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Latest: Judikay and Mercy Chinwo Reunite on Ekele Gi Thanksgiving Song After Seven Years

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Judikay and Mercy Chinwo have reunited on Ekele Gi (Your Praise), a thanksgiving anthem released on Friday 13 November 2026 through Intimacy Records"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Judikay and Mercy Chinwo have reunited on Ekele Gi (Your Praise), a thanksgiving anthem released on Friday 13 November 2026 through Intimacy Records. The song arrived at 4pm West Africa Time with its official audio and official video on YouTube, and it is their first major collaboration since More Than Gold in 2019 - seven years ago. At about three and a half minutes, Ekele Gi is short, direct, and built for one purpose: gratitude.

Seven years is a long time to wait for a second song. In gospel music, seven years is a lifetime - voices change, ministries grow, audiences move on. Yet within a day of release, Ekele Gi was on everyone's lips, everyone's status, and everyone's playlist, according to The Gospel Registry.

Some reunions feel planned. This one felt like a homecoming.

Ekele Gi is an Igbo expression meaning "Your Praise", and the record is built as a thanksgiving offering centred on God's faithfulness and goodness. Judikay leads the song with Mercy Chinwo featured, and the two voices do what they have always done best: they take a simple truth - God has been good - and they make it impossible to hear it sitting still. The song is available now on major streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple Music and Boomplay.

The timing is no accident. The release lands in the middle of the end-of-year thanksgiving season in Nigerian churches, when congregations gather to count the year and give thanks for it. November and December are the months when Nigerian believers look back at what God carried them through - the jobs kept, the children safe, the prayers answered - and a new thanksgiving anthem in that season is not just a song.

It is a language for what people are already feeling.

Judikay Mercy Chinwo Ekele Gi: What Your Praise Means

To understand why this song matters, you have to understand what the two singers mean to Nigerian gospel music. Judikay and Mercy Chinwo are two of the most recognisable voices in the genre, and thier 2019 collaboration More Than Gold left a lasting impression on listeners across Nigeria and beyond. When two artists of that standing come back together after seven years, the audience does not just hear a new single.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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