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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE PASSING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



Today, with hearts weighed down in sorrow yet uplifted in faith, we mourn the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was a true shepherd of the faithful and a tireless advocate for peace, compassion, and unity. His life was a living testament to the love of Christ. He broke barriers and bridged divides, becoming a symbol of hope not just for Catholics but for people of all faiths and backgrounds across the world.

His papacy was marked by a sincere and unwavering commitment to promoting global peace and interfaith dialogue. Through initiatives like his historic visits to countries torn by conflict, his emphasis on the need for fraternity among all human beings, and his encyclical letters such as *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis championed the cause of environmental justice, social equality, and universal brotherhood. He courageously called upon world leaders to act with mercy and wisdom.

Within the Church, Pope Francis ushered in a new era of humility, accessibility, and renewal. His personal example-choosing simplicity over grandeur, washing the feet of prisoners, embracing the disabled and the sick- reflected the Gospel more powerfully than any words could.

Today, even as we grieve, we celebrate a life that radiated the light of Christ to a world so in need of it. His Holiness has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7). May his soul find eternal rest in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.

Let us bow our heads in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Pope Francis. We commend his soul to Your eternal care, trusting in Your mercy and grace. Grant him the joy of everlasting life in Your glorious presence. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

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