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Ephesians 6:11 declares: "Let us put on the full armor of God, so that we can take our stand against the devil's schemes." I am decked down in that armor and ready for the mission., Dominica, all that I have is you!

My Dominican family: sisters and brothers, colleagues, friends, supporters, well-wishers and political opponents; I greet you with love, hope, strength and a good courage. It is my fervent wish that you have peace, as we all seek progress and prosperity in 2019 and beyond. Let us embrace life together and thank the maker for granting us yet another day to appreciate, love and cherish each other.

I entered the political arena in June, 2013, and my family was right there with me; my beautiful wife and my two blessed children are indeed the essence of my life. Today, my family is separated and my good name has been under ferocious and consistent attack. My service to our nation has resulted in profound personal losses as opposed to personal gains; just the opposite to the players on the other side.

When I signed-up to serve our nation, I expected it to have been tough and demanding, but not dangerous and malicious for all the wrong reasons.

I have been dealt with a severe bout of prosecution and persecution. I have been referred to by all manner of unclean names; some even try to discard me with untrue legal tags even without any criminal charge ever been read to me in any part of our globe, far less for a criminal trial and/or conviction.

The constant malicious, unwarranted and evil attacks against me have come from all angles. The greatest plot to destroy my good name and reputation continued through a sexual scandal in 2016. Exaggerated and inflamed attacks were launched one after the other, with the most dangerous of all the attacks directed at my family, with the hope to secure the disintegration of my stronghold and rock of refuge by the very ones who go home to their families each day.

How could you, in good conscience, preside over the destruction of my family? How could anyone gloat over the separation of my family as a victory to score political points? How could anyone rejoice when families fall apart? Where is the soul of the Dominica Labor Party?

Since the famous sex Scandal of 2016, my wife and I have gone through enormous emotional, mental, and psychological pressure for which I take full responsibility. My lovely wife have been subsequently ill-advised to fight against me, not realizing that such a fight is against herself and our precious children. I plead to her to publicly to reconsider her actions and inactions-for I am not the enemy.

Today, my wife through dangerous lawyers have filed a political divorce petition which has been deliberately leaked and caused to go viral on social media. This is the works and unceasing efforts of dangerous political 'enemies' who used my wife's vulnerabilities and petition as a shield to protect their own; they use the situation as a sword in their failed attempt to dishonor my name. The latest unprecedented leak and release on social media comes on the heels of the leak and release of an email purported to be authored by my wife. Also, my accuser's statement in the infamous case of inappropriate behavior was leaked and caused to go viral in 2016. This public parade of materials, true or fake, cannot be normal or natural! And this cannot be allowed to become the new norm...how long will the other side go to feast with the darkness of the world?

While I plead my innocence in all accusations against me, and I have a right to remain silent if I so choose, I will not consent, nor shall I give in to the malicious attacks waged by the wicked people who are trying to destroy me and using my wife in an attempt to hurt me, my children and herself. I will fight for my life and my wife, I will defend my family and I will do so until I have no more fight in me. The Kalinago blood which flows through my veins together with the presence of the Holy Ghost drives me to successfully withstand all attacks. Through the most high, I am unconquerable!

To erase all doubts, let me say, that (1). I do not have a mistress, I never had one! (ii) I am not abnormal in any shape or form and (iii). I have never abused my family in any way, and (iv). I have never abandoned my family.

On the other hand, I treasure my family, my wife is my gift, my children are my most precious blessings and Mrs. Francis continues to be virtuous and beautiful in my eyes, and I will never give up on her. My family is all what I have! In addition to that I am glad to state that I work to keep families together and would not dare lead disintegration of any family far-less my own.

My fellow Dominicans, why should I give up on my wife, my children and family? Why should I give up on me or you when we are all that I have?

On that note, I ask for public forgiveness from my wife and children. I love my wife and will always love her. My heart mind and soul are crying out for her good and success and for the protection and stability of our children.

