

**WELCOME ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DR. RITA AMACHREE AT ANWLD 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**NATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT HELD AT THE EMBASSY OF NIGERIA- WASHINGTON**  
**D.C. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014**

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**H.E. Professor A Adefuye, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Members of The Diplomatic Corp, Members of the embassy Staff,**

**Distinguished Men of God and the Imam**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**It is my privilege and honor to welcome you all to this special intercessory session here at the Embassy of Nigeria. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual prayer summit for our country, Nigeria. Association of Nigeria Women Leaders in Diaspora , usually holds the national Prayer Summit every year around July or August.. However, this year's calendar had been adjusted in response to the nationwide prayer initiative for the Release of the over 200 high school girls that were abducted from the government Girls Secondary School, Chibok in Borno State, Nigeria by Boko Haram two months ago.**

**The First Lady, Dr Dame Patience Jonathan, Mama Peace, organized a prayer session last month for all women, including Muslims and Christians a unity platform for to pray for the release and safe return of the girls, who are our children, and our sisters. In the same vein, Her Excellency, Mrs. Adeola Adefuye, wife of the ambassador held a prayer session here at the embassy last month for the safe return of our girls..**

**The annual interfaith Diaspora Prayer Summit is a cardinal program of the Association of Nigerian Women Leaders in Diaspora to seek God's favor in the affairs of our country because we believe that with God on our side all things are possible.. The book of Chronicles 7 : 1 in the Bible says:**

**“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their lands”.**

**My Fellow Nigerians and Concerned citizens, our country, Nigeria is experiencing a season of anomie, with innocent blood being spilled everyday as a result the Boko Haram insurgency. It is only proper that when everything seemed not to work , such challenges be taken to God in prayers, Therefore:**

**Let’s pray for the safe return of our girls**

**Let’s pray for quick return of peace and unity to our country**

**Let’s pray for the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Jonathan, for strength, courage, and wisdom to do the right thing**

**Let’s pray for peaceful elections and transition in 2015**

**Let’s pray for the family of the abducted girls to have faith in God**

**Let’s pray for the souls of those lost as a result of Boko Haram insurgency, that their souls may rest in perfect peace.. Amen!!!!**