



ADDRESS BY THE ACTING MAYOR OF ELIAS MOTSOLEDI  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CLLR DELLY MATJOMANE DURING THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE NATIONAL PRAYER DAY  
FOR THE POLICE SAFETY HELD IN TAFELKOP ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
OCTOBER 2021

Programme directors Lt Col MJ Seabi & Sgt AI Selala

Honourable Councillors

Our Traditional Leaders Kgoshi Rammupudu & Kgoshigadi  
Matspe

Deputy Provincial Commissioner: Crime Detection Maj Gen  
Manala

Lt Col (Rev) RM Mahlangu

Capt (Rev) D Kotze

Pastor JJ Nkosi

Rev MJ Mokwena

Rev DJ Visagie

Members of the Community

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentleman

## **KE YA LE DUMEDIŠA MO LEINE LA MORENA WA RENA JESO KRISTE!!**

Programme Director , on behalf of the Mayor of Elias Motsaoleli, Cllr Julia Lata Matheb it is an honour for me to accept an invitation to the South African Police service National Prayer Day for the Police Safety. My task here today is short. I am here to give a Message of Support from our Mayor and the entire residence of this Municipality.

### **Programme Director**

Today we are meeting here for one thing, to ask God to bless all of you who wear the uniform in service to our country and the community of Elias Motsaoleli. I also want to ask a special blessing upon your families today, because it's your spouses, children, and parents who daily pray for your safety while you are at work, and who love and support you at the end of the day when your duty is done and also remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty, who never failed in their generous service, even when it meant the giving of their very lives. Let us give thanks to God for the witness they left us, a witness of sacrifice, and a witness to the dignity and honor of their vocation of service.

### **Programme Director**

Our police officers are vital agents of peace, security and social stability to ensure that every woman and every girl child can walk freely in the streets without any fear being raped and murdered. Everyone must feel safe every time. They ensure that our homes and neighborhoods are safe and secure for all of us. The South African Police Service, is mandated by Section 205 of

the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to prevent, combat and investigate crime, uphold and enforce the law, maintain public order and protect and secure the inhabitants of our country.

Therefore, it remains of serious concern that police officers are killed by suspects resisting arrest while responding to complaints, effecting arrests, in stop-and-search operations, and in vehicle accidents

### **Programme director**

I am deeply worried about the cases of abuse on women and children in this province especial in Elias Motsoaledi. All of this is happening on the backdrop of our campaigns on No Violence Against Women and Children. It is now time to seek help from the living God.

Our churches have an important role to play in responding to cases of sexual abuse and gender-based violence. Victims of abuse look for spiritual healing and comfort, and they should find such in the house of the Lord. Through our collective efforts we can create safer communities, and we all must act to prevent abuse and to ensure a safer society for women and children.

We trust you set this day aside as the National Day of Prayer because we acknowledge that faith plays a fundamental role in advancing values which bind us together as a nation.

Our country was founded on the ideals of diversity and religious freedom which are enshrined in our Constitution. Across all faiths, in our nation and across the globe, prayer is a powerful force that unites nations and promotes national unity.

### **Programme Director**

In conclusion, There is greater spiritual power when believers pray together with unity of purpose. In Matthew 18 of the Bible, Jesus taught not only the power of prayer, but also the power of agreement in prayer.

He said that when multiple believers agree in prayer His Father would give them anything for which they ask. Because in united prayer, said Jesus - even in small groups of two or three - He Himself would be uniquely manifest.

We have gathered here today for similar reasons, perhaps to consider more specifically problems pertaining to crime and road safety.

Let us pray for a 2021 that is prosperous. We also need you to pray for peaceful local government elections . Together and united in prayers as Christians, we can do more to move our Elias Motsoaledi forward.

I thank you and God bless!.