

*Celebrating the
Life of*



**PROF. FAITH WARIARA
NGURU**

July 24, 1957 - December 28, 2024

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Eulogy

Early life

Prof. Faith Wariara Nguru was born on 24th July 1957, at Thogoto Hospital in Kiambu County. She was the firstborn child of the late Godwin Kamau Gathu and Hannah Nyambura Gathu, both educators who raised her with love, discipline, and strong values. Faith was a caring and responsible sister to her siblings James Gathu, Hoseah Ng'ang'a, John Kariuki, Rahab Njeri, Salome Wanjiku, and David Kamau. Relatives and family friends endearingly called her Kariara because of her small stature. At the time of her birth, Faith's parents worked and lived in Thogoto.

When the family moved to Gathanji village in Githunguri, Faith began her primary education at Gathanji Full primary School where she was later joined by her siblings in subsequent years.

Her paternal grandparents, who were devout Christians, lived nearby and played an integral role in shaping her early life. They not only nurtured her spiritual growth but also taught her life skills such as picking coffee and fetching bananas and potatoes from the farm. Her grandfather allowed her to pick coffee for payment, which gave her the joy of buying 'mandazi' at the local shops. She fondly remembered joining the paid workers to deliver coffee to the Kiairia Coffee Factory, an experience that sparked her adventurous spirit and curiosity.

As the eldest child, Faith was entrusted with many responsibilities at home that included cooking and supervising her younger siblings with their household chores. She did not waste time in teenage notoriety. She was always serious, hardworking and focused in what she did. To date, her mother feels a tinge of guilty that she made young Faith carry heavy loads of agricultural produce from the shamba uphill to the home.



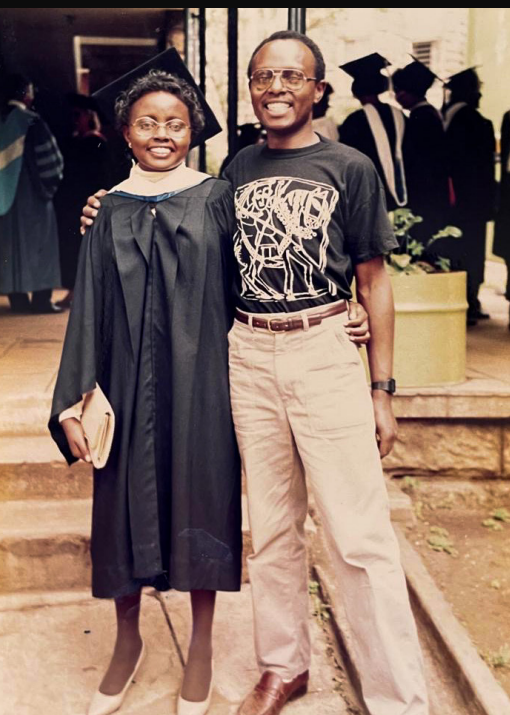
These became the foundations and building blocks of Faith's character of hard work and shouldering heavy responsibilities wherever she worked.

During weekends, her parents would often entrust her with managing the home and caring for her siblings as they expended their energies on their business start-up in Nairobi. She took this responsibility with earnest. Even at an early age, her caring and motherly attitude towards her siblings earned her their respect and obedience that has continued into adulthood. Later in life, Faith continued to offer leadership as the convener and chairperson of all family meetings. She was the abitur in family disputes and championed outreach activities to extended family members. facilitator in family disputes and outreach activities to extended family members. Though out her life, her siblings highly respected and adored her.

Education

Faith's academic journey began at Gathanji Full Primary School in 1965. The school was 5 kilometers from their home. She was a highly intelligent child who loved school and excelled in her studies. She transferred to Ainsworth Street Primary School in Nairobi where she completed her Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) in 1971. She passed brilliantly and earned a place at the prestigious Kenya High School. At Kenya High, she excelled not only in her academics but also in extra curricular activities such as Girl Guides, First Aid Club, Wildlife Club and the Christian Union. While in Form Six, she was appointed deputy Head Girl and deputy Chairperson of the Christian Union.





As a teenager, she was an avid reader who would often lock herself up in her room. Her mother would reprimand her siblings from disturbing or making noise while Faith was reading. Never mind that she was reading the romantic Mills and Boon novel series. She was a rapid reader and quite often, would complete reading a novel in a day!

Upon completion of her high school education, Faith enrolled at the Kenya Science Teachers College (KSTC) and trained as a high school science teacher. Her first job posting was at Kirangari High School where she taught science. After a brief teaching stint at Kirangari, Faith resigned to join the Ministry of Baptist Student Mission, where she worked in campus ministry at Kenya Technical Training College (KTTC) and the University of Nairobi. In 1984, Faith joined Daystar University. At Daystar, Faith pursued studies in Christian Communication graduating in 1987 with a Bachelor's degree in Christian Communication offered by Messiah College.



She immediately enrolled for her Master's degree in Christian Ministries offered by Wheaton College. From 1991 to 1995, Faith travelled to the United States of America (USA) to pursue further studies attaining a second Master of Arts degree at Bowling Green State University Ohio. Faith advanced to her Ph.D. studies at the same university.

As a single woman and black student pursuing PhD studies in the USA, Faith put in hard work and proved her mettle against many odds. She emerged a courageous, strong and highly intelligent student. She was awarded a PhD in Mass Communication in 1995. She returned to Kenya, where she became a lecturer at Daystar University and eventually an academic leader.



Family

Faith walked with many of her peers as a single lady and served her youth groups keeping busy in Bible Study groups and supported her peers as they began their families. She traversed the country attending her friends' weddings in villages across Kenya. Characteristic of her desire to share knowledge and encourage others, she embarked on a book on Singlehood where she interviewed many single women spurring them to serve God and walk the purity journey. It was while she was busy in her singlehood that love struck!

In 1997, she married Rev. Prof. Godfrey Nguru at a colourful wedding at St. Andrews Church. The two deeply loved each other throughout their married life and became a model of a thriving marriage with Christ at the centre. Together, they were blessed with seven children, Elias Mwangi, Waturi Nguru, Paul Mwai Nguru, Wambui Nguru, Ngithi Nguru, Shiko Nguru and Nyambura Nguru.



