

Programme Director,
Speaker of Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr Business Modisakeng
Councillors present Bomme ba Sedibeng Bomme ba Lesedi Bomme ba
Emfuleni Bomme ba Midvaal Halala Bomama Halala Malibongwe!

Ladies and the gentlemen who are here, I greet you all. I welcome you on this occasion, where women gather in Prayer, asking the Almighty to intervene.

We start this day at an unfortunate moment; today has been declared the National Day of Mourning for the MARIKANA tragedy, where a total of 34 lives were lost.

May we please stand and observe a moment of silence.

(May their Souls rest in peace).

These deaths have left widows, sisters and orphans. We pray that God will comfort these families.

The purpose of today's event is to converge in Prayer, as women to ask the Lord to heal our wounds after the public violent protests that took place from 19- 21 March 2012 in Ratanda. As women we must say, Never Ever Again will that happen!

Today there are no halls, libraries, municipal buildings and many women and children don't have homes due to the violence that ensued in Ratanda.

What better way to come before God than the Women's Month, when we celebrate the 56th anniversary of the 1956 Women's match protest under the the leadership of FEDSAW, which was led by the likes of Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophia De Bruin.

This year we celebrate under the following theme:

56 Years of Women United against Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment.

We are so fortunate to have lived also during the times when the Ruling Party is celebrating 100 Years in existence.

On behalf of Sedibeng and Lesedi Council I welcome you to this great occasion.

I wish to convey my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Speaker of Sedibeng, Cllr Busisiwe Modisakeng, for continuing with the tradition of Celebrating the Women in Prayer event in Style, as it has been for the past 10 Years.

Bomme, let us praise the Lord today and enjoy like never before. Let us be brave and ask God to guide us like He had done in the Bible with the following women:

Esther who pleaded for the Jews before her husband, King Xerxes.

Maria, who accepted the miracle who became Jesus, Ruth who took care of Naomi(her mother in law) and many other women who stood up for the truth in the Bible.

Thank you

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