

NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2020

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My Fellow Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora:

Today, we join the rest of the world in looking forward to the promises of a bright New Year. New beginnings generally elicit excitement and energy!

While we unconsciously acknowledge that we are turning over a new leaf, we are also conscious to set goals to make the New Year better than the one, which has just ended.

However, I believe that despite any disappointments we may have had during 2019, we can take pride that our nation has accomplished much and we look forward to even more progress.

From my own interactions with our leaders and participants who have been involved with the social and outreach programmes generated by King's House, I am encouraged by the spirit of Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora.

In particular, our young men and women have not only engaged in self development activities - in formal education or training- but have undertaken voluntary projects in communities across the island. They have led by example, in the drive to encourage the faint-hearted, offer direction for the uncertain, and stand alongside them in their journey to success.

We can also take pride in the intergenerational bonding, which has taken root in many of our communities, as the energetic elderly find satisfaction in tutoring and guiding infants and children.

Jamaica continues to be admired by our Regional Partners, International Associates, and the Diaspora communities, whose members assure us of their continuing love and respect for their homeland.

It is therefore appropriate, that as we envision the immediate future, we are reassured of our readiness to make the best of what that might be. We as Jamaicans, have never been lacking in self-confidence, and that reality is not likely to change.

We must remain optimistic about 2020 as the “Year of Transformation”.

Transformation for:

- Our country, as we start the final push in the journey to achieve our goals for Vision 2030.
- Our personal and moral development.
- Our family bonds, so that they can be stronger.
- Our values and attitudes, where we are more respectful, disciplined, caring, and gentle.

Let us welcome the New Year with enthusiasm, and make our nation prouder and stronger as the months roll by.

Lady Allen and I wish for you a New Year that will bring everything good that you hope for.

God bless you, and God bless “Jamaica, land we love”