

ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF LEPHALALE, Hon MJ MAEKO, DURING INTERDENOMINATION PRAYER

- Madam Speaker
- The Chief Whip Cllr. A Thulare
- The leaders of opposition Parties
- Our Traditional Leaders
- All Managers of Lephalale Local Municipality led by Mme EM Tukakgomo
- Distinguished Guests
- Media Houses present here
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Programme Director

We all know that South Africa is predominantly a Christian Country, guided by the Holy Bible. It is very important that we also observe and honour the last part of the preamble our Constitution which says:

“May God Protect our people.

Nkosi Sikelel’ IAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso

God seen Suid Afrika.

God bless South Africa

Mudzimu hatutshedza Afurika

Hosi katekisa Afrika”

Programme Director

This means that we call the almighty God to intervene and protect us in whatever challenge we face. When crime increases we call upon God to protect our people, when we need rain we call upon God to send heavenly showers and when we face many road accidents, we call upon God for protection.

All these things we do because of the promises made by God himself in the holy Bible. Prayer is a powerful tool for communicating with our Heavenly Father. It is an opportunity to unite and become one. Prayer helps us find strength or today and hope for the future. **Mathew 18 verse 20: Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.....**

Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven.

As the collective leadership of the Municipality, we view the continuous loss of lives on our roads as a call of great concern calling for combined intervention from everyone involved in road safety, and the community at large.

This Gathering is a response to the high accident rate recorded on our roads in the past 12 months claiming the lives of our loved ones. Mostly we have lost young people, young people who are supposed to be our future leaders. According to statistics released by the South African Police Services (SAPS), some of the contributing factors are:

- Reckless and negligent driving.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol.
- High speed.
- Insufficient traffic personnel

We request motorists to respect traffic laws and obey the rules of the road all the time. Arrive Alive- must not be treated a slogan but a way living.

- Don't drink and drive.
- Buckle up.
- Avoid excessive speed.

Easter holiday is upon us and there will be traffic congestions as people will be going to pilgrimages, family gathering and vacation. Our request is that those who will be driving should do so soberly. Don't Drink and Drive. Drive safely and Arrive Alive and ember speed kills. Arrive at your destination and enjoy the Easter holiday with your family, congregation or friends.

In the words of poet Mzwakhe Mbuli "the flip side of Don't Drink and Drive is Don't Drink and Walk on the road"

I thank you