

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



FRANCIS MWAURA

SUNRISE 15th September, 1964 - **SUNSET** 22nd August, 2022

Programme

30th August, 2022

Pre-Service Events

- 7:00am Departure from South C
- 8:00am Arrival at Mortuary (Montezuma Thika Rd)
- 8:30am Viewing of the body
- 9:00am Departure from Mortuary
- 11:00 am Arrival at Kandongu
- 11:00 am - 11:30am Speeches and Photos
- 11:30 am Church service starts

Funeral Service

- 11:30 am Presiding Minister: Rev. Joyce Muraya, St. Chrysostom ACK Parish, Belle Vue, Nairobi
- Procession: Reading of the sentences
- Hymn
- Prayer
- Litany
- Psalm reading Psalms 23
- Eulogy
- Tributes
 - Wife
 - Children
 - Siblings
 - Family
 - Extended
 - Workmates
 - Friends
 - Groups
- Speeches
 - Family
 - Church
 - Workmates
 - Friends
 - Administration
- Hymn
- Readings
- Hymn
- Sermon
- Offering
- Prayer for the family
- Vote of thanks
- Procession to the grave
- Committal
- Erecting of the cross
- Blessing



Eulogy

BIRTH

Francis Waweru wa Mwaura wa Thotho wa Kiarie wa Maragu wa Migwi wa Mbothu was born on 15th September 1964 at Nguka Village – Mwea East Sub-county, Kirinyaga County. He was the son of the late Stephano Mwaura Thotho and Teresia Njeri Mwaura and was the 14th of the 19 children of the late Stephano. The other 18 brothers and sisters are Beth Njeri, Esther Nyambura, John Kiarie, the late Francis Thotho, the late Ben Kabiru, the late Eunice Waringa, Jack Wambiga, the late Samuel Njoka, Hannah Wanjiku, Pauline Wambui, Esther Nyambura, Simon Muranga, Peter Ngugi, Anne Wanjiku, James Ngaruiya, Elizabeth Wangari, John Kiarie and Kevin Ndegwa.

CHURCH

Francis was baptized in the AIPCA church as a child and was later confirmed in the same church. He was an active member of the church from an early age and he served as an altar boy in his youthful years. When he got married, he moved to the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK), starting with ACK Mugoya (St. Veronica South B Parish) and later to ACK St Chrysostom Parish where he was a member until his demise. He served in various leadership capacities including Parish Treasurer and Member of the church council at ACK Mugoya, member of the Parish Church Council (PCC), development committee member and an active member of the church online platform. He was also an active member of the Kenya Anglican Men's Association (KAMA).

EDUCATION

Francis started schooling in 1972 at Nguka Primary school where he sat for Certificate of Primary Examination (CPE) in 1978. He proceeded to form one at Mwea Secondary School in 1979 and sat for O-level Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE) in 1982. In 1983, he joined Kakamega High School for A-level Education. He sat for Kenya Advance Certificate Examination (KACE) in 1984 and managed to secure admission at the University of Nairobi to undertake a Bachelor of Science degree in statistics and computer science from 1986 and graduated in 1989. In the spirit of wanting to further his education, he undertook a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at ESAMI Arusha Tanzania between 2003 and 2006 and also undertook various professional courses in Information Technology (IT) and Business Management.



MARRIAGE

Francis met and married the love of his life Kezziah Faith Njeri in 1994. They solemnized their marriage in church on 25th May, 2003 at ACK Mugoya church. They were blessed with three sons, namely Stephen Mwaura Waweru, Dennis Kimani Waweru and Timothy Mithiga Waweru.



WORK

Francis started working in the year 1990 at the Microcomputer Information Systems Department (MISD) at the Ministry of Finance as a Computer Programmer. By the year 2003, he had risen to the position of Chief Systems Analyst at Government Information Technology Services (GITS). Between 2003 and 2010 he served in various Government departments and Directorates as an Assistant Director. Since 2015 to the time of his demise, he was working at the ICT Authority as a Deputy Director in charge of Information Technology standards.



ILLNESS AND DEMISE

Francis lived a healthy life until 2007 when he started having minor health issues. In 2019 he suffered renal failure and was put on weekly dialysis. In May this year, he underwent a successful Kidney transplant at the MP Shah hospital. He however developed complications and was re-admitted at the MP Shah Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on 18th August 2022. He remained under intensive care treatment until Monday 22nd August 2022 when his condition deteriorated. At around 11:00 p.m., the Lord called him to rest eternally. Francis was loved by many but the Lord loved him more. He leaves behind his dear wife Faith, their three children Stephen, Dennis and Timothy, and a wide family of relatives, colleagues and friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
2nd Timothy 4:7***

RÚGANO

GÚCIARWO

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú wa Mwaúra wa Thotho wa Kíarie wa Marúgú wa Mígwi wa Mbothu, aciarirwo mweri ikúmi na ithano (15th) mweri wa kenda, mwaka wa 1964 itúrainí ría Ngúka thiba Sub-Kaúnti ya Mwea East, Kaúnti ya Kiriinyaga.

