



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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**“ISANG BANSANG, ISANG PANALANGIN”**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
School Division Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Tragedies had confronted the nation, testing our resolve and seemingly blurring the stable, peaceful, and prosperous future that had already come within reach but the Filipino refused to yield. The world came to witness the incredible fortitude of our nation. They have seen how an unshakeable faith can be a wellspring of strength, solidarity, and determination: whether in times of tragedy or during new beginnings, we have always come together, bound by collective hope and belief in a compassionate, benevolent Almighty. “As one nation, let us remember the lives lost to the tragic incidents of 2013... Thank the Almighty for the strength and resilience He continues to give the nation, and... Seek His guidance as we move forward and build our communities even better than they were before.”
2. On **January 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**, the President will lead the nation in an interfaith prayer: **“One Nation in Prayer - Isang Bansa, Isang Panalangin.”**
3. The President will be joined by representatives of different faiths, government leaders, and stakeholders from civil society. This initiative is intended for the Filipino nation to be praying together simultaneously for a better Philippines and for a hopeful 2014.
4. All schools are enjoined to organize local prayers for this whole day of **January 20, 2014**. These prayers, incorporating various faith traditions, may be recited as part of the flag ceremony or at the start of every class.
5. A special area/board may be arranged in every school with photos, messages or names of the victims to commemorate the year which had passed.
6. Discussions on the recent disasters may also be integrated in our Science, *Araling Panlipunan*, and *Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao* subjects to further enrich the awareness of these events and its implications in our schools.
7. In connection with this, School Principals/Heads, School Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors are strongly encouraged to organize a group, on a voluntary basis, to join the President and the rest of the nation, from their own respective venues, **at exactly 5:00 p.m. Philippine Standard Time (PST) on January 20**. Everyone is advised to organize their groups outside their offices so that more people would be encouraged to join.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 370, s. 2008

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