Faith was a loving grandmother and great-grandchildren. Hers was a blended marriage and she made it very successful proving that blended marriages can be successful and fulfilling.

Together with her husband, she will be remembered as a gentle caring mother and grandmother who patiently guided and coached each of the children and grandchildren at significant periods of their lives. Faith's family life was not limited to her nuclear family. She was a mother figure and counsellor to the larger Mbiti and Gathu families. She was the unifying factor in families and never shied from assisting loved ones in distress.

Spiritual Journey

Faith's spiritual journey began early in her life. She was baptized at the P.C.E.A. Church of the Torch in 1958. Under the guidance of her deeply spiritual grandmother, Ruth Wariara, Faith was introduced to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Her grandmother often sang for her Gĩkũyũ hymns about God's love, such as "Twana nĩ ta tũgõdu, tũrĩa tũrĩithaigio," which left an enduring mark on Faith's heart. Faith has fond memories of singing "Jesũ nĩenda twana tuothe" (Jesus Loves the Little Children...) while washing clothes by the Ikuria River in Gathanji village. At the age of six, Faith began attending Sunday school at the P.C.E.A. Gathanji Church which was about





five kilometres from their home. At a crusade meeting at Gathanji shopping Centre in 1969, she made her personal commitment to Jesus Christ and got saved at a tender age of 11 years. The powerful sermons and the encouragement of her peers led her to embrace salvation and a deeper commitment to the Lord. In 1970 when the family relocated to Pangani area in Nairobi, Faith became an active member of the P.C.E.A. St. Andrews Church. It was at St. Andrews Church that Faith preached her first sermon. This experience helped to hone her preaching skills which she used liberally in life, becoming a blessing to many people in Kenya and beyond.

In her youth, she was spiritually nurtured and inspired by her grandparents' testimonies and the songs of the Tukutendereza fellowship. While in Form 3, at the Kenya High School in 1974, Faith got involved with the Youth for Christ Ministries where she joined teams to compete in memorizing

scripture. Such competitions were held at the City Hall by Brian and Maru Cummings, an American couple, and Rev. Gilbert Emonyi. Faith was disciplined through the ministry of the Navigators and Youth For Christ. Her faith grew stronger through the guidance of such spiritual mentors, including Mrs. Phoebe Kigira. It was Phoebe Kigira who ushered Faith into the Sunday school teaching ministry at St. Andrews PCEA church. For more than a decade, Faith taught at several levels of Sunday School classes but majorly focused on the ten-year-olds. In order to enhance her Sunday School teaching skills, she received further training with the Child Evangelism Fellowship. Her greatest highlights of the Sunday School ministry were to see young children commit their lives to Christ and go on to become strong members of the fellowship. She was an active member of St Andrews youth fellowship where she participated in mission to schools and youth groups.



Faith received the call to full time Christian Ministry and resigned her teaching job at Kirangari High school. She joined the Baptist Student Ministries (BSM) under the Southern Baptist Church. She was assigned to do discipleship ministry among students at the Kenya Technical Teachers College (KTTC) and the University of Nairobi between 1982 and 1984. Some of the students she disciplined in these two institutions went on to become renowned pastors and Christian workers in Kenya.

Faith's commitment to ministry expanded as a student at Daystar University. While in the USA, she continued her discipleship ministry with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVF) and later with the United Brethren Church. Her spiritual life was deeply intertwined with her academic pursuits, and she always sought to serve God in every capacity.

Faith believed in the dictum: Freely you have received freely give. She freely shared with others any spiritual blessing and insights that she received. She was a regular speaker in all the churches that she worshipped in including St. Andrews church, ACK All Saints Tigoni and more recently Lavington United Church. Faith taught and preached to many other churches and women groups regardless of their denomination or status.

Professional Achievements

At the time of her passing, Prof. Faith Nguru was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academics, Research, and Student Affairs at Daystar University. Previously, she served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Riara University and held various leadership positions, including Acting Vice-Chancellor and Director at the same University.

She was a full professor in Communication, an academic administrator, researcher, teacher, and mentor. Faith also contributed to the development of curricula, acted as an external examiner, and provided consultancy services in communication, media, culture, development, and Christian ministries. She supervised many Masters and PhD students with a caring and supportive attitude ensuring they completed their studies.





Faith was deeply involved in community service, demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact in society. She served as a Co-director at the Betty Education and Training Institute (BETI), Chairperson of Women Enterprise International (WEI), and Chief Commissioner for the Kenya Girl Guide Association (KGGA). Additionally, she served as a board member of Transformational Leadership Africa International (TL Africa) in Rwanda, further exemplifying her dedication to leadership and community development.

Illness

Prof. Faith has enjoyed good health for most of her life. In late October 2024, Faith was diagnosed with what the doctors thought was H Pylori. Despite taking medication, her health continued to decline. She was admitted at Nairobi Hospital for further tests which revealed a cancerous tumour in her pancreas. She was admitted to MP-Shah Hospital on 17th December 2024, and discharged on 26th December 2024. Prof. Faith Nguru transitioned to her heavenly home peacefully on the morning of December 28, 2024.

Legacy

Prof. Faith Wariara Nguru was a remarkable woman whose life was a testament to her faith in God, dedication to family, commitment to education, and service to others. She touched countless lives through her teaching, mentorship, and community engagement. Although we mourn her loss, we celebrate her legacy. She will be remembered for her beautiful and cultured personality. She has taught us unconditional love, empathy, dedication, commitment, simplicity, humility and selfless service to humanity.

Faith guided and inspired many people on their career and social endeavours. Her calm, gentle voice soothed many in every home she entered. She supported relatives with start-up capital, clothes, and made time for

family gatherings even when working in a very busy and demanding environment. A practical Christian, Faith believed in sharing and meeting needs. From the onset, she had a mission and a vision for service to God and humanity. She found this calling through service in the St. John's Ambulance,

The Girl Guide movement, and many Christian outreach ministries.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Not unto us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.

