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A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO ISITHWALANWE,  
FATHER TREVOR HUELDELSTON ON THE  
OCCASION OF A FAREWELL RECEPTION HELD  
IN DURBAN IN HIS HONOUR ON JANUARY, 28  
1956 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONGRESSES  
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I truly envy those who will have the honour and joy of a personal presence at this great occasion which affords lovers of Freedom in Natal an opportunity of paying deserving tribute to Isithwalanwe Father Trevor Huddelston. It is this intense envy which made me seize with great eagerness and joy the invitation to have me join spiritually this distinguished gathering by sending a short written message of farewell to Isithwalanwe Father Trevor Huddelston.

In bidding farewell to you, Father Huddelston, I would like to associate myself with the feeling of deep regret at your departure from South Africa so widely and most feelingly expressed by all people in our land who have true regard for justice and fairplay. All this is evidence of the high esteem you are held in by your fellow South Africans who value freedom for all in our country; it shows how all true democrats in South Africa have come to appreciate most deeply your intense devotion and sacrifice to a just, but unpopular cause in South Africa, the extension, without let or hinderance, of freedom to all people in our land.

You have laboured so assiduously to make South Africa land whose national life shall be rid of greed, selfishness, fear and hate and become permeated by a spirit that shows great concern for human dignity, and welfare; A spirit that respects the principle of the brotherhood and equality of men. Your constructive contribution in this important field of seeking to establish true happy human relationships among the different sections of our multi-racial nation makes me to take the liberty of name you "VUSITHEMBA" for by your brave and dignified opposition to oppression from whatever source it may have come you have become an unflinching source of inspiration to many of us whenever despondency and despair assailed us in our fight

for freedom.

You have challenged Christians most uncomfortably to live up in tenets of their Christian Faith. By precept and by example you have challenged Christians to take a bold stand for the cause of freedom since their Christian discipleship involves their carrying out faithfully the mission of our Lord and Master which he himself described as "to proclaim release to the captives..... to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

Your example shall remain an unfailing source of inspiration to us and to generations to come and we can truly say of you in the words of the poet Longfellow:

"Lives of great men all remind us we  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another, sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then be up and doing with a heart for any fate;  
still achieving, still pursuing  
Learn to labour and to wait;"

The only consolation we have in your leaving us is the knowledge that wherever you are you will sponsor and champion the cause of bringing liberty to the oppressed anywhere.

I wish you all that is best and noble in life.

Your fellow Isithwalandwe,  
in the cause of Africa,

ISITHWALANDWE ALBERT JOHN LUTULI.

MAYIBUYE AFRIKA !

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