

A Call for Peace, Prayer, and Unity

As our nation faces tense and uncertain times around immigrants and immigration, we remember that Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. We are called to reflect His heart in word and deed, standing firmly for peace, justice, truth, and love.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

Our Appeal:

- **To Every Individual:** We condemn all violence, hatred, and destruction. We urge both citizens and foreign nationals to honour God by respecting South African law and seeking resolution through peaceful, lawful means. Every person deserves to be treated with Christ-like dignity and respect.
- **To Our Leaders & State Organs:** We call on the Department of Home Affairs and law enforcement to act with integrity, ensuring consistent, corruption-free application of the law for the stability of our nation.
- **To the Church:** Let us be living reflections of Christ by feeding the hungry, clothing the vulnerable, and extending God's grace to all.

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." - Leviticus 19:34

Join Us in Prayer for 30th June and the Days Ahead:

- **For Protection:** We pray that no life is lost, that no blood will be spilled, and that no property or shop is burned.
- **For Peace:** We pray that all planned marches remain peaceful and orderly.
- **For Unity:** We ask God to grant our nation guidance, restraint, and healing.

We are all pilgrims in this world, called to love our neighbours. May our response as Christians be marked not by fear or anger, but by prayer, truth, compassion and courage.

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from sinful desires, which war against the soul." - 1 Peter 2:11

May God grant South Africa peace and unity.

Yours in Christ's service,

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