

SA Primate congratulates Desmond Tutu on Templeton prize

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From the office of the Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Archbishop of Cape Town congratulates Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu on Templeton Prize

'It is wonderful news that Archbishop Desmond Tutu has won the Templeton Prize' said the current Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, this morning. 'I offer hearty congratulations on behalf of the whole Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We fully endorse the Foundation's view that he has made "exceptional contributions to exemplifying a new and larger, living model of the benefits of religion and spiritual progress".

'Archbishop Desmond is one of the spiritual giants of our times – though he will tease me for saying so, given that I am so much taller than him!' joked Archbishop Thabo. 'The greatest lesson we should learn from him is that his life is steeped in prayer, and these deep wells resource all that he does, giving him a particular gift for expressing profound truths with great simplicity. During our darkest, bleakest, hours, he was able to see the bigger picture – the picture that we remember in this Easter season, that good will always prevail – and so he gave us a vision of hope for abundant life for everyone, transformed through God's promises. It is a vision with which he continues to challenge the whole world today. We need to hear that challenge, and I hope this prize will encourage him to keep on raising his voice where it needs to be heard.'

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