

Opening prayer: Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lifted the torch of freedom for nations then unborn, grant that and the people of South Africa may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer: Dear Lord, as a nation we were convinced that we could not enslave half slave and half free. We thank you that our brothers and sisters in South Africa has realized the same dream. We all are aware that no one can celebrate liberty as long as one's brothers and sisters are in chains or shackled by poverty or ignorance or a denial of basic rights that enables them to to the good of society.

Our most elusive has been the pursuit of happiness, for no person can give happiness to another. It's a state that each must find for oneself. Help us to discover the secret that comes not from selfish pursuit of ingrown indulgence, but from showing not just what we have, but who we are.