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The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi has called on religious leaders to take a lead in uplifting the spirit of those who have lost hope as Covid-19 continues to destroy the economy and claim lives of people across the globe.

Speaking during the district virtual prayer on Monday, Shayi said the district prayer is about praying for healing of those infected with covid-19, but also for strength to the frontline workers and all those who have lost loved ones to the virus, saying “we pray also for those who have lost hope for we know that hope is what will sustain us.”



He said that the pandemic has disrupted lives and has added enormous strain on efforts to rebuild the economy and create jobs. “The livelihoods of our people is now heavily depended on government's social relief programmes, which may not be sustainable. The pandemic has pushed our people to the edge of hopelessness and despair.”

The Executive Mayor used the opportunity to appeal for communities to participate in the vaccination programme. “And we are saying this as leaders at this level, that we should all choose to be

vaccinated so that we are able to protect our loved ones. It is the simplest things such as getting vaccinated that will demonstrate the love that we have for our communities.”

He said that the church must never get weary in praying against the demon of corruption and malfeasance,

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saying “as we continue to be of service to the people of our district, we also know that the devil is always creeping around waiting to pounce and co-opt leaders into his evil deeds, and it is only through prayer that we are able resist his persistent attempts.

“It is only through the Word of God, that we are able to emulate Christ, be selfless and seek righteousness at all times. We say this because we know that corruption and malfeasance robs our people of quality service delivery, and we take seriously the role of the church in praying for leaders, not only in government but in civil society and in the private sector,” said Shayi.

The Executive Mayor also thanked churches in their prayers for rain. “Through your sustained prayers, we have seen the unfailing grace of the Almighty God. The recent rains have brought much relief to the district. Standing here today we are able to confirm that water levels in most of our dams have increased significantly over the past few weeks.” also seeing it ourselves having lost people closest to us,” he said.



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