

Christmas messages from churches

BISHOP JAMES Kauluma of the Anglican Church has called upon individuals in both church and society to pray that the 'ongoing destructive war be brought to an end, and that peace, justice and unity be restored to our divided people and to our country'.

In his Christmas message, the Bishop added that although during the past two years some areas of the country had good rains, 'we must still unite in unceasing prayer for rain so that our lands may produce enough food and that we may be saved from the tragedy of hunger and drought'.

The Bishop added that Christmas 'revived our own longing for enduring peace among our people and in our war-torn community'.

'We must also remember to thank God for all the good things He has done for us and for His protection in

the midst of all the dangers of war. We thank him for the growth and courage he has given to His Church against the forces of evil which con-



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tinue to destroy human lives and the good natural resources of our country. Pray that this dangerous situation may be brought to an end'.

IN HIS CHRISTMAS message, Dr Abisai Shejavali, General Secretary of the Council of Churches in Namibia, he hoped the year 1986 would be the year which will 'get us our freedom and establish justice in this country'.

'In his love God is always on the move to serve, to accept and to be with that which He liberated from sin. But the problem is with the man, who estranged himself from God. Our society, with a lot of racism, apartheid, discrimination, killings and perpetual slavery, indicates clearly that it has estranged itself from God, but the message of Christmas is that God is Jesus, meaning God wants to save us. The truth is the one who has been saved from his/her sins invests in forgiven life in working for justice against injustice, peace against war'.