Psalm 115:1



Tributes

From a loving husband Rev. Prof. Godfrey Mbiti Nguru

"But David found strength in the LORD his God"

1 Samuel 30:6

To my dear wife, Please allow me to call you what I always called you "my dear wife." Others called you Faith, others mama Nyambura, and still others referred to you as Prof. Faith Nguru, but to me you were always "my dear wife." Allow me to talk to you, because even now I am sure you are listening. From where you are in heaven, seated at the feet of Jesus, whom you have loved and served throughout your life, you are watching me as I write this tribute to you my dear wife.

I cannot believe you have left me. Gone and gone forever from this earth. And yet it is true. You are gone. Cancer has taken you. For the last two months, I have watched helplessly as the disease ravaged your beautiful body. As I watched you at Nairobi Hospital, M.P Shah Hospital, you held my hand and uttered these words, "For better for worse." You did not complete the sentence "till death do us part." It did not occur to me that you were bidding us farewell. Death had done us part. That Tuesday 24th December, you held my hand and that of our daughter Nyambura. You did not want to let us go. I could feel your blood flowing into my veins. My dear wife, it was clear to us you were bidding us farewell.

I loved you dearly, but cancer has taken you away from me. Cancer you are my enemy. Next to the devil you are my enemy No.1. How could you take away my dear wife at this young age of only 67 years? But let it be. Our God knows why. For He is still on the throne and reigns forever. May His name be praised!

I loved you and you loved me. My dear wife, you were so empathetic. Listen to these words that you wrote to me when I lost a relative in March 1997. "Again you have been grieved. But yet again will you be lifted up so that you can comfort others.

For Christians there can never be circumstances that will cast us headlong. We are forever raised

Peace, Faith Gathu (Ps 37:23-24)"

What an encouragement. This was even before we got married. To write this tribute to you, I had to read some of the cards you sent to me over the 27 years of our marriage. Just listen to some of them: "My dear husband and father of our children

1 Cor 13

Your wife for life. Faith Nguru" "I pray that God will draw us to himself and to each other a each year goes by Your loving wife Faith"

"I love you more everyday especially when you verbalise your fondness Yours, Faith"

"It was in 1984 that I first saw you. Almost a decade and a bit later you courted me and made me your wife, friend and companion". For me, you were not just my dear wife, you were my best friend. Any project that we undertook, any job that you or I applied for, any position that you or I ever held in our career was thoroughly discussed between us. And now humanly speaking I am on my own. But God is and will be with me. When you came to my life you did not only embrace me but you also embraced my children. My children became your children. You loved us all not just by

words but by action. We all benefitted from your wisdom, understanding, intellect and creativity. I cannot forget the Nguru Family get-together that you organized three years ago, when you came up with beautiful T-shirts and cards where birth dates of all us were written. I shall surely miss your organisational skills. When our first daughter was going to U.S.A, you gave her pocket money in U.S dollars. When our other daughter was completing her M.B.A degree, you paid her Daystar University fees for a whole semester. This was love in action. For our daughter Nyambura you withheld nothing. You loved her dearly, you supported her fully. Throughout her life she has never lacked. What a wonderful mother you have been.

You have been the pillar of the family in every sense. Your

love in action was not limited to only the family. There are many persons young and old whom you supported spiritually, emotionally and financially. You have been a mentor to many young ladies, some who may even be in this congregation. One thing which I can testify with confidence is your love for God. During our courtship you gave me as a condition of marriage that I should not force you to leave ministry. A condition that I have faithfully kept. You resigned from your teaching position to join full time ministry and for two years you served God among the youth in this country. You then came to Daystar Communications to equip yourself for ministry and this is where we first met in 1984. Your career in Daystar has been more than just academia, it has been ministry to God who you so loved. May the name of the Lord be praised. As stated earlier, you have impacted many by your life, me included. You have left a great legacy and now you are resting with the angels. May the name of the Lord be praised.

To me, my dear wife, you have been my source of strength, my counsellor, my encourager and advisor. You have in every way exemplified the wife of Proverbs. 31:10-31. In all the investments that we have done and all the decisions we have made, you have given leadership. But now you are gone and I am left alone and all that I can do is strengthen myself in the Lord my God just as David did, 1 Samuel 30:6.

Rest in Peace my love. Rest with angels. Till we meet again.

Your Loving Husband, Godfrey.

Nyambura's Tribute

Sometimes I feel like it hasn't dawned on me that you're actually no longer with us. I don't know what I'll do in two weeks when I have so many things to run by you and I can't tell you how my day was. I thank God so much that you did not suffer and you didn't have to endure pain for a long time. God was merciful to you in that way. You showed me what love is and you showed me who God is. I'm so happy I shared my thoughts with you a couple of years ago, when I told you that I think you would go to heaven straight without any questions asked.

You were the most generous, humble and committed person I ever knew. You taught me about Jesus and I thank God for the 24 years I've had with you to see genuine, practical and steady faith even until your last days when you said that even the tests should be done properly. You were the perfect mum for me. You were not only my mum but also my friend. I'll miss binge watching shows and movies with you and now I don't know who I'll tell the latest drama to. I'll miss hearing you sing in the morning and I don't know what we'll do without the peace maker of our home.

Thank you for preparing me. I'll really try to be everything you encouraged me to be. I'll be strong, I'll be brave and I'll walk with God and trust in his good plan. It's really sad that you won't see my wedding and children from earth but I'll do my best to make you proud in that area and all the other areas of my life.

I thank God for giving me you. You will always be in my heart and I'll think about you everyday. I'll miss you mum and I love you. When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus will sing and shout the victory.

Love, your dear Nyam.

Tribute from Mwangi

Today, we come together to celebrate the incredible life of our mother, Prof. Faith, a woman whose faith, grace, and love touched everyone she met. To us, she was so much more than a parent; she was a gift from God, a light in our lives, and an inspiration to all who knew her.

