

ZAMBIANS IN NORDIC REGION UNITE FOR PRAYERS

STOCKHOLM – TUESDAY, 20th October, 2020 – ZAMBIANS in the Nordic countries on Sunday joined the Zambian Embassy to commemorate the annual National Day of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Reconciliation.

Zambia's Ambassador accredited to the Nordic and Baltic countries, Her Excellency Ms. Rose Salukatula led diplomatic staff with their families and the rest of the congregants in observing the occasion.

This is the first time that Zambians living in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden have come together to collectively observe a national event.

The event which was held through the Zoom online platform, was presided over by Pastor Tinashe Mwale-Karlsson resident in Sweden. Other members of the Clergy resident in Finland, Denmark and Sweden joined Embassy staff and other congregants to lead in various prayers dedicated to Zambia.

Namibia's Ambassador to Sweden, His Excellency Mr. George Liswaniso and his spouse, Agnes, also found time to join in.

Ambassador Salukatula noted that the event was unique in that it had brought together Zambians as well as friends of Zambia from different parts of the Nordic region to observe the important day.

She pointed out that as a Christian nation, this was a day designated by Zambia on which citizens turn to God in prayer and meditation so as to concretise the country's cherished declaration of this status.

"This is a day designated by Zambians on which we set aside everything and turn to God in prayer and fasting. This is a day meant to give an opportunity to those who choose to pray for the continued success of our nation, out of a desire to honour the God in whom we believe," she said.

In line with the theme: **'Zambia Seeks God's Intervention for Sustained National Unity, Peace and Prosperity'**, Ambassador Salukatula implored everyone to proclaim and acknowledge God's grace upon Zambia and to unite in humbling themselves before God, in confessing individual sins.

The Ambassador noted that the day should encourage everyone not to take the challenges which they may be going through as a sign that God has abandoned them.

"This day should instead instil in us a sense of realisation that we need to turn to God and put Him at the centre of everything that we do."

The event was dedicated to confession and national repentance; praying for prosperity for the nation of Zambia; giving thanks for everything God has done in the nation, and praying for peace and unity; prayer for healing and reconciliation with one another.

Other petitions were dedicated to praying for leaders for them to unite and work for the development of the country; good rains, and praying for Zambian families resident in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

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