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- 1 Yesterday, 26th April, in 1994, saw the start of voting in South Africa's first elections to include people of all colours. "The Rainbow Nation" is the phrase often used by President Nelson Mandela about South Africa's multi-racial society.
 - 2 We are going to listen to a translation of some of the words of South Africa's new National Anthem. We can make the words our own prayer for our own nation:
 - 3 *Let us pray:*

**Bless our nation, Lord,
and let your mercy come among us.
Let justice triumph in our land
as we live and strive for freedom.
Let our people stand before you
as you come to judge us.
Stretch out your hands, O Lord,
and have compassion on us.**

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