Aciari ake ní mútigairí Stephano Mwaúra wa Thotho na Teresia Njeri wa Mwaura. Aciarirwo arí mwana wa ikúmi na kana (14) hari ciana ikumi na kenda (19) cia mútigairí Stephano. Aciaraniirwo na Beth Njeri, Esther Nyambura, John Kíarií, mútigairí Francis Thotho, mútigairí Ben Kabirú, mwendwo níiri Eunice Waringa, Jack Wambíga, múti-gairí Samuel Njoka, Hannah Wanjikú, Pauline Wambúi, Esther Nyambura, Simon Múrange, Peter Ngúgi, Anne Wanjikú, James Ngarúiya, Elizabeth Wangarí, John Kíarií na Kevin Ndegwa.

KANITHA

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú abatithiirio kanithaini wa IDI (AIPCA) wa Ngúka, arí mwana múnyinyi na agícoka akígiriir-wo moko o kanithaini ucio. Arí múmemba wa kanitha mwirutirí kuma únyinyi-ini wake na akoretwo arí mútúmiiki wa mitha (altar boy) gwa kahinda kenene.

Aríkia kúhikania, niaingirire kanitha wa kí-Angirikana (ACK Church of Kenya) na akoretwo arí múrúmiríri wa ACK Mugoya, Parish ya St. Veronica, itúra ria South B, na ACK Parish ya Muthuru Chrysostom, itúra ria South C, kuria arari múrúmiríri o nginya hindi yake ya kúhurúka.

Ni aratungatíte kanitha arí mutongoria wa ikíro itiganíte ta, muigi wa kígína, múmemba wa Parish Church Council (PCC), múmemba wa kamíti ya waki wa kanitha (development committee) na múmemba wa maúndu megíi mítandao ya kompyuta ya kanitha (church online platform), na ararí múmemba wa kíama kía arúme gía KAMA (Kenya Anglican Men's Association).

GÍTHOMO

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú ambíriirie gíthomo giake cukuruini wa Nguka Primary school mwaka wa 1972 kuria ekiire kígeranio gía CPE (Certificate of Primary Examination) mwaka wa 1978. Niacokire agitwo cukuru wa Mwea Secondary School mwakaini wa 1979 kuria athomeire nginya agiika kígeranio gia KCE (Kenya Certificate of Education) mwaka wa 1982.

Kúri mwaka wa 1983, nietirwo mathomo ma “A-LEVELS”, cukuru wa Kakamega High School, kuria athomeire nginya agiika kígeranio gia KACE (Kenya Advance Certificate Examination) mwaka wa 1984. Ni acokire agitwo cukuru wa Univathíti ya Nairobi, guthomera mathabu na sayansi ya kompiuta (Maths & Computer Science) kwambiriria mwaka wa 1986 onginya mwaka wa 1989 riria aheirwo degree yake.

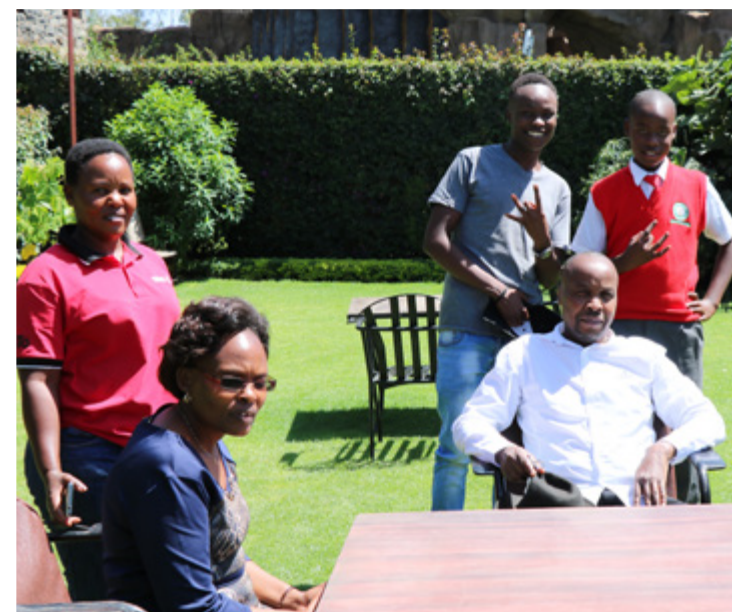
Nitondú ari mwendi githomo niaingirire cukuru wa ESAMI (Eastern & Southern African Management Institute) mucíi múnene wa Arusha búruri wa Tanzania, kuria aheirwo degree ya gikíro kia igúrú ya MBA (Master of Business Administration) mwaka wa 2006. Ni arathomete kothi ingi nyingi.



