



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

In our monthly prayer for peace, we want to join our voice and our prayer to that of the many brothers and sisters from **Haiti** who express suffering and concern for the fate of their families and their own country. The blood of President Jovenel Moïse, brutally killed in circumstances that lead to suspicion of an international conspiracy, cries out to God, as a cry of destitution of a people who for many years have taken the last place in the ranking of the poorest countries. Let us join our invocation with all the people of Haiti. In particular, we embrace the boys and girls of Haiti who have the right to see a hope in their own future. They must be assured of sufficient food and adequate education.

We ask God to protect the missionaries and all the women and men who are in those places to accompany their integral development and to convert those who adhere to the armed gangs that even recently have been guilty of kidnappings and other horrible crimes. Let us pray that the international community will implement all necessary measures to ensure the people of Haiti the most basic human rights. Let us also pray that everyone welcomes the gift of peace that is never lacking to those who open their hearts to God.

**May the Lord give you peace**

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