



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

At the beginning of September, a coup was carried out in **Guinea** Conakry during which the president, in his third term, was deposed and an interim government of the military junta was set up. The future of that African nation is uncertain. We know very little about the current situation due to the lack of correspondents and press reporters from the rest of the world.

However, the light of faith can help us focus on what is more important than any other thing: the life and dignity of the people. In the spirit of universal brotherhood that binds us together as human beings, children of one God, beyond all borders, faiths and cultures, those brothers and sisters are part of us. Their fate is important to us.

For this reason, on September 27, echoing the historic prayer meeting for peace of the representatives of many religions held in Assisi in 1986, we ask that each of us, according to our own religious tradition, in the intimacy of our own family or community, pray to the God of peace for Guinea. With economic reasons not prevailing and no interested interference from external powers, we have the courage to put at the center exclusively the good of the inhabitants of Guinea and to remove the threat of violence. May God hear our prayer and bless the way and the life of that nation with the gift of peace.

May the Lord give you peace

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