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Our religious leaders,
All elected leaders,
County officials,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen.

Good morning.

1. I stand before you with gratitude and humility at this County Prayer Breakfast. This sacred moment invites us to bow our heads, lift our hearts, and recognize that all we are and have comes from God's grace
2. Allow me, first and foremost, to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our pastors, bishops, imams, and all religious leaders across faiths and denominations. Your prayers, guidance, and quiet dedication often go unseen, yet they form the backbone of our communities. Thank you for organizing this prayer breakfast and for standing with us in times of celebration and in moments of challenge.

Nakuru County is stronger because of your spiritual leadership.

3. I also wish to acknowledge my fellow elected leaders and county officials. Your presence today reflects unity, shared responsibility, and the recognition that leadership without God risks losing its moral direction. We gather to give thanks, mindful that Scripture teaches leadership is a sacred trust—one to be exercised with humility and a willing heart. From my first day in office, I have sought not only to manage systems but to transform lives, uplift livelihoods, and always lead by example.

Today, I want to account for that promise.

4. Agriculture continues to anchor our economy, with deliberate emphasis on productivity, resilient value chains, and improved farmer livelihoods. Key value chains—dairy, pyrethrum, avocado, coffee, maize, potato, and edible oil crops—recorded notable expansion. Farmers received 33.9 million pyrethrum seedlings, establishing 5,000 acres, and 208,943 avocado seedlings, increasing coverage to 10,000 acres. To

strengthen food security, 42 metric tons of maize seed supported 10,500 households, while the coffee subsector benefited from 20,166 seedlings. Under the Edible Oil Crops Promotion Project, 55 tons of sunflower and 5 tons of canola seed were distributed. Livestock output reached 326 million litres of milk, enabled by 20 cooling plants and enhanced artificial insemination services. Fisheries development included restocking 526,666 fingerlings. Farmer groups benefited from dairy goat, sheep, and poultry initiatives, improved feed storage infrastructure, and progressive agricultural policies supporting long-term sustainability.

5. Health is an investment in human dignity, which is why 40 percent of the county budget is allocated to the health sector. The creation of 16 Primary Care Networks has reinforced community services and improved access to care. Level 4 hospitals are under construction in Kuresoi North and Rongai, while stalled facilities in Maai Mahiu, Molo, Njoro, and Subukia are now operational. New maternity units in Gilgil and Elburgon provide mothers with respectful care, and expanded services

in many dispensaries are widening access. The county has deployed equipment such as CT scans, ICUs, and digital health systems to raise quality standards. Essential medicine supplies are now stable, alongside digital health records, SHA registration, workforce investments, and initiatives including a lactation centre at NCRTH that demonstrate compassionate care.

6. Early childhood education has been deliberately strengthened. Across the county, we have built new classrooms, Centres of Excellence, sanitation facilities, kitchens, and safe play areas. As a result, ECDE centres have increased from 1,003 to 1,066. The school feeding programme now reaches more than 65,951 children every day, improving attendance and learning outcomes. We recruited, confirmed, and supported ECDE teachers, supplied modern learning materials, rolled out digital devices, and expanded continuous professional development. In Nakuru, early learning is no longer treated as an afterthought; it is firmly a priority.
7. Vocational education has also seen transformative growth. Training centres have

expanded from 33 to 41, with new institutions constructed and workshops fully equipped. Enrolment has risen by nearly 44 percent. Through Sh30,000 capitation per trainee, curriculum reforms, strengthened quality assurance, and digital transformation, we are equipping young people with practical skills.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. Access to clean water, sanitation, and climate-resilient services expanded markedly over the past year. The County delivered 132 water projects, laying 488.72 km of pipelines and increasing clean water access from 59.2 percent to 62.33 percent. Household supply improved through 17,070 new connections, drilling 72 boreholes, equipping more than 90, solarizing 92, protecting seven springs, and rehabilitating 11 boreholes serving 6,000 residents. A Sh70 million drilling rig will accelerate future works. Sanitation gains included a 1 km sewer line and 200 connections in Kabati, major upgrades in Flamingo Estate for 300 residents, and extensions across several estates. Flagship

sewer projects in Barnabas to Mwariki B and Neylan will benefit 17,000 residents. Further progress included expanded water infrastructure, air quality monitoring, disposal site rehabilitation, recycling innovations, 48 climate projects, ecosystem restoration, and planting 1.5 million trees

9. Economic growth must translate into real benefits at the grassroots. We have prioritised investment in markets, cooperatives, MSMEs, and industrial infrastructure. A flagship initiative is the County Aggregation and Industrial Park in Njoro, which is now 45 percent complete. To boost local trade, we are constructing 25 ESP markets in partnership with the National Government and have rehabilitated 45 additional markets to create well organised, vibrant trading spaces. Cooperatives have been trained, revived, registered, and equipped to enhance their effectiveness.
10. Access to finance remains a key focus. Through the Sh100 million Wezesha Fund, affordable credit is reaching those most in need. The Enterprise Fund has so far supported 98 groups with Sh16.3 million,

with a further Sh14.1 million set for disbursement. In addition, the Cooperative Development Revolving Fund has issued Sh46 million to 13 cooperatives, recorded Sh7 million in repayments, and continues to appraise new applications. We have also introduced a Sh30 million Boda Boda Fund to support operators in the sector.

11. In Infrastructure, the County is expanding and modernizing its transport network through the Imarisha Barabara Programme. This includes upgrading 513 km of graded roads, 383 km of gravel roads, construction of over 10 bridges, installation of 620 streetlights, and completion of major urban roads and NMT facilities. Supported by an NYS partnership, Tea Cess-funded upgrades, and the ongoing dualling of the Rironi–Mau Summit Highway, these investments are enhancing mobility, trade, safety, and inclusive growth.

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12. We have strengthened social halls, youth centres, and sports facilities. Construction is underway at Olenguruone Stadium and

Afraha Stadium Phase Two with KDF support, while stadia in Jewatho, Molo, Gilgil, Maai Mahiu, and Kihoto remain operational. Progress continues at Keringet High Altitude Academy and Site Grounds, with most social halls functional and others nearing handover or revival to support youth empowerment.

13. We have accelerated land titling, securing ownership for more than 3,000 households. In Mutukanio–Kiptangwanyi, 3,000 titles cleared longstanding backlogs. Ongoing surveys in Kihingo–Njoro, Maji Tamu–Rongai, and Subukia will deliver 2,100 titles by June, while verification in Bahati and Dundori adds 1,000 more. Spatial planning in Naivasha Industrial Area, Gilgil Kampi Somali, Leleshwa, and Sitoito will unlock 5,300 additional titles. Housing gains included estate re-roofing, 65 sanitation facilities, empowerment programs, affordable housing support, and urban upgrades benefiting households, traders, and displaced residents.
14. In closing, I return to gratitude for God’s grace. Leadership is a journey. I commit to

humble, courageous-integrity-filled service,
seek prayers, thank Nakuru's people, and
God's blessings.

Thank you.

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