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PRESIDENT LUNGU DELIVERS HOLY WEEK, EASTER MESSAGE

LUSAKA, (Thursday, 9th April, 2020)-----His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia has called on the nation and families to dedicate this Holy week and Easter to praying fervently for Zambia and the rest of the World to attract God's infinity mercy and healing on all those who are ill from the coronavirus, COVID 19.

In his Holy week and Easter message to the nation, the President said, this commemoration this year is even more significant as the world grapples with covid 19 which has claimed thousands of lives and left millions of people infected.

"I greet you all on this day, ahead of Good Friday tomorrow, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday. In the midst of this pandemic, as a Christian nation, we join the rest of the World in commemorating the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. During this time we remember our brothers and sisters who have died across the globe due to COVID 19. Our prayer is that those who are sick may receive divine healing as quickly as possible," the President said.

The President said the commemoration of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ should compel the nation and families to pray fervently and to repent, that God may exercise his infinite mercy on our nation, and the entire world and bring healing to all those who are sick and an end to the pandemic.

"Unlike in the past, this year we mark the Holy week and Easter behind closed doors with our families. Therefore, let this commemoration bring renewed hope and trust in our faith for God Almighty. Let us use this time to revisit our Christian life in our walk with God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Each one of us must self introspect," the President said.

The President quoted the scripture **Psalm chapter 103 verse 2 to 4** which reads: **Bless the Lord all my soul, and forget not his benefits; who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.**

The President has reiterated his deepest sympathies to the bereaved families across the World who have lost their loved ones. "My heart goes out to them. I also wish to convey my deepest condolences to the family of our beloved citizen who lost his life to the pandemic."

"As we mark this commemoration, let us continue to take precautionary measures against COVID 19. God bless you all," reads part of the President's message.

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