

# 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.**