I pray for peace to rest on the hearts and minds of the evil doers; I request for the undying love of the creator to wash away the unintended pains and confusion which my actions and inactions may have caused. I also forgive all those who are trying, unsuccessfully, to destroy me because it is in forgiving that we ourselves are forgiven.

While attempts are being made to take all that I have away from me, I stand on the rock of Christ the solid rock with the hope that the good and most powerful creator will continue to sustain me.

The fight for my immediate family is the Lord's so I rest it there with the hope that God will come through in time. I will also not relent in the national fight for the restoration of good governance, and advancement of every single brother and sister on our nature Isle.

This fight is for a cause far greater than mine. This fight is a fight for integrity in governance and state institutions; not individual and/or character-based distractions. I have done wrong, you have done wrong, we all have done wrong but there is the saving grace from the lord almighty which is ever present and willing to wash us clean.

I appear to you my people, asking you to understand what is going on in our blessed land. Attempts are being made to take all that I have away from me, and this is being done right before your very eyes. Please understand why I stand today and why I fight with all my might to maintain that which I have worked all my life for. The attempts at corrupting my reputation are attempts to deflate my legal practice and my political career; they want me to starve. How wicked!

There can be decency in the prosecution of certain matters, but the opponents of truth do not want this. They try to shame us away with bloated and gloried versions of lies—  
The other side would love to break me, but they can't. If they could succeed in silencing me, they would; if they could put me aside, they would, but as long as I am favored by God and man, the efforts to harm me must continue in vain!!

The Prime Minister of Dominica, Hon, Roosevelt Skerrit offered me money, license to sell passports, and legal work from bank/s to compromise my integrity, in exchange to join the dark forces in politics, but I rejected all. At some point I was given an ultimatum by someone of greatest importance in my life, "me or politics," and I stood for you the people. I was not for sale and will never be for sale!

Instead of accepting the dark money, I take a renewed pledge, TODAY, to work for you my people. Today, I take a renewed pledge to represent my constituents of Roseau South. Today, I stand firm on my conviction – knowing that righteousness exalteth a nation. Today, I am not moved! Today, I stand resolute! Today, I recommit! Today, I fight on because I have not unlawfully hurt you my people – no, I have not hurt my nation. I stand here today as a proud Kalinago son of the Dominican soil. I stand here to offer you the unequivocal promise of my commitment to play a part in the future growth of our nation.

My people, I love you and I seek to represent you with all my might and if I have to die for you, then let it be in Jesus name. Tell my accusers and prosecutors that their time is up and no amount of legal, political, economic, financial, sociological and spiritual machinations will steer us away from victory.

As we move forward, we will clean up this attitude of tearing people down, we will break down barriers of division and live in a more harmonious Dominica; a country which shall live up to its destined expectations. We will create the environment to build families, celebrate unity and to make Dominica the envy of the world!

I THEREFORE HUMBLY ASK that you relentlessly, PRAY FOR ME DOMINICA!

I am named Joshua for a particular purpose. I have identified it and I am resolved to live out the rest of my life living according to that mission. I was given the name of a leader who was chosen to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River and take possession of the Promised Land. Though I am not that same Joshua, I gladly bear the name and carry on the mantle as one of the leaders charged with the responsibility to take Dominica to her promised glory.

TALKING ABOUT LEADERS, LET ME SAY THAT I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UWP, AND I SHALL DO MY UTMOST TO SUPPORT MY HONOURABLE AND ESTEEM LEADER, MR LENNOX LINTON TOGETHER WITH EVERY TEAM MEMBER INCLUDING THOSE OUTSIDE THE UWP LINES IN QUEST TO MAKE DOMINICA THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, the best place to WORK AND the best place to ENJOY LIFE! INDEED, DOMINICA DESERVES BETTER AND SHALL GET the BEST under a UWP government which SURELYHG will be installed at the next General elections!

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