



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

In these days of distress, fear, violence, and destruction, it is difficult to find glimmers of peace and reasons for hope. Yet it is in this very setting that we feel even more deeply the need to turn to the one God who can touch the hearts of men and sow new seeds of peace.

For a long time now, the international community has had means at its disposal to help prevent conflicts and resolve them without resorting to the old means of war. The reference is to international law, which has established supranational bodies, structures, rules, and procedures aimed at resolving conflicts peacefully. Of these, as religious communities, we strongly encourage every diplomatic initiative, the promotion of dialogue and meeting between the parties in conflict, every possibility of reconciliation, and various forms of collaboration, both institutional and informal and people-driven.

In our regular prayer gathering on the 27th of each month, which each person will observe according to their own tradition and spirituality, in the spirit of the meeting between religious leaders that took place in Assisi on October 27, 1986, I ask that we pray for the success of every attempt at dialogue that leads to peace when it is promoted and conducted with a sincere heart.

May God hear the cries of the victims of all wars, and may our prayers resonate with them. May every effort made by peacemakers and builders of peace in various places of conflict be blessed.

May the Lord give you peace

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