



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

Our monthly appointment is certainly not intended to point out to God the armed conflicts, the suffering and the situations of violence in so many parts of the world. He knows well the hardships of His children. However, it is our responsibility and solidarity that is expected on behalf of those who suffer from forgotten conflicts and negligent "distractions" often caused by economic and geopolitical interests. Ideally, they are among the poor whom Pope Francis came to embrace and to put into our embrace on November 12 in Assisi. Our prayer meeting gathers together our fragile voices and turns them into an ardent plea, made in the language and according to the tradition of each person, addressed to the one God who loves us and asks for love.

Among the forgotten crises is certainly that of **Belucistan**, the poorest and largest province in Pakistan, a land populated by men and women of different faiths. Since 1947, the people have been asking for a form of autonomy and currently there are protests by many who are demanding truth and justice for their loved ones, kidnapped because they oppose the central government. Some women are the leaders of the peaceful actions of dissent, while terrorist actions, guerrilla activities by a liberation army and the repression of the army and the national police continue to rage.

We invite everyone to pray for the harmonization of the diversities that make up the social and religious fabric of the inhabitants of Belucistan, for the recognition and guarantee of all human rights and for the establishment of a dialogue capable of generating peace.

May the Lord give you peace

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