



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

peace is threatened not only by wars and the violation of human rights but also by the violence wrought against creation that brings about the disasters due to climate change. The persistent and very severe **drought in Somalia** is causing so much misery, huge numbers of people migrating because of the climate, and an unbelievable death toll. International aid, which is still not enough to cope with the disaster, has become even more difficult because of the unstable political situation and the control of some areas by unofficial armed groups.

This coming August 27, in our monthly prayer for peace that brings together people of many religions in the wake of the 1986 Assisi meeting, we want to raise our voices to the one God for the people of Somalia and for all the women and men around the world who are suffering so disastrously from the consequences of climate change. We should be aware that the greatest damage is being caused precisely toward the poorest people of sub-Saharan Africa.

We all feel like beggars for water and justice, for peace and respect for the dignity for every inhabitant on the planet. Our prayer is joined to the plea that the supranational bodies in charge, all humanitarian agencies and every person of good will, should not neglect any action to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in Somalia.

May the Lord give you peace

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