

## **DEDICATION**

### ***AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM***

### **AND IN LOVING MEMORY**

of my dear father Casimiro, my loving mother Delfina, my brothers Justino and Vitorino, my sister Regina and my sweet son Aristóteles. To all of you in the celestial kingdom of the Almighty Father, I take the liberty to generously award this work to all of you, posthumously, with love.

Dear father, in your memory, accept this humble offering from your son. Let it be acceptable to you as a 'Cup' of thanks, reverence and praise for the many 'Gifts' you have given me without any return. From you, as a former political prisoner, detained several times by the Policia Internacional de Defesa do Estado (**PIDE**) during the Portuguese colonial rule in Angola, I learnt the revolutionary spirit to be based on social justice, freedom and equality among people. I also learnt from you the capacity of a reflective mind, the meaning of courage, sacrifice, unselfishness and commitment to the noble ideal of nationalism and the common good.

Dear mother, with all the choirs of angels in heaven around you, I ask you with filial love to accept this gift. Let it be acceptable to you in the spirit of endless love and unity with our whole family. From you, I learnt the spirit of fortitude, love and tenderness. I also learnt the spirit of infinite patience and modesty. All these family virtues have made me the man I am today.