

"It is the duty of a Christian to vote for a candidate who has a true love for his country, and who is ready to respect the laws of God, and the rights of the family and the individual."

Compare this with what follows:

"After the result of the elections are known, Christians must respect the decision of the nation and co-operate with the elected candidate for their common welfare as well as for the peace and unity of the country."

Now, therefore, I and my Colleagues in this Christian Government, which is the outcome of prayers by the Christian Churches in Lesotho, feel in duty bound to appeal to the nation for unity, peace and Christian charity. Let us all unite in prayer to God Almighty for the guidance of this nation to mutual understanding, prosperity, justice and peace. The response which the Churches in this country have made to the late Pope John's appeal for Unity is very encouraging. In the excellent collaboration of Christian Churches we see in practice what is to be understood by unity in diversity. This should serve as an example of what is expected of our nation working towards a common goal despite the diversity of political adherences.

The present Government in Lesotho is an answer to the prayer of the Church of God that God's Will be done. Any group of people or individuals who might attempt to defeat the aims and purposes of this Government would in effect be offering a challenge not only to popular will as expressed through the ballot box, but to God's own disposal sought through the prayers of His Own Church. Such people could be compared to those who in times of need join others to pray and when their prayers are answered, immediately forget the need for gratitude for prayers answered and instead revert to their previous state of discontent and once again begin to sow the seeds of discord.

In all our endeavours to create a new Lesotho - a Lesotho of unity and stability and one inhabited by people of the right attitude of mind towards natural problems, - let us at all times keep in mind the power of prayer. This is a truth fully appreciated even by a Mosotho non-member of any Christian Church. Faced with any difficult situation a Mosotho will never fail to say: "If God were to help me I would succeed." How much more, then, is this true for the present Christian Government faced with the problems of raising the living standards of a Christian nation.

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