

Proverbs for Preachers (& Teachers)

GOD

No one can uproot the tree which God had planted.

Nigeria (Yoruba)

When you stand with the blessing of your mother and God, it matters not who stands against you.

Togo (Yoruba)

A mortal owns the saying and God owns the fulfillment.

Burkina Faso

Better to trust in God than to plead with a human.

Ethiopia

God arranges things so that a leper's sandal breaks under the shrub, which provides the vine or rope to mend it.

Ghana

No one has to teach a child that God exists.

Ghana (Twi)

God don't always come, but he does send.

Grenada, Guyana

God wear pajamas, but He don't sleep.

Trinidad & Tobago

A house that is built by God will be completed.

Ethiopia

God is a great eye. He sees everything in the world.

Sudan

God is our neighbour when our brother is absent.

Kiswahili

Do not ask advice from the god and then pass by what he said.

Egypt

PRAYER

Pray for life, not for money.

Ghana

(Akan)

Everything is formed by habit, even praying.

Egypt

FORGIVENESS

He who does not know how to forgive, let him not expect to be forgiven.

Kiswahili

If you do not forgive a crime, you commit a crime.

Ghana (Twi)

If you offend, ask for pardon; if offended, forgive.

Ethiopia

If God were not forgiving, heaven would be empty.