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To the graduands, as you are released to the job market, I want to urge you to roll up your sleeves and take advantage of opportunities in the formal and informal labour market. Aspire to be innovators and entrepreneurs since the knowledge you are equipped with is sufficient to realize your dreams. I wish you all the best in your endeavours.

In conclusion, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2019. God Bless you and God Bless Kenya.