



NOVENA

FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SITHEMBELE SIPUKA
AS ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN

- 1** 5 Mar, Thur *A shepherd is called*

- 2** 6 Mar, Fri *Bless him with wisdom, courage and compassion*

- 3** 7 Mar, Sat *Guide his words and actions in truth and love*

- 4** 8 Mar, Sun *Keep him strong in faith and humble in heart*

- 5** 9 Mar, Mon *May he be Christ's heart of mercy*

- 6** 10 Mar, Tues *May he be Christ's voice of hope*

- 7** 11 Mar, Wed *May he be Christ's hands of justice*

- 8** 12 Mar, Thur *May he unite us in faith and purpose*

- 9** 13 Mar, Fri *May he be filled with the Holy Spirit*

Prayer *for* OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

*Lord God, you call shepherds to guide your people.
We thank you for our new Archbishop,
Sithembele Sipuka.*

*Bless him with wisdom, courage, and compassion
as he leads your Church.*

*Fill him with your Holy Spirit, guide his words and
actions in truth and love, and keep him strong
in faith and humble in heart.*

*May he be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope,
and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care,
uniting us in faith and purpose.*

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



DAY 1

A SHEPHERD IS CALLED



WE CONSIDER...

“He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom and
gently lead those that are with young.”

Isaiah 40:11

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † “I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.”
Rabindranath Tagore
- † “Cast yourselves into the arms of God
and be very sure that if he wants anything
of you, he will fit you for the work and give
you the strength.” *St Philip Neri*

WE SING...

*Will you come and
follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let your love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in
you and you in me?*

WE PRAY...

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We thank you for our new Archbishop,
Sithembele Sipuka. Bless him with wisdom, courage,
and compassion as he leads your Church.
Fill him with your Holy Spirit, guide his words and
actions in truth and love, and keep him strong in faith
and humble in heart.
May he be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope,
and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care,
uniting us in faith and purpose.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of strength be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka,
And with all of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town,
holding us in strong and loving hands,
May we be the sacrament of God's strength to those whose
hands we hold,
May the blessing of strength be with us.

DAY 2

BLESS HIM WITH WISDOM, COURAGE AND COMPASSION



WE CONSIDER...

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines." *1 Corinthians 12:7-11*

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † "Do one thing every day that scares you."
Eleanor Roosevelt
- † "You may call God love, you may call God good, but the best name for God is compassion." *Chris McVey*

WE SING...

*Be thou my vision, O Lord
of my heart,
Naught be all else to me
save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the
day and the night,
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.*

WE PRAY...

Lord God, you call shepherds to guide your people. We thank you for our new Archbishop, Sithembele Sipuka. Bless him with wisdom, courage, and compassion as he leads your Church. Fill him with your Holy Spirit, guide his words and actions in truth and love, and keep him strong in faith and humble in heart. May he be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care, uniting us in faith and purpose. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of compassion be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, And with all of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, holding us close when we are weary and hurt and alone. And may we be the warm hands and eyes of compassion for our sisters and brothers when they reach out to us. May the blessing of compassion be on us.

DAY 3

GUIDE HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS IN TRUTH AND LOVE



WE CONSIDER...

“Pray also for me that whenever I speak, words would be given me so that I would fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel.”

Ephesians 6:19

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

† “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

† “The truth is like a lion; you don’t have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself.”

St Augustine

WE SING...

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

WE PRAY...

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BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of love be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, May our lives be continual, giving and receiving of love with our God, our friends, and with all whose lives we touch.

May God's love in us light fires of faith and hope, and may the fire grow and burn deeply and enflame the earth. May the blessing of love and friendship be with us always.

DAY 4

KEEP HIM STRONG IN FAITH AND HUMBLE IN HEART



WE CONSIDER...

"And what does the Lord require of you?
Only this. To act justly, to love tenderly and
to walk humbly with your God".

Micah 6:8

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † We were born to make manifest the
glory of God that is within us.
Marianne Williamson
- † "Let your dreams be bigger than your fears,
your actions louder than your words,
and your faith stronger than your feelings."
Unknown

WE SING...

*Will you let me be your
servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the
grace to let you be
my servant too.*

WE PRAY...

