



2024 Independence Message from Most Reverend Kedrick Forbes, Bishop of Roseau

“Peyi nou, kado nou”

"On this momentous day, we gather to celebrate 46 years of independence, freedom, and self-determination. As we commemorate this milestone, we are reminded of the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors who fought tirelessly to shape our nation.

The theme *'Peyi nou, kado nou'* resonates deeply in our hearts, for it is a poignant reminder that our country is our greatest gift; a gift that provides us with a sense of belonging, a sense of pride, and a sense of purpose.

As we reflect on our journey so far, we must acknowledge the progress we have made, the challenges we have overcome, and the opportunities that lie ahead. However, we must also recognize that our nation's true strength lies not ONLY in economic progress or political achievements, but in the spiritual foundation upon which we stand.

As a people of faith, we are called to uphold the values of our Christian heritage, to cherish the principles of love, compassion, and kindness. We must strive to live lives that are guided by a strong moral compass, a sense of justice, a commitment to the common good and equity.

Let us remember that our freedom is not just a gift, but a sacred responsibility. A responsibility that promotes a society that is just and fair. A society, where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background, creed, or socio-economic status.

As we celebrate this special day, let us recommit ourselves to cultivating a nation that is rooted in righteousness, guided by wisdom, and fuelled by a passion for the well-being of all. Let us seek to be a people who are known for our integrity, our empathy, and our generosity.

May our patriotism be ignited, may our sense of responsibility be renewed, and may our love for Dominica continue to inspire us to work towards a brighter, more resilient tomorrow. A tomorrow where every citizen can live in harmony, dignity, and prosperity.

Happy 46th Independence Anniversary, Dominica! May God bless our nation, and may we always remember that our country is not just a gift, but a sacred trust."



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