KÚHIKANIA

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú niacemanirie na mwendwa wake Kezziah Faith Njeri na makíhikania mwaka wa 1994. Ní macokire makierúhia uhiki wao Kanithaini muthenya wa mirongo-irí na ithano (25th) mweri wa gatano (May) mwaka wa 2003, kanithaini wa ACK Mugoya, itúrainí ria South C, Nairobi.

Ni marathimitwo na ciana ithatu, nicio Stephen Mwaúra Wawerú, Dennis Kímani Wawerú na Timothy Mithíga Wawerú.



WIRA

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú ambíirire wíra gwa thirikari, mwakainí wa 1990 ari Computer Programmer, ruhongeini rwa MISD (niyo Micro-computer Information Systems Department), wabichi-iní cia Treasury, Ministry ya kígína.

Kúri mwaka wa 2003, Mútigairí Francis Wawerú niahaicíte ngathi ngiya agakorwo ari Analyst munene (Chief Systems Analyst) ruhongeini rwa wabici cia thirikari cia GITS (niyo Government Information Technology Services).

Kuma mwaka wa 2003 ngiya 2010 Mútigairí Francis Wawerú nátungatíte hongeiní nyingí itiganite thirikariní ari múnnyinyi wa Director. Níaingíire ruhongeini rwa thirikari rwa ICTA (niyo Information Communication & Technology Authority) mwaka wa 2015 kuria aratungataga ta Deputy Director arúgamíire úigananu wa mawíra (niyo Information Technology Standards) na níkuo ararí onginya hínadí yake ya kúhúruka.



NDWARI NA GIKUÚ

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú akoretwo nogima mwega wa mwiri gwa kahinda karaihu no kuri mwaka wa 2007 níambiriire guthinangio ni mwírí. Kúrí mwaka wa 2019 níarwarire higo na akíambíríia guúthambagio thakame o kiumia. Mweri wetano mwaka úyu turi (2022) níachenjirio higo thibitariini wa MP Shah na akiheo rutha, na kuma hau ndacokire gúthambio thakame ringí.

Kúri mweri ikumi na inyanza (18) mweri uyu túri wenana (August) mwaka úyú wa 2022 niehíirwo o rímwe na agiteng'erio thibitariini wa MP Shah na agikoma ICU (niyo Intensive Care Unit) kuria ararigitagwo.

Kúrii jumatatú mweri mírongo írí na igírí (22) mweri wenana (August, 2022) thaa ithano ciotuku, níguo mwathani amúhurúkirie .

Mútigairí Francis Wawerú ni arendetwo ni andu aingi, no Mwathani aramwenda makiria. Atiga mutumia wake Faith Njeri, na ciana ciao ithatu Stephen Mwaúra, Dennis Kimani na Timothy Mithiga.

Ní Mwathani waheanire Francis Wawerú, na nowe wamwoya. Ritwa ría Mwathani rírogocwo. Amen.

***Nĩndũite mbaara ĩrĩa njega, narĩo ihenya rĩakwa rĩgakin-
ya mũthia, ona nĩndũrite menyereire wĩtikio wakwa
2nd Timothy 4:7***



Tributes

Tribute from the wife

When God created Francis, He made a perfect soulmate for me. Francis was a gentleman, compassionate, kind, loving and affectionate to me and our three sons. You were all and more that I needed in this life for a partner.

You invested heavily on me and the boys and gave us a home, education, protection, leadership and every other good thing that a woman would desire in this life. You were a great photographer who captured every memorable moment with a touch of excellence and perfection. I will forever be grateful for the thirty blissful years we have shared.

My promise to you is that I will take care of our three sons and try to fit in your big shoes. I know that life will never be the same again without you.

I will miss your love, beautiful stories, humor, intellect and companionship.

Forever you will live in my heart and mind.

Above all, I am grateful to the Almighty God for the time we spent together.

Rest in peace my dear husband.