Mum's relationship with God was at the center of everything she did. She taught us the importance of prayer, the strength that comes from trusting in Him, and the beauty of walking by faith even in life's hardest moments. Her deep faith carried her through challenges and became the foundation of the love and resilience she shared with us. Mum had a way of making everyone feel special. Her gifts were always personal and thoughtful—simple yet profound gestures that showed how much she cared. But her greatest gift to us wasn't material; it was her time, her unwavering love, and her powerful prayers.

She never stopped praying for us, and we felt the strength of those prayers every day. Her life was a beautiful example of kindness, humility, and purpose. She lived not for herself but for others, always putting family, faith, and service first. Even though she's no longer here with us, her lessons and her love remain alive in our hearts. As we remember her, we're reminded of her warmth, her laughter, and the way she made us feel like we could take on the world. She taught us what it means to love unconditionally, to give selflessly, and to trust completely in God's plan. We are so blessed to have called her "Mum." While we miss her deeply, we know she rests in the eternal peace of the God she loved and served so faithfully.

Tribute from Turi

About two years after losing a mother and becoming a new mother myself, I gained another mother. In this conundrum of emotions, a beautiful relationship began between two women brought together by death and love. 'Mama Nyambura', as we fondly referred to her, became a focal point of the family. Her calm reassuring demeanour, her words of wisdom, usually barely louder than a whisper anchored on her unwavering faith brought a sense of peace and purpose. The feeling of loss is indescribable and our lives will never be the same again. Fare thee well Mama Nyambura.

Tribute from Mwai

Still Waters Run Deep Mum was a quiet force of nature, a steady anchor in our lives who never sought the spotlight but whose wisdom and strength shaped us all. Small in stature and unassuming in demeanor, she carried a calm that could soothe any storm, a strength that never wavered, and a wisdom rooted in her deep faith in God. She had a way of saying so much with so little—a gentle look, a knowing smile, or a softly spoken word that brought clarity and peace. She was devoted to keeping our family united, through her uncanny ability to bridge divides, smoothing over misunderstandings and drawing us closer together with her steady love. Now, as we face life without her, the void she leaves is immense. But her lessons remain with us—quiet reminders to be kind, strong, and unwavering in faith, just as she was.

From Wambui

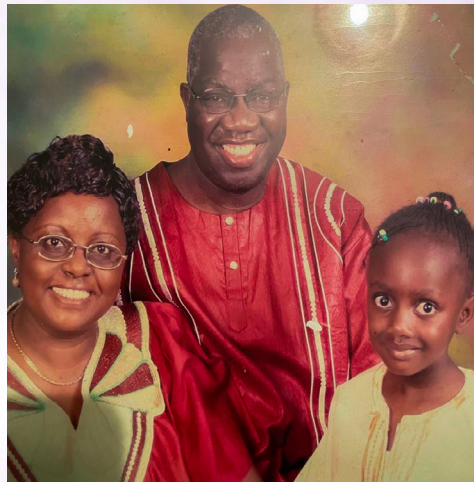
There is a time for everything and our time with you will always be greatly appreciated. You came into our lives when we were all grown up, yet you were still a good mum to us. You played your role so well as a mum to adult children, a good wife to my Dad and a lovely grandmother to my daughter.

Your faith in Yahweh was always evident and what a blessing you have been to us. I praise Yahweh for giving us the opportunity to walk with you in your journey in this time domain. I trust that we will meet again when our Messiah is King. It is now time for you to rest, your work here on earth is done. Well Done, Rest well.

Tribute from Ngithi

You joined our family at such a difficult time. I was really struggling and as a result our relationship was very rocky however, you were always so graceful in how you handled it. Over the years I came to really appreciate you and your quiet humble nature in our loud house. I will miss the interesting things you did to unite us a family over years like the Christmas 'Nguru 2021' t-shirts which Jabulani and Tendai wear very frequently or the cards with all our birthdays. You were very generous and kind, offering help to all in need around you.

Many many years ago, you found out I liked Chevra and since then, whenever you knew I was coming to visit you would make sure you had Chevra for me in the house. I will never forget how on 27th December, when you called me to the room and you held my hand. I went home so happy because it was the best I had seen you in days. I remember calling Turi to tell her about the good visit I had with you. Little did I know it was going to be the last. As difficult as it was to receive the bad news the next morning, I thank God he allowed me to share a last chat and even a little laughter with you. Thank you for who were to Daddy and to all of us. I love you.









Tribute from Shiko

While I will miss everything about you, what I will miss more than anything else, is your ability to encourage with words of hope and love. You have been a warm and calming presence during some of my life's darkest moments, listening without judgement and praying over me with tenderness. Words cannot describe what a divine gift you have been to me or how fortunate I am to have been your daughter. I love you and will carry a piece of you in my heart forever.

Grand Children

"A grandmother is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend." To many, she is Professor Faith Nguru, a distinguished figure known for her wisdom, faith and grace.

To us, however, she is and will always be Cucu - our loving, gentle guide, and the heartbeat of our family. Cucu had an incredible way of showing up exactly when we needed her, with the right words, the perfect advice, and a heart full of love. Her presence was a constant source of comfort and strength. Whether it was a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or even just a warm smile, she made us feel seen, heard, and deeply valued.

We will forever cherish the little moments with her—her thoughtful prayers, the laughter we shared, and her unwavering support in every aspect of our lives. Cucu was always there, not just as a grandmother or great grandmother, but as a mentor, a role model, and a friend. She taught us the importance of kindness, education, family, faith, and perseverance. Her legacy is woven into the fabric of who we are today, and while we miss her deeply, we find peace knowing that she is now resting in God's care. Her love and lessons will continue to guide us, and we will always hold her memory close to our hearts.

Thank you, Cucu, for the great love you gave us. You will never be forgotten. With love, Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchild.

Dear Cûcû

Words cannot describe how I feel about your untimely passing, you were a massive pillar in my life. From your wise words of advice, to ensuring we always had ice cream at our family gatherings, whenever I needed you, you never failed to show up. I will never stop thanking you for the day you were sick and you still showed up to take photos for my mother's masters. I will thank you eternally for it. You mean the world to me and I will never forget you as you ascend to heaven and enjoy your new life with our creator and may you rest in peace

Love, Shaka.

