site and in this series of videos.

It is now my responsibility to bring **The Source** to you. **Prayer works!** Do not give up on prayers that take a long time to manifest, and do not think that you know exactly what they will bring forth.

Ise Olorun Tobi! God's Work is Great and Mighty! ***Ase! Ase! Ase o!***
Ki Olodumare, Orisa, ati Egun fifun e ni
Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!

My Olodumare, Orisa, and Ancestors bestow on you
Guidance, Wisdom, and Abundant Blessings!

Ifokanbole! Peace of Mind from *Olodumare!*
Ajolo Ajobo! We go out together; We return together!
Ase! Ase! Ase o!