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courage, and compassion as he leads your Church.
Fill him with your Holy Spirit,
guide his words and actions in truth and love,
and keep him strong in faith and humble in heart.
May he be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope,
and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care,
uniting us in faith and purpose.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of gentleness be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka,
And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town,
caressing us with sunlight and rain and wind.
May God's tenderness shine through us to warm
all who are hurt and lonely.
May the blessing of gentleness be with us.

DAY 5

MAY HE BE CHRIST'S HEART OF MERCY



WE CONSIDER...

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

† "Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing mercy."

Albert Barnes

† "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

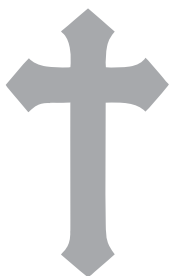
Pope Francis

WE SING...

*Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.*

WE PRAY...

Lord God, you call shepherds to guide your people. We thank you for our new Archbishop, Sithembele Sipuka. Bless him with wisdom, courage, and compassion as he leads your Church. Fill him with your Holy Spirit, guide his words and actions in truth and love, and keep him strong in faith and humble in heart. May he be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care, uniting us in faith and purpose. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of simplicity be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, opening us to a clear vision of what is real and true, Leading us deeply into the mystery of childhood. And may our dealings with others be marked by honesty, which is simplicity. May the blessing of simplicity be on us.

DAY 6

MAY HE BE CHRIST'S VOICE OF HOPE



WE CONSIDER...

“May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered” *Hebrews 6:18-20*

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † “One day you’ll look back and see God walked with you every step of the way.”
Unknown
- † “Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.” *St Augustine*

WE SING...

*And he will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath
of dawn,
Make you to shine like
the sun,
And hold you in the palm
of his hand.*

WE PRAY...

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BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of hope be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka,
And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town,
May our inner hope –
For our own future and that of our archdiocesan community –
Become a beacon of hope that does not disappoint.
May the blessing of hope be with us always.

DAY 7

MAY HE BE CHRIST'S HANDS OF JUSTICE



WE CONSIDER...

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring
forth justice to the nations. He will not cry
aloud or lift up his voice or make it heard in
the street; a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice."

Isaiah 42:1-2

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

† "Life's most persistent and urgent
question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
Martin Luther King Jr

† If you want peace, you must work for justice.
Pope Paul VI

WE SING...

*Look around you,
can you see?
Times are troubled, people
grieve.
See the violence, feel the
hardness, All my people,
weep with me.
Kyrie eleison... Christe eleison...
Kyrie eleison.*

WE PRAY...

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and compassion as he leads your Church.
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actions in truth and love, and keep him strong in faith
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and hands of justice for all entrusted to his care,
uniting us in faith and purpose.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of peace be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka,
And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town,
May our lives reflect peace in all we do,
And that our reflected peace may touch others
And spread throughout our world.
May the blessing of peace be with us always.

DAY 8

MAY HE UNITE US IN FAITH AND PURPOSE



WE CONSIDER...

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ".
Romans 15:5-6

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † "I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."
St Teresa of Calcutta
- † "Oh God, help me to believe the truth about myself, no matter how beautiful it is."
Macrina Wiederkehr

WE SING...

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
With cords that cannot
be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
bind us together with love.*

WE PRAY..

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BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of joy be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, thrilling us with God's nearness, filling our hearts to fullness, and filling our throats with laughter and song. May our joy bring life and joy to others. May the blessing of joy be with us always.

DAY 9

MAY HE BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



WE CONSIDER...

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". *Acts 1:8*

WE REFLECT ON THESE INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS...

- † "We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make the difference." *Nelson Mandela*
- † "Stand up and feel the Holy Spirit, find the power of your faith"
from the Song 'I Believe' – Eric J. Levisalles
- † "May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder."
John O'Donohue

WE SING...

*He sent me to give
the good news to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are
prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that
they can see,
And set the downtrodden free,
And go tell everyone the
news that the kingdom of
God has come (x2).*

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BLESSING FOR THE DAY...

May the God of wonder be with Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, And with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, delighting us with sunrise and sunset, enchanting our senses, filling our hearts, giving us wide-open eyes that we may see the splendour in both the humble and majestic. May we open the eyes and hands and hearts of the blind and deaf and the insensitive. May the blessing of wonder be with us.



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