

PRESIDENT LUNGU CALLS FOR SUPPORT TO CHURCHES

Rufunsa, (**Sunday, 8th September, 2019**-----His Excellency, **Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia** has encouraged citizens to emulate early missionaries by contributing towards building the church.

The President said early missionaries set a good example by giving selflessly.

"Running the Affairs of the Church or building the kingdom of God should not be left to the clergy alone, but we, Christians should rise to the occasion to equally render support," the President has said.

The President said this during Mass at St Andrews Parish in Chinyunyu, Rufunsa District.

The President said his administration will continue supporting the church.

"I will personally support the construction of this church. On Tuesday, I will send an envoy to assess what needs to be done", the President said.

The church does not only provide the spiritual needs of society, but also helps shape the moral compass of our great nation," the President said.

And President Lungu has said all citizens need the love and grace of the Lord in their hearts so that they co-exist in their communities.

"It goes without saying that efficient provision of services requires partnerships, not only with Government, but also with the Corporate World, Civil Society organisations, local communities as well as private citizens.

The President urged development partners, local communities and individuals to support the church in supplementing Government efforts in social service delivery.

The President urged institutions to support St Andrews Catholic Church to complete the church building.

And St Andrews Parish Father, Christopher Nkole said the church should be united and not be divided by doctrine.

Father Nkole in his sermon also said citizens may belong to different political parties but are all Zambians.

"We are one family, One Zambia, One Nation," he said.

He added that Christians should pray because of the deep need for the word of God.

Father Nkole said each task given to people has challenges and that is why they have to pray.

"But people should pray according to their given set of tasks. Prayer should be within context," he said.

Father Nkole added that the visit by the President brought people of different denominations together.

He said foreign missions helped churches previously but now that support is diminishing.

The Priest is also concerned about the drought experienced in the area that has affected harvest.

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