

MAY WE DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY: PART 2

Leviticus 26:6 “I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid....”

In the last couple of days following the General Elections, there has been uncertainty and some skirmishes here and there. However largely we have had a great election that saw people able to vote peacefully and express their democratic choice. It is important that as citizens we hold our unity and preserve this great nation beyond this election for the sake of the coming generation.

Monday 14th August 2017

Thanks Giving:

1. We thank God for a flawless election day that went on without any hitches. Many people were able to vote easily without much delay and the counting process was widely lauded by many people including local and international observers. We prayed, let us tell God thank you.
2. Thank God for the restraint that the Kenyan people have shown even in circumstances that were very emotionally charged. Pray that we shall remain in the same spirit of sorting our issues within the law and not resulting to anarchy.
3. Thank God for the peace that He has granted to us. Even though there are situations that are still raising tension, the Kenyan people have demonstrated maturity and are willing for maintain peace under very challenging times.
4. Thank God for the leaders that God has given to us. We thank God for leaders who lost elections and respected the will of the people. Many congratulated the winners and pledged to support them and work together. Pray that even the ones who may feel strongly that they were robbed of victory they may follow the right channels to have their grievances addressed.

Tuesday 15th August 2017

The Lord reigns:

Mathew 14:22-27

22 Immediately He directed the disciples to get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while He sent the crowds away. 23 After He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When it was evening, He was there alone. 24 But the boat [by this time] was already a [a]long distance from land, tossed and battered by the waves; for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night (3:00-6:00 a.m.) Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately He spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, it is I! Do not be afraid!”

We have voted and the results are out. There are leaders who have assumed office from the highest to the least. Some are celebrating and others are disappointed. The nation has been tense as different opinions compete. But Jesus is walking on our turbulences and the sea will be calm in His name.

1. Pray that we shall find it in our hearts to be Christians first. The scriptures do not prohibit us from expressing our emotions including anger, but in it we should not sin. Ask God to walk with us in the turbulence we may find ourselves in as we manage the process.
2. Pray for every leader who has great influence over his people. Pray that god will fill them with wisdom and speak words of love that would persuade them to trust that God is able to manage all situations including any injustice.
3. Pray for community leaders. Every community has leaders that listen to them and they have great influence. Ask God to raise men and women of wisdom who will bring sobriety and influence people to handle any disputes through the lawful ways.
4. Pray for Jesus to visit us in the morning. When Jesus visits us, every storm of life will be obedient to His great presence. Ask God to lift our hearts today and give us hope that He is in-charge.

Wednesday 16th August 2017

Reconciliation:

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

Through the love of Christ we are reconciled to God. In the same love given to us, God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through His word.

1. Pray that Christians would reach out first to each other, then to the rest of the world. Jesus taught us that they will know we are Christians by our love. If the pagan world can see an example through us, they will emulate. We have a great influence to the world.
2. Kenya is a great nation not only in Africa but the entire world. There are many nations that look up to us, they want to be like us and therefore we have no choice but to live up to our expectation. Pray that we shall not lose that honor.
3. God reconciled us to Himself through Christ because we were sinners. None of us is perfect; we cannot pride ourselves apart from grace. Pray that we shall honor each other and hold each other with high regard as members of one family. Pray for your neighbor and go out to reach him with love.

4. Genuine Love is powerful. There is nothing that can overcome love. It does not envy, it does not delight in evil, it does not keep a record of wrongs, love forgives etc. Pray that we shall be filled with genuine love and reach out to each other to comfort one another with the love of Christ that we may be healed.