Your Loving Wife

Faith Njeri Waweru



Tribute from the children

When we came to this world as fragile children you were our rock giving us our first look as a strong, loving, kind and a role model to look up to. We wouldn't want to ask anymore from you as you are a gem and we truly adore you. The past few years you have shown us your resilience, courage and trust in God that you will be better but the Lord had other plans. We will not forget these values and we will live by this in our lives as we cope not having you with us. You have also been an active member of the Anglican church as a KAMA member and a chairman of the men ministry in St. Chrysostom, and being one of the values you have constantly taught as in our lives, we will earnestly continue being active members of the church as you continuously enforced this value on us.

You invested in our education giving us an opportunity in all the best schools not that it was mandatory but out of you cherishing the value of education. We will keep your memory by trying (cause doing it with your intensity will be a huge task) to read books with your immense thirst for knowledge.

Your love for photography will definitely continue, ensuring we capture every cherishable moment in life so as to lock that moment in life. Like we will lock your impact in our indi-vidual lives in our hearts for eternity.

You have instilled in us the importance of family and we do promise that we will stick to-gether in honour of your memory and remain strong together and take care of mum. As your children we have cherished the time we have had with you now that you are not physically with us you will remain in our hearts forever.

We love you.

Rest in Eternal Peace dad.

Your Loving Children.

Stephen Mwaura Waweru, Dennis Kimani Waweru and Timothy Mithiga Waweru

Tribute from the cousins (Thotho's Family)

Our dear Chairman since your demise we are all quiet... Chairman you really tried to unite the Thotho family and you were very passionate in our heritage....Chairman you used to take us to meet our elderly parents and we saw the glow of joy in their faces, their smiles were overwhelming.

Since we created this Cousins' platform your smile and presence was sincerely felt in our lives.

Chairman you led us diligently and fearlessly towards achieving the family goal which was to meet our elderly parents. We shall always remember how you used to proudly introduce yourself during our meetings as:

Francis Wawerū Wa Mwaūra, Wa Thotho, Wa Kiārī, Wa Marūgū, Wa Mīgwī, Wa Mbothu....

Cousin the gap that you have left 'gūtiri ūngihota kūmīihūria tondū wīgīrīriku waku ūrari wa mwanya hari ithui cousins na family ya Thotho".

Fare Thee well Wawerū we shall meet again in our Fathers home in heaven.

Tribute from the Synergy Welfare Group

Dear our departed Francis. Mwaura. Chairman. Governor. You were many things to us; a true friend, inspiration, role model, compass, a visionary. Your name is deeply etched in the history and progress of Synergy which you at some point chaired.

Your leadership sings songs of vision, dreams, courage, adventure, determination and faith in things unseen. You stood by each one of us in times of need. You stuck by the truth and made us see it. We remember you. No matter the office you held, or the title you bore, the most distinguishing mark of your leadership was friendship, and humour.

You honored us by the manner in which you lived your life. We will never forget you, nor the last time we saw you, as you prepared for this final journey and waved goodbye. Nor shall we ever forget how much you enjoyed a good story and how much you enjoyed telling one of your own – and you had plenty!

Your endless journey has begun. It breaks our hearts to say goodbye. Your heart is pure, your soul is free. Cross over to the other shore.

Now that you are gone you belong to God. We'll be with you some day. Until that happens, your legacy shall be our lives.

Till we meet again, Goodbye.

Tribute from Kimemia family

When someone you love becomes a memory; the memory becomes a treasure. Growing up with a fun uncle like Uncle Waweru made every family reunion at Ushago a time to look forward to and remember. His laughter when he told stories made his stories more funny and engaging. We have so many memories with our uncle where we learned the joy of life, the reward of sacrifice, the adventure of growing up and the love of family.

Though we know that the gap he left can never be filled; we won't grieve because the Scriptures in 1 Thessalonians 4:13... tells us not to grieve as those without hope, because we believe God will bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. Therefore let's encourage one another and celebrate the life of our brother and uncle. He had a way of bringing everyone together throughout his life. He looked for the best in people and gave the best he had. The impact he has had on our country, his family and friends has earned him a legendary status! As an uncle, we looked up to him, and he opened our eyes to possibilities that, If a young man from Kirinyaga can achieve such great success, so can we! He was more than an uncle to us, he was our friend. As a brother, he was a pillar of strength and a voice of reason. He has always been there for me and has stood with me in happiness and during the hard times. He made us all feel special and encouraged us to be the best at what we do! His sense of humor was admirable and even at his highest high, he never forgot where he came from! He loved to make surprise visits to Shosho as well as our home (Kagio) and we looked forward to those visits! His legacy will live on through his beautiful wife and children, and we as the Kimemia family will support and encourage his family like he did so many times to us in his lifetime. As you rest our beloved uncle, we shall take up the mantle and continue to build on the legacy you have left behind. We loved you very much, fare thee well our brother/uncle! Until we meet again...

