



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sister of many different faiths,

There are many outbreaks of war that inflame the world and afflict humanity. Before God we want to remember the people of Tigray, Haiti, Sudan, Congo, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, where there have been recent bloody attacks and massacres, as well as the Ukraine for which we continue to pray.

Belonging to so many different faiths and united in invoking the gift of peace, for our regular monthly prayer meeting, I ask you to implore God's help for the people of **Kazakhstan**. There are fewer than 20 million inhabitants in a nation that is in ninth place in the world for size. They live with the tension of the clash between the police and the army, on the one hand, and many citizens who are protesting because of the rising cost of living, on the other. A clash that has already caused hundreds of victims.

We pray that the God of peace will encourage the faint signs of a full return to peace, understood as justice for all, the guarantee of universal human rights and the elimination of all violence. As usual, we ask that each person gather with his or her own community on the 27th to ask that we all make room for authentic peace in our lives.

May the Lord give you peace

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