Thursday 17th August 2017

Forgive one another:

James 5:16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

Let us as a nation embrace the spirit of forgiveness:

1. Pray very specifically for another Kenyan who spoke words of hate against you, your community or tribe or in any way treated you with contempt during the just concluded elections. Ask God to fill your love with so much grace for them that you will from today treat them as though it never happened.
2. Pray for Kenyans as a people of one nation. Many of our families have members from communities we do not belong to. We have cousins and in-laws that are from other tribes. Pray for your love to be enhanced by actions and expressions of great love beyond any boundaries. Pray that we shall demonstrate the same to those who do not know Christ.
3. Pray for humility among us; ask God to help us with a spirit of accommodating each other in our celebrations and pains. Pray that Kenyans will genuinely confess to each other where they we stepped on each other's toes and pray that God will heal and restore our hearts.
4. Pray that this forgiveness will bring out of us a great power effective in God. If we confess to one another, we come out stronger and united forgetting our differences and forging forth. In God we are blessed and not cursed. We are one.

Friday 18th August 2017

Righteousness

Hosea 10:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“12: Sow with a view to righteousness [that righteousness, like seed, may germinate]; Reap in accordance with mercy and lovingkindness. Break up your uncultivated ground; for it is time to seek and search diligently for the Lord [and to long for His blessing] Until He comes to rain righteousness and His gift of salvation on you.”

What we sow is what we reap; this is a powerful saying, let us reflect on it today.

1. Pray that the Lord will soften our heart to humble ourselves before Him. We must accept that without righteousness we cannot please God. Pray for the church that it will conduct itself with righteousness as well as preach righteousness to the nation.
2. Pray that as Christians we shall make every effort to preach the love of Jesus wherever we are so that righteousness will become the seed of every Kenyan man and woman for the mercy and lovingkindness of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Pray that as a nation we shall break new uncultivated ground and forget our familiar areas of comfort and trust God and believe Him for greater unity in Christ Jesus. We are the tribe of Christ, we are the children of salvation, and God will heal our hearts if we embrace His salvation.
4. Love and mercy only comes from a genuine heart. We seem to be united only for divisions to emerge during elections. Pray that we shall engage each other early and discuss any issues that exist among us so that when we come to choosing our leaders, we shall not choose leaders for our interest but for the interest of nation.

Saturday 19th August 2017

Psalms 37:30

Justice and Truth:

“The mouth of the righteous proclaims wisdom, and His tongue speaks justice and truth”

1. Many people still maintain that there was injustice in various aspects of the elections. Pray that their grievances will be addressed appropriately without a dismissive attitude. Pray that truth will emerge so that all may be contented that their issues have been addressed.
2. Pray for justice and truth among the Kenyan people. There are many historical issues that usually emerge during elections. Pray that the newly elected government will address these issues and involve the communities so that healing may begin. Pray that the president and his leadership will unite the country during his next term.
3. Pray for the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus represents hope for all people. Pray that the church will become a beacon of hope for the people of Kenya by preaching love and uniting people. Pray that the church will not be afraid of addressing injustices within the nation and that they will not just be a voice of critic but offer solution and be part of the solution.
4. Pray the words of our National Anthem that “justice will be our shield and defender”. When people know that their issues are genuinely being considered, they are productive and hopeful knowing that they matter. Pray for all that are charged with the responsibility of meting justice including the police and the courts.

Sunday 20th August 2017

Hosea 6:1-2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

The Response to God's Rebuke:

1 "Come and let us return [in repentance] to the Lord, For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. 2 "After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him.

1. It is important for us as a country to retrace our footsteps whenever we seem to have walked away from God. Pray today that the Lord would be gracious to the Kenyan people and where we have sinned against Him that we may be forgiven.
2. Pray today that the Lord would accept us and heal our wounds that He has inflicted on us because of our sins. May God heal communities, families, tribes and the people of Kenya.
3. Pray for a revival in this country. Pray that the gospel will be heard and accepted by many so that there will be a resurrection of hearts on the people and to put their hope and trust in God.
4. Pray that the Lord will raise us up to live for Him. Pray that churches will commit to preach the truth, that we shall be identified with truth and justice.
5. Pray for the growth and progress of our country; a good relationship with our neighbors and a vibrant economy that will create jobs for the youth.

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