



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

We are aware that there are many non-peaceful situations throughout the world that need our prayerful attention. There are areas in the world where violence has become a daily assault on the lives of millions of people and on every living being. I am sure that each of us and our communities do not fail to accompany the hope with prayer raised to God.

In our monthly observance of the 27th I would like to suggest that we pray for **India**, which is about to conclude the long electoral process begun on April 19, and which will mark the future of that nation. We want to remember the people of India before God because it is the most populous nation in the world with 1 billion 428 million people and, of these, as many as 970 million are citizens eligible to vote. It is among the nine nations with nuclear warheads and is considered an economically growing power.

Let us pray, then, that the future of this great nation will promote the dignity of all its inhabitants, foster social, political, and religious dialogue, banish all kinds of violence, and work internationally for peace.

With the people living in India, we want to raise our prayerful voice to God so that the mystical zeal that has characterized them throughout the centuries may always be revitalized in that land.

May the Lord give you peace

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