

REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH NYUMA BOAKAI, SR., PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AT THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

EJS Ministerial Complex

Oldest Congo Town, Liberia

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Distinguished Clergy and Men and Women of God;

Esteemed Organizers of this National Prayer Breakfast;

Our International Evangelist Partners;

Leaders of Government;

Members of the Private Sector;

Fellow Liberians;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning.

Let me begin by expressing sincere appreciation to the organizers of this important prayer breakfast, particularly our Christian Church leaders from across Liberia and our international partners, for bringing us together in fellowship, reflection, and prayer for our nation. Let me single out Dr. Ramesh Richard from Texas, USA, a Theologian Evangelist.

This gathering is far more than a ceremonial breakfast. It is a moment of national reflection. It is a reminder that while governments make plans, institutions carry responsibilities, and citizens labor daily to build a better country, we must never lose sight of the divine hand that guides nations.

The Bible reminds us in Psalm 127: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” That message is deeply relevant for Liberia. Faith has always been woven into Liberia’s story.

From the founding of our Republic, prayer has played a central role in shaping our national journey. Through seasons of promise, periods of uncertainty, and moments of profound challenge, Liberians have consistently turned to God for wisdom, protection, and hope.

Indeed, ours is a nation that has survived because our people never stopped believing. And that faith remains essential today.

As we mark 179 years of independence, Liberia is not where it should be, and so we must pray earnestly and work harder cooperatively to change that. But still, we have much to be proud of. We have preserved our sovereignty, strengthened democratic governance, maintained peace, and continued to uphold constitutional order.

Today, our nation is making deliberate progress. Roads are being improved, institutions are being strengthened, confidence in Liberia's international standing is growing, and we are working with determination to create broader economic opportunity for our people.

Only recently, Liberia earned the confidence of the international community with our election to a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. That achievement is not merely symbolic. It reflects renewed trust in our country, our democratic stability, and our voice in global affairs. It reminds us that nations can rise when leadership, purpose, and faith work together. Yet we also know that nation-building is a continuing journey.

Progress is not measured only by what has been achieved, but by our determination to keep moving forward until every Liberian feels the impact of national development.

That is why gatherings such as this matter; because prayer is not passive. Prayer strengthens conviction. Prayer shapes character. Prayer reminds leaders that authority is a sacred trust.

As President, I deeply understand the weight of leadership. Decisions made in public office affect families, communities, businesses, and generations yet unborn.

That is why I value the prayers of the people. Because no leader succeeds by wisdom alone. We need God's guidance. We need humility. We need moral clarity. And we need a nation united not merely by political ambition, but by shared purpose and faith.

I therefore call upon our religious communities across Liberia to continue praying for our country.

Pray for wisdom for your leaders. Pray for peace in our communities. Pray for integrity in public service. Pray for our young people, that they may become builders of hope and progress. Pray for our farmers, teachers, healthcare workers, security personnel, entrepreneurs, and every citizen contributing to national growth.

Pray for unity. Pray for healing where divisions remain. Pray for a deeper spirit of patriotism and service. But prayer alone is not enough if our actions do not reflect our faith. A praying nation must also be a responsible nation. A faithful people must also be disciplined people.

As a people asking for God's blessings, we too must also practice honesty, justice, compassion, and love for our country.

We cannot seek divine favor while tolerating division, corruption, dishonesty, and indifference.

Faith must shape conduct. Prayer must shape decisions. Patriotism must shape sacrifice.

Our Administration remains firmly committed to Liberia's transformation through the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development.

We are working to strengthen governance, improve infrastructure, expand economic opportunity, and position Liberia for sustainable progress.

But government alone cannot build the Liberia we seek. The Church has a role. The Mosque has a role. The private sector has a role. Families have a role. Communities have a role. Every Liberian has a role.

This prayer breakfast is a powerful example of what national unity can look like: people from different sectors coming together not for politics, not for personal interest, but for the common good of Liberia.

For that, I commend the organizers. Thank you for creating this space where faith and national purpose meet.

As we gather this morning, let us renew both our covenant with God and our commitment to country.

Let us ask not only for blessings, but for the wisdom and courage to be worthy stewards of those blessings.

And let us move forward with confidence, knowing that with faith, unity, discipline, and hard work, Liberia's greatest days are still ahead.

May God bless you all.

And may God continue to bless the Republic of Liberia as we all continue to Think Liberia, Love Liberia, and Build Liberia!