

NOMANSLAND

The Office of the President
Tuynhuys
Plein Street
Cape Town

Dear Mr President

I write to you in the name of Jesus Christ and as a citizen with a heart for my country. I write to you on behalf of South Africans who have lost loved ones in the onslaught of crime in this country.

Mr. President, innocent people are being murdered and raped by criminals who have no conscience. Criminals who have no respect for our country or its laws. They move among us with impunity and our days are filled with the knowing that we could be next. We know that you have been busy addressing many of the issues around this since your inauguration, but people who are living in fear, need to be reassured that you care about their plight and that you are aware of what is going on, on ground level. The people of South Africa stood with you during your election, now we need you to stand with us.

Playing down crime might be good for international perception, but we live here Mr President and people who have seen their families destroyed by violence, are traumatised and confused when our President seems not to be concerned about crime. It makes us feel like our loved ones are forgotten and without name in this wave of death and destruction. We feel alone. Please take a personal interest in crime and please be seen to do so. Please take up your position as father of our beloved Land and show us that you care about our safety.

We as Christians are praying for you and we respect your government. God has chosen you to be in power over this nation. We submit under your authority as the leader of our earthly government. We are however ultimately submitted to the authority of Christ. We therefore call on you to remember that you were placed in your position by God and that you will be held accountable by Him for your leadership during this crisis. Please let the victims of crime, the widows and the orphans, who cannot fend for themselves, be remembered in the corridors of power.

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Your servant in Christ



Joe Niemand