Tribute from the employer

The Chairman, the Board, management and entire ICTA fraternity learnt with profound shock and sadness on the passing on of our friend, colleague and brother Francis Mwaura.

Until his passing, Francis was the Deputy Director, Standards Development and Enforcement in the Directorate of Standards and Programmes. He was appointed to this post on 1st August 2015 and has been very instrumental in the growth of the ICT Authority since its inception in 2013. Before then, he worked at the Government IT Services (GITS) as well as the Directorate of E-Government.

Mr. Mwaura will be remembered for spearheading the development and implementation of Government IT standards as well as the development of whole of Government process to enable integrated service delivery and use of shared services and systems.

Mr. Mwaura represented the Authority as a Board member at the Kenya Information Network Centre (KENIC). He also supervised the development and implementation for the accreditation of Government ICT suppliers as well as ICT Professionals.

Francis, as we fondly called him, will be remembered for babysitting the Knowledge management function. Through his unwavering support, the Authority institutionalized knowledge management that successfully met milestones such as the knowledge management policy and the 5-year KM strategy. His monthly virtual ICT knowledge Bonanzas in which he invited subject matter experts and scholars to speak on different aspect of ICT was his great passion and legacy.

He leaves behind the ICT Authority family and ICT fraternity as a whole where he will be fondly remembered for his words of wisdom, a very warm demeanor, excellent command of the English language, his love of books and vast knowledge in not only ICT Standards, which was his DNA, but also an interest in emerging technology.

Eternal rest grant unto Francis and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in Peace.

Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh

Ag. CEO





Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Cha Kutumaini Sina

1.Cha kutumaini sina, ila damu yake Bwana
Sina wema wa kutosha, dhambi zangu kuziosha
Kwake Yesu nasimama, ndiye Mwamba ni salama
Ndiye Mwamba ni salama, ndiye Mwamba ni salama

2.Damu yake na sadaka, nategemea daima
Yote chini yakiisha, Mwokozi atanitosha.

3.Njia yangu iwe ndefu, Yeye hunipa wokovu
Mawimbi yakinipiga, nguvu zake ndiyo nanga

4.Nikiitwa hukumuni, rohoni nina amani
Nikivikwa haki yake, sina hofu mbele yake

Bwana u sehemu yangu,

Bwana u sehemu yangu,
Rafiki yangu, wewe,
Katika safari yangu,
Tatembea na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe,
Pamoja na wewe,
Katika safari yangu,



Nii Ningwenda Ngai Umenyage Lyrics

Niĩ nĩngwenda Ngai ũmenyage
Nĩngenaga mũno nĩwe;
Tondũ nĩũnjĩkaga wega
Na ũkanyenda hingo ciothe.

Irio ciakwa iria ndĩaga
Maĩ marĩa ngundaga;
O na nguo cia kwĩhumba
Ciothe nowe ũheaga.

Muoyo naguo nĩwe waheire
Nĩwe ũgiragia ngue;
Ũngethengia hinya waku
Ndingĩtinda gathaa kamwe.

We mũthenya o na ũtukũ
Nĩ ũmenyagĩrĩra wega;
Maitho maku no mambaraga
Kũrĩ ũtheri na kũrĩ nduna.

Ndingĩhota gũgũcokeria
Wega waku, Mwathani;
No nĩndakũhoya ũtũmage
Ngwende mũno na ngũiguage.

Tatembea na wewe.

Mali hapa sikutaka,
Ili niheshimiwe,
Na yanikute mashaka,
Sawasawa na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe,
Pamoja na wewe,
Heri nikute mashaka,
Sawasawa na wewe.

There shall be showers of blessings

1There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.
Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

2There shall be showers of blessing—
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.

3There shall be showers of blessing;
Send them upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come, and now honor Thy Word.

4There shall be showers of blessing;
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!

5There shall be showers of blessing,
If we but trust and obey;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
If we let God have His way.

Niongoze safarini,
Mbele unichukue,
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni,
Niingie na wewe.

Pamoja na wewe,
Pamoja na wewe,
Mlangoni mwa mbinguni,
Niingie na wewe.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ (yes, He has) has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought (a thought)
My sin, not in part, but the whole (every bit, every bit, all of it)
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more (yes)
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul
Sing it as well
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul
'Cause of You, Jesus, it is well
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul





Nĩndũĩte mbaara ĩrĩa njega, narĩo ihenya rĩakwa
rĩgakinya mũthia, ona nĩndũrĩte menyereire wĩĩkio
wakwa

2nd Timothy 4:7

