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### VOICE OF THE BISHOP: PRAYER FOR SOUTH AFRICA: MATTHEW 12:25-37

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**Attention:** To Church Leaders and all South Africans

The role of church leaders and prayer warriors in times of political turmoil and civil unrest cannot be understated. As spiritual guides and moral authorities, Archbishops, Bishops, Apostles, Archdeacons and other church leaders have a unique platform to promote peace, unity, and reconciliation among their followers and society at large. In the face of escalating tensions in South Africa and the threat of civil war, it is imperative that church leaders use their voices to call for prayer, dialogue, and non-violent solutions to resolve conflicts.

The voice of the church leaders carries weight and authority within the church community and beyond. As shepherds of their flocks, church leaders have a responsibility to lead by example and promote values of love, compassion, and forgiveness. In times of crisis, it is crucial that church leaders speak out against corruption, crime, arrogance, hatred, and divisions, and instead advocate for peaceful resolution of conflicts through prayer and dialogue.

The power of prayer cannot be underestimated in times of crisis. Prayer has the ability to bring people together, to heal wounds, and to inspire hope and reconciliation. Church leaders have a unique opportunity to mobilize their congregations and communities to come together in prayer for peace, unity, and understanding. By leading their followers in prayer, church leaders and prayer warriors can create a sense of solidarity and common purpose that transcends political and social divides.

It is essential that church leaders use their voices to call for peace and unity in the face of the threat of civil war. By speaking out against violence and division, and by promoting prayer, dialogue, and non-violent solutions to conflicts, bishops can help to prevent the escalation of tensions and the outbreak of civil war. In these challenging times, the voice of the church is needed more than ever to guide and inspire their followers towards a path of peace, reconciliation, and unity.

In conclusion, Let use our voices to call for prayer, dialogue, and non-violent solutions to conflicts, the church can help to prevent the outbreak of civil war and promote reconciliation and healing. Let us heed the voice of the church and come together in prayer and solidarity to build a more peaceful and just society for all.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop M. Gcebe



Signed by Bishop M. Gcebe  
For and on behalf of  
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