

SPEECH TITLE: COMING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND FINDING OUR WAY TO CALVARY

Reverend clergy men and women of faith in the service of God; Ladies and Gentlemen;

For the objective of this meeting, I have titled my speech, COMING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND FINDING OUR WAY TO CALVARY.

We are meeting at a very challenging time in human history for nine months now, the whole world has been struck by the devastating impacts of covid-19. Here in Kenya, we have faced six tough and painful months of corona virus.

Six months of a pandemic that has led thousands of people to lose jobs after thousands of businesses closed down. Six months that have seen many Kenyans losing lives families sinking into poverty; churches closed; hotels closed for a long time and just got recently opened for day-time operations; hospitals struggling to build capacities to ensure they are able to deal with major coronavirus spread across the 47 counties; and six months in which the National and County Governments have been trying to boost public confidence by providing necessary information about the disease, and provide protective equipment for health professionals.

So in every sense, coronavirus is not just a health issue. The evidence of the impact of the disease shows us that it is a social, economic, health, academic, scientific and spiritual matter altogether. While the government and professionals are trying their best to counter the disease, we are still finding the disease very challenging.

Brothers and sisters, it is time for us to pluck a lesson from the book of Psalms and learn what the Psalmist learnt, that Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

If we must overcome covid-19, we must ensure that we place God at the center of the battle, so that our efforts shall not be in vain.

A single verse in the book of Mathew informs us a word from God Himself that For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them. We are today gathered here in His name, and certainly He is in our midst.

I requested to all of you to plan how we can rally the human community in the entire Narok County, to dedicate this county and this country in prayer, to fast and to lift our voices to heaven and cry to God to spare us from death.

We must find our way to Calvary to the CROSS of Christ.

To win the war and the battle against coronavirus, we cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We must pull together, stand together and face the future together.

The efforts of science to find a vaccine, or commitment to wash hand, wear masks and keeping social distance must be supported by the power of faith and prayers of Christians, Muslims and the Hindu, indeed all religions, and together we shall overcome.

Men and women of God, we need to pray pray and sanctify our county, so that when this raging pandemic is all over, we shall testify of Gods mercy, His goodness and favour, and sparing us from the worst effects of corona virus.

While this pandemic is not comparable to the nine plagues faced by the children of Israel in the time of Moses, but just like the children of Israel had their first born sons saved by remaining in the house so that the angel of death could Passover, let us purpose to remain in the house of God, so that we may fully experience the Passover of this pandemic.

We have to be on the same side against covid-19. We must ask ask ourselves whether God is on our side. But we must make sure that we are on Gods side to win against the devil.

As the governor of Narok County, whichever side I look, I realise that we must find comfort at the feet of Christ. We have to commit this County and its residents to God. Like the time of King Josiah in scripture, ours is a time like the one he was in it is time to tear our clothes like he did, and pray to God sincerely, with all humility.

I take deep instruction and courage from the Biblical verse in second Chronicles 7:14, and I quote, If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”.

Our ultimate weapon is our faith. Let us turn to God.

The coronavirus crisis has turned life upside down. Economies have declined. Our children are no longer in school. Hospitals have limited ventilators and oxygen facilities.

We need to have life and economic activity back on its feet.

In this regard, I would like to request that we set aside the coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday i.e. from 21st to 23rd, to observe fasting and praying for this county. To pray for individuals and families that have already been directly affected by covid-19 through infections; to pray for those whose businesses have been affected; to pray for the leadership of this county and to pray for the church and all faithful.

This is my humble request to you all.

Thank you all and may God bless you