Dear Cûcû,

I am so sad that you are gone. I will miss you and I love you very much.

Tendai Kariuki

Dear Cûcû,

Cucu was a wonderful grandmother. She put in 100% in everything even at the old age she was at. We weren't so close but I wish I could go back in time to fix that but I can't. She has taught me a valuable lesson. You won't realize how much you have till you lose it. My mom also taught me that. I didn't realize it could be this big. I will never take anything for granted. She is in a better place.

I ♥ you cucu whether or not you are here with me
Jabulani

Tribute from Njoki

Cucu was a good cucu because she had the Spirit of Yahweh. She was a good mum to my mum and a good cucu to me. May she rest peacefully. Love you Cucu ♥

Tribute from Njeru Njuno

I knew little about Prof. Faith Nguru, as a FAMILIES UNITER until I heard confessions from other Mbiti family members. I always thought she was tagging around her husband as they religiously joined the Njuno family in the latter's traditional annual get-together.

(The late Betty Nguru came from the Njuno family). However, what amazed me was the ease with which Faith blended with our family to the extent of mediation in our minor family feuds. Quite unusual in a situation where she so effectively played the role of my late sister Betty. Faith, you became my sister. What a takeaway!

May the Almighty God rest your soul in eternal peace.

Tribute from Mum

“Mwana wakwa mwathiki Faithi. Ni kaba ümühitirie handü ha we akühitirie” I do not recall ever spanking my beautiful talented first-born daughter. She was obedient, never shying away from taking responsibility and carried out her tasks with wisdom and tact. I delegated chores to her which she ably distributed and supervised her siblings. What Faith said, carried the day; always ready to give direction and give support. She was most dependable and trusted. I have lost a confidante, an advisor and spiritual encourager.

Tribute from James

My Dearest Sister Faith; God must have whispered your name to Mom and Dad when you were born. Faith matched perfectly to what you have demonstrated to me and those that know you. I could not have asked for a better elder sister. an example to emulate. I confess you raised the bar too high for me to surpass, at every turn. Whether in academics, leadership or the influence you carried, I've always had to settle for second place. You did not have to tell me much, your actions said it all. You were a challenge to my misbehavior, you would have none of it. For that I am most grateful. You have left a great void, that will be hard to fill. Your steady hand, calm demeanor, and wise counsel will be missed in our heated family meetings. You have always advocated for equity and have been a most trusted confidant.

Though pressed for time, because of your many responsibilities, you have always made time with you most meaningful by getting to the point and cutting out the fluff, always done with love and a calm spirit. In fact, as I look back, I ask myself, when did I see Faith angry or out of control?

I will miss you my dear sister in a way that words cannot express. In time, this will heal, and I thank God who gave me a first chair to observe a life well lived and a faith well kept. Rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus, to whom you devoted your all.

Tribute from Rahab

“The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him” Nahum 1:7 NLT.

This is a very difficult time for me. Faith led by example; she loved me deeply and considered me her confidant. She led me to Christ in 1976 and has helped me in the faith, in my career and supported me as well as my extended family. Always calm and relaxed even in tough and disturbing situations. If we prayed for sick people and they died, she would tell me, “The Lord has healed them completely”. This is what he has chosen for you. I will miss her dearly.

Tribute from Sally

My earliest memories of Faith begin with her carrying me on her back as the ascent of the steep hill to Gathanje Primary School became daunting for a stubborn, tantrum throwing 6-year old who was woken from bed too early. The eldest in families are often thrust into big responsibilities and expectations and I have watched Faith fulfil her roles dutifully and gracefully. She not only carried me on her back but would through the years take up many of my burdens, issues, wants, needs, whims and desires.

A trustworthy, dependable, understanding advocate and listener, Faith has always been a faithful big sister. Faith often protected me from the wrath of a mother challenged by a daughter who was not as obedient as she was. I still remember her chiding my mother to guard the words she used in her anger cognizant of their effects. It is not once that she took me in to live with her as I navigated the twists and turns of life. I turned up fine. I am grateful for her compassion, patience, understanding and open doors when I needed refuge. What does Faith say?

As a family, that is a question we often ask ourselves when in the throes of dilemma, or when tough calls have to be made. Referring or deferring matters to Faith as the ultimate decision breaker is a testament to the trust we place on her sense of justice, fidelity to the truth, wisdom with compassion, and seal of authority and finality. This role we have bestowed on her is not because she is the eldest in the family, but is organic, springing from who she is and what she has always been consistently through our lives. Faith has been all about the business of Christ ever since I can remember. I believe it is this faith in God that has made her who she is, and enabled her to touch and impact lives in her silent non-preachy manner. The mark of Christ on her is a life to be admired, and worth aspiring towards — speaking in gentle, humble tones.

Tribute from David Kamau Gathu

Tribute to My Loving Sister. I thank God for the blessing of your presence as my elder sister throughout my 58 years. You shared virtues that have shaped me profoundly—discipline, a strong faith in God, humility, and a love for hard work. You taught me to be prayerful, attentive to detail, and to approach life with purpose and compassion for everyone, regardless of their status.

Under your guidance, I learned to always give my best, especially in the field of education. I remember how you mentored me as a young boy. You corrected with love—a simple pinch was enough to teach me a lesson before sending me to our parents for further spanking. Even in those moments, your care was evident. These qualities carried through into every aspect of your life, especially in the way you led our family. Your leadership in our family was a gift. You approached every matter with wisdom, keen interest, and prayer, always guiding us with a soft voice and a steady hand. Trust was your hallmark, and it was this trust that helped us navigate difficult times together.

Your support went beyond words. You nourished me spiritually, comforted me emotionally, and offered both psychological counsel and financial help when I needed it. You nurtured not just me but all of us—our siblings, parents, relatives, and even those beyond our family.

Your compassion knew no bounds, extending to workers, friends, and the wider community, always putting others before yourself and God by your side.

