

Evangelist Alveda King: Brace for Post-Election Impact

Last week during the furor and fray of the election, while praying that division and damage would not permanently mar relationships between family members, church members, friends, co-workers and communities, I clearly “heard” these words: “Brace yourselves.” Prayerfully, as we continue to pray for the best, we are preparing for the outcome, come what may.

As I write this report, I’m getting flashbacks from Earth’s heroes, military captains and even starship commanders from many favorite films; all saying: “Prepare for impact!”

Now it’s almost as if I can hear my grandfather Rev. Martin Luther King Sr.’s sermon as he assured us during the 20th-century civil rights movement that God would be with us, even as we were “coming in on broken pieces.”

“And the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And in this way they all escaped safely to land” (Acts 27:44).

Let’s pray for America and brace ourselves, remembering to vote for life in all elections. Vote today if you haven’t voted yet. Be a voice and not an echo. Finally, let’s be encouraged by the words of the apostle Paul as he was inspired by God’s Holy Spirit in Colossians 1:20-29 (MSG):

“And to reconcile all things to Himself by Him, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him, I say—whether they are things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were formerly alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight, if you continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and are not removed from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature

which is under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake and fill up in my flesh that which is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church. I have been made a servant of it according to the commission of God, which has been given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, even the mystery which has been hidden from past ages and generations, but now is revealed to His saints. To them God would make known what is the glorious riches of this mystery among the nations. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory, whom we preach, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present them perfect in Christ Jesus. In this I labor, striving according to His power, which effectively works in me."