

# Aubrey Mokoena

Thank you Mr Chairman, comrades. I greet you all in the mighty name of liberation - I say to you Amandla - Africa. We gather here on this very great occasion. We all belong to different religions but I think we will all agree that we are all children of God who have been created in his image and his likeness. We congregate here like a big avalanche, like a big glacier which is going down a big mountain of apartheid to erode inexorably. We must remember our leaders on Robben Island and we must pray, but when we pray we must not do like the missionaries who said we must close our eyes and in the meantime they pull the land from beneath our feet. I would like to call upon you to pray like revolutionaries with your eyes wide open because I believe we can never win the struggle unless God is amongst us. And, the God I am talking about is not a God who is an accomplice to oppression. It is not a God who just ignores things that happen to us. I would like us to pray for Nelson Mandela, I would like us to pray for all his comrades. I would like us to pray for all the people who have been detained, I would like us to pray for all the people who are standing trial because of the unjust laws of the country and who are being tried for their convictions. I would like us to pray for those people who are in exile and I beseech you to pray with your eyes wide open as revolutionaries - I would like us to pray for people who are in prison, I would like us to pray for the people who died in the struggle for liberation - for the blood they have shed from the start of the conflict 331 years ago lives coming through the ages culmin-

ating in 1976 when the youth said 'enough is enough!' and that blood which was shed is surely going to irrigate the tree of freedom. Why are we gathered here this afternoon? We are gathered here because of the conflict and dehumanisation of our people. We are gathered because of their dispossession and because our people have been disenfranchised.

The regime is talking about total strategy and total onslaught and we are here under the banner of UDF to galvanize our forces to move forward like an enormous pillar, like an enormous force to say NO to the Koorhof Bills, to say NO to the Constitutional Laws and to say NO to the feudal dispensation.

The continent of Africa is stretching its muscles, is rising in hope and is going ahead to the goal of liberation. But, we cannot have a struggle within a struggle; everybody is invited to come under the big umbrella of UDF. There are people who want to establish small principalities. Time and again they raise their little umbrellas and say come under my umbrella, next week somebody also is going to say come under my umbrella, we know, we do not want to be fragmented.

## Leila Issel

My daddy cannot be here because he is banned. He supports the UDF and he wants us to be free. He believes that freedom will come in our lifetime.  
AMANDLA!