As you journey yonder, reassure Dad, Grandma (your namesake), Grandpa, and all the Gathu's who have gone before us that we will continue to carry on the foundation they painstakingly built. Your legacy of love and leadership will remain with us always. Goodbye, my dear sister. Until we meet again in heaven.

Tribute from John Gathu

This is John Gathu, Faith's younger brother and fourth born in the family. She had circulated her request for stories about her life. Like many others, I promised to do a write-up, vainly thinking that there was time. It's sad to have to do it in the past tense now.

Faith embodied the best qualities of my parents. Like my father, she was deliberate and careful in her relationships with others, always listening quietly, seeking the middle path and finally speaking out with insight and wisdom that ended in solomonic justice. She inherited our mother's industry, decisiveness and problem-solving skills. This was probably because she was practically our mother and father when we were young.

Despite all the demands made on her diminutive frame, Faith was a voracious reader of everything she could lay her hands on: novels, encyclopedia, news, magazines, etc. She could also diarize the events of her life well, and it is no wonder she landed in the highest echelons of academia, where words are the currency. Communication was in her blood.

Faith found a life partner in her late 30s, and had Nyambura at 40. That was because she was patient and in no hurry. And when she found love, it was of the absolute kind, a man who could shower her with boundless love and affection. Prof became a true friend who also uncannily has our late father's demeanour, and is now a dear elder brother to us all. It was a sight to see the two doting over each other, completing each other's thoughts and sentences. In her final days, that love was so evident.

I make music, and Faith was one of my truest fans and an unwavering mentor. She loved to sing and could pull a sermonette out of her sleeve anytime and anywhere.

I shall miss my big sister very much in her physical state, but her spirit will be everywhere, evidence that God can fit very big things in small packages.

Sleep well Dada Mkuu.

Tribute from Holly

Today, I honor the life of my aunt, Faith, whose story has quietly and yet profoundly shaped me. Though we lived apart and our time together was limited to a few childhood memories, her unwavering perseverance through years of singleness speak to her deep trust in God's perfect timing. Her journey to earning a doctorate, becoming an author, and excelling as an educator paves a path of impact and excellence that I aspire to follow. Aunt Faith's life and story remind me that focus and faithfulness yield a legacy that inspires others to dream boldly and trust fully. I pray her story continues to encourage me and countless others, and that her legacy—true to her name—will live on as a testament to faith in action.

Tribute from Hannah Mwangi

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen. My first memory of Auntie Faith was her in a black cap and gown receiving her PhD. We had driven all the way to Ohio to see her graduate with Cūcū and Guka, who had come to America to attend as well. I was too young to truly grasp the significance of the occasion. But looking back, I saw what was possible. As I grew to understand more, a seed was sown—evidence of what could be. Auntie represented the hope of a bright future, of achievement, of the power of diligence and focus. I know that she has worn a cap and gown many times since then. A beacon of hope lighting the way for personal, academic, and professional achievement to her students, her family, and all those around her. Auntie's life was full of substance. She lived what she believed.

Her legacy is the evidence of the things she did that were not seen—the prayers, the devotion, the encouragement, the instruction. On behalf of her nieces and nephews, I pray that each of us would carry on what she has inspired in us. May her soul rest with the Lord until we see her again.

Tribute from Njeri & Nyam Mũndara

Aunt Faith, our gentle and kind-hearted auntie, was truly a beacon of love and care in our lives. Growing up, I always thought she was a medical doctor, as people often referred to her as "Doctor Faith". Later on I understood that it is a Doctors or Philosophy degree. It wasn't just her title that made us believe this, but the way she cared for us—always concerned about our well-being. She had a natural gift for guiding us, helping us make thoughtful decisions. She encouraged me to take French as a minor as well as study PR for my bachelor's degree.

Aunt Faith was also a remarkable person who remembered our birthdays, making sure to wish us well and remind us that we were loved. Despite all the attention she received, she remained humble, embodying grace and kindness in every aspect of her life. She was a gentle warrior who fought for what mattered with a quiet strength, and her warmth enveloped everyone around her.

At our family gatherings, Aunt Faith was the glue that brought us together. Whether as the MC or simply being there with a song or a smile, she had a special way of creating unity and joy. Her voice and her presence will be missed, but we are so grateful for the example she set—living a life full of love, faith, compassion, and dedication. She was intentional and practical with her walk with God. She was more than just an aunt; she was a role model, and we will carry her legacy with us always.

Tribute from Faith's classmates in Kenya High School

Faith had a beautiful smile and many cannot believe it's gone forever. Faith was as friend to all, soft spoken, beautiful in and out, genuine, active and popular among her school mates, a wonderful personality.

Faith believed in being there for people. Faith Loved music, particularly Christian music. Her Faith in God was strong and she would testify at any opportunity. She had great leadership qualities and this eventually led to her being a deputy head-girl in form six. Faith excelled not only in her academics but also in extra curricular activities such as girl guides, first aid club, wild life and Christian Union.

Faith kept her friends close even after school. She would always stood out among her peers. Faith spoke fondly of her family. Her mother's shop in Nairobi became a second home to many of us, especially those who lived outside Nairobi. Faith was responsible, dependable, trust worthy. She defied peer pressure to experiment. As deputy head of school, she retained her humility and was obeyed because of the respect she earned. We as her classmates will miss her dearly and we pray that her soul may rest in eternal peace.

Tribute from Lavington United Church

Today, with heavy hearts we write to honor and remember our cherished sister in Christ Prof. Faith Nguru who until her demise was an ardent member of Lavington United Church. Prof. Faith was not just a part of our congregation; she was a pillar of strength, kindness, and faith in all spheres of influence in our church.

Throughout her time with us, Prof. Faith exemplified what it means to live a life of service and love. Whether through her warm smile, her generous spirit, or her unwavering support for those in need, she touched the lives of many especially our girls and in particular the Women Ministry. Prof. Faith had a unique ability to uplift others, reminding us of the power of compassion and the importance of community. In every season, Prof. Faith stood with the church —whether it was through joyful celebrations, quiet moments of reflection, her prowess in preaching or times of grief.

