UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY DR. VIJOO RATTANSI, OGW, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
DURING THE UoN ANNUAL PRAYER DAY SERVICE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 AT TAIFA HALL AT 10.50 A.M.
Chancellors present

Regional President of Ford Foundation,

Maurice

Makoloo

Prof. Peter Felix Mbithi, Vice Chancellor

University of Nairobi,

Peers,

Colleagues,

Friends,
Members of staff

The student fraternity,

All protocols observed, good morning!

When I received the invitation to this prayer service, I knew, or so I thought, that in the revered presence of the man of cloth, my presence was secondary to my ability to deliver a speech!
That was until I overhead that the Chancellor, a mere mortal in my form and likeness, was expected to say something!

I will therefore endeavor to be brief and precise.

I am encouraged that the University, in its own wisdom, thought it best that we gather and fellowship together. When two or three are gathered in His name, like we are,
He will be amongst them. I am therefore sure that as we fellowship and invoke the Almighty’s presence for guidance and protection in the days to come, He is already amongst us.

Let us remember that the quest for academic perfection should not lead to neglect of the spiritual tree of the University community if we are to continue raising wholesome men and women.
I am therefore happy to note the positive steps taken by the university to preserve its spiritual nourishment.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves to be doers of the word, not mere hearers of the word. Let us pray and sing. Thereafter let us go out and work as though the answer to our prayers depends solely on us and not upon our prayers! As we have prayed together today, let us walk
together, let us sing together and let us live together in peace and harmony.

If we do this, the peace that surpasses all understanding will preserve our serenity and happiness.

Finally, may the Almighty make us instruments of His peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.


May God bless you, May He bless the University of Nairobi and may He bless Kenya.
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