Our sister's faith was evident in all she did, and she inspired us to deepen our own spiritual journeys. She participated actively in our church activities, bringing enthusiasm and dedication to every task.

As we move forward, let us carry Faith's legacy in our hearts. Let us continue to embody the love and kindness that she so freely shared with us. Although we feel the profound loss of our dear sister in the Lord, we also celebrate the gift of having known her. Her spirit will forever be a part of the fabric of our church community. In this time of mourning, let us come together to support one another, to share our memories, and to keep Faith's spirit alive in our hearts and actions.

On behalf of the entire Lavington United Church, we extend our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time to Prof. Godfrey Nguru and their children as well as the entire family. Please know that you are not alone in your grief. We are here to support you in any way we can. If you need someone to talk to, pray with, or simply sit in silence, we are available and willing to help. May we find comfort in our shared faith and in the love that binds us. Rest in peace, dear Prof. Faith Nguru. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Tribute from the Women Fellowship (WF) - Lavington United Church

Prof. Faith Nguru was a dedicated member and a great supporter of the Women Fellowship Ministry. She was always available to serve when called upon and especially Preaching during the Women Fellowship Month throughout the years. Something she did with a lot of dedication. Her last time to minister with the Fellowship was on Sunday 27th October, 2024. Faith was a soft-spoken person whose teaching were profound and precise. A great woman whose deeds in faith and love will continually be a pillar of strength for all saints, a perfect pattern that will draw and guide more souls for the kingdom of GOD. Faith, woman of GOD whose life exemplified faith (just like her name), hope, and charity, who worked side-by-side with the WF Leadership in a life of total sacrifice through years of unwavering and selfless dedication. An embodiment of what a virtuous woman should be (Proverbs 31:10-31). Her blessed memory will be an awe-inspiring model for all the faithful to love and imitate.

Professor Faith only desired our salvation. She led many to love the LORD, to follow His will with reverence and Godly fear. A woman of wisdom who patiently admonished those she interacted with unto perfection. A perfect pattern for all to emulate. As a Fellowship we are sincerely going to miss you but our blessed hope is that we shall meet one day in the presence of our Father who has called you home.

Tribute from The Kenya Girl Guides Association

With deep reverence and immense gratitude, we pay tribute to Professor Faith Wariara Nguru, Chief Commissioner of the Kenya Girl Guides Association, whose unwavering leadership, boundless compassion, and visionary guidance have forever shaped the Association and touched the hearts of countless Girl Guides across Kenya. As we reflect on her remarkable legacy, we honor the profound impact she made, especially during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout her tenure, Professor Nguru was not just a leader but a unifying force within the Kenya Girl Guides Association. In times of uncertainty, especially during the pandemic, she demonstrated resilience and inspired hope, ensuring that the spirit of Girl Guiding remained vibrant and strong. Her leadership was a beacon of stability, and under her guidance, the Association continued to grow despite the most challenging of times.

Fondly referred to by many within the Association as “CC,” while others called her “Mother” or “Grandmother,” Professor Nguru’s ability to bring people together in the truest sense of sisterhood is a testament to her exceptional leadership. She embodied the essence of unity, making every Girl Guide feel like part of a larger, supportive family. Whether guiding young girls or mentoring seasoned leaders, her nurturing spirit and inclusive approach created an environment where every member felt valued and heard. She was not only a mentor but a true mother to many, a grandmother to others, and a cherished leader to all.

Her leadership was transformative, marked by monumental milestones, such as the successful review of the Association’s Constitution and the Guides Act. These changes laid the foundation for a more inclusive, forward-thinking organization, ensuring that

the Kenya Girl Guides Association remains a dynamic force for change. Moreover, her initiative to launch the Bravo Guides program allowed older “girls” to step into leadership roles, mentoring younger generations and ensuring the sustainable growth of the movement. This initiative empowered young women to embrace their leadership potential and contribute to the expansion of the Girl Guides’ mission across Kenya.

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the global Girl Guide movement, once said, “The more you read about and observe the lives of great people, the more you are convinced that they came from humble beginnings. They were just ordinary people, but their dreams made them great.”

Professor Nguru exemplified this sentiment in every aspect of her life.

She was a humble, yet extraordinary leader whose dreams for the empowerment of girls and young women transformed the Kenya Girl Guides Association into a thriving, unified sisterhood, capable of great things. We are forever grateful to Professor Nguru for her immeasurable contributions to the Kenya Girl Guides Association, and for her role in shaping the lives of the many girls and young women she mentored. Her legacy will continue to inspire future generations to rise, lead, and serve with compassion, courage, and conviction.

Now, as she rests with the Lord she loved, the Girl Guide family, both locally and globally, will forever be grateful to Professor Godfrey Nguru and the entire family for generously sharing “CC” with us, allowing her exceptional leadership, wisdom, and nurturing spirit to touch the lives of Girl Guides both in Kenya and around the world.

Thank you, CC, for being our guiding star, our mother, and our grandmother. Your legacy lives on in every Girl Guide whose life you touched.

May your soul rest in eternal peace.

Tribute from Prof. Laban P. Ayiro- Vice Chancellor Daystar University

As we prepare to send off our beloved colleague and sister, Prof. Faith Nguru- Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Research and Student Affairs, there are key lessons we can draw from her life and legacy, all anchored in scripture to guide and inspire those of us left behind.....Indeed Faith taught us the following;

1. Live with Humility and Grace

Faith's humility and grace remind us to approach life with a servant's heart, valuing others above ourselves and choosing kindness even in difficult situations.

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (James 4:6)

As a management team at Daystar, she implored us to strive to lead with humility and treat others with respect, knowing that true greatness lies in serving others.

2. Build Meaningful Relationships

Faith's relational leadership teaches us the importance of connecting with others on a personal level. She showed us that leadership is not about authority but about fostering trust, understanding, and compassion.

In Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Faith encouraged us to invest in meaningful relationships, offering encouragement and support to those around us.

3. Pursue Excellence with Integrity

Faith lived and worked with a commitment to excellence, never compromising her integrity. She showed us that doing our best honors not just ourselves but also the God who equips us.

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." (Proverbs 11:3)

She insisted that we as leaders at Daystar be people of character, ensuring that our words and actions align with our values.

4. Serve Others Selflessly

Faith's devotion to service reminds us to live for a purpose greater than ourselves. Her selflessness reflected the heart of Christ, who came to serve and not to be served. In the scriptures we read;

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

She reminded us at Daystar to use our time, talents, and resources to uplift others and glorify God.

5. Cultivate Insight and Wisdom

Faith's ability to discern and act wisely inspired us to seek God's wisdom in all that we did. She demonstrated the power of thoughtful decisions grounded in both understanding and compassion. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all

without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)

During difficult moments of shepherding the university, she would remind me firmly that we are called to seek God's guidance and use our knowledge for the good of others.

6. Face Challenges with Faith and Resilience

Even in her illness, when I visited her at her home in Lavington and also at MP Shah Hospital, Faith demonstrated unwavering faith and strength, reminding us to trust in God during trials. Her resilience showed that God's grace is sufficient for every moment. Her stoicism during the short time of her illness made the scripture from James 1:2-3 be planted in my mind;

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Her mind-set was always that let us lean on God in times of difficulty, finding hope and courage in His promises.

7. Lead with Vision and Purpose

Faith's insightful leadership was guided by a vision of what could be, rooted in a desire to make a lasting impact. She challenges us to live purposefully, aiming to leave a legacy that glorifies God and benefits others.

**Indeed for her Proverbs 29: 18 held true;
"Where there is no vision, the people perish."**

She taught us to align our actions with God's purpose, ensuring our efforts have eternal significance.

Final Reflection

Professor Faith Nguru's life was a living sermon, a testimony to God's grace and goodness. As we celebrate her legacy, we hold onto the promise of eternal life: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

May her memory continue to inspire us to walk humbly, love deeply, and serve faithfully, just as she did.

With deep sadness, Prof. Laban P. Ayiro

VC Daystar





Hymns

1. Unyite na gwoko jikarage na we

Unyite Na Guoko, Njikarage Nawe
Ūnyite na guoko, njikarage nawe,
Ndīkuuĩre mūtĩ wakwa wa kwambĩrwo;
Njikarage nawe mathĩnainĩ mothe,
Nĩgetha ūndeithie kũhotana

Mwathani nĩnjũĩ, ndũkandiga,
Na nĩngwenda kuona riri wa Igũrũ;
Ūhithe o harĩa thũ ĩtangĩnyona:
Mehia makwa mothe ūmeherie.

Naniĩ nĩnjũĩ ndirĩ hinya Mwathani
Wa gwĩtirĩrĩria nditi cia Caitani
Na thuti cia mwĩrĩ, na wendo wa arata,
Na mĩago ya thĩ ĩtarĩ a bata.

Mwathani nĩ ugĩte kũrĩ hĩndĩ ũgoka,
Ūgatware andũ aku Igũrũ makahurũke;
Ūndeithie gũtiga mĩhang'o ya thĩ ĩno;
Nĩguo hote gwĩthagathaga.

Ndarĩkia gũkinya mũciĩ ũcio wa Igũrũ,
Caitani ndagacoka gũthĩnia rĩngĩ;
Baba nĩakahĩmbĩria na moko merĩ,
Na ahurũkie wendoinĩ wake.

2. Nĩkũrĩ Bũrũri Mwega Ma

Nĩkũrĩ bũrũri mwega ma,
na tũngĩtikia twawona,
Amu Ngai nĩatũire o kuo,
atũthondekagĩra mũciĩ.

Igũrũ kwa Jesũ,
nĩtũgacemania o kuo,
Igũrũ kwa Baba,

nĩtũgacemania o kuo.
Nĩtũkaina nyĩmbo njega,
iria cia andũ atheru,
O na mo maroho maitũ,
matikaigua ruo rĩngĩ

Nĩtũgathage lthe witũ,
tũmũcokagĩrie mũhera,
Tondũ nĩ wendo wake mwene,
Ūtũmaga tũkenagio.

3. Tukutendereza Yesu

(Chorus)
Natotela, Natotela (I thank You)
(Chorus)

Uwepo wako upo nami baba, hauniachi
(Your anointing is with me, it won't leave me)
Hauniachi, ee baba yangu (It won't leave my
my Father)

Ndo maana ninakuinua, tukutendereza
(That is why I lift you up in praise)
Natoteela, lesawandi na likutemwa (?)
natotela, Natoteela, tatawandi na
likutemwa (?)

(Chorus)
Bulijjo y'ebazibwe
Lead:
Glory Glory Halleluya
Glory Glory to the Lamb
All the Blood, has cleansed me
Glory to the Lamb of God

ALL:
Glory Glory Halleluya
Glory Glory to the Lamb
All the Blood, has cleansed me
Glory to the Lamb of God
Amen! Aameen! Ameen!

4. Blessed assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

4. God will make a way

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me

He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way

Oh, God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me

He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way

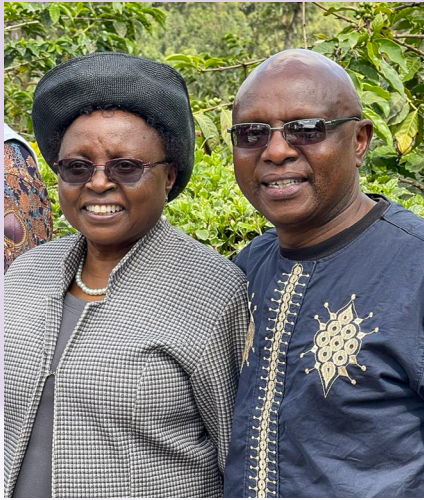
By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me
Rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade but His Word will
still remain
And He will do something new today

Oh, God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me

He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way

With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way
Yes, he will, he will make a way for you







*Not unto us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name goes
all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.*

Psalm 115:1