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MESSAGE

"In the heart of every man and woman is the desire for a full life, including that irrepressible longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced" (Pope Francis, World Day of Peace 2014). This feeling of fraternity and solidarity is what is needed at this moment in Iraq to help our tormented nation to overcome the present crisis that has plunged thousands of innocent people into great distress, awful sufferings and insurmountable deprivations.

While thanking for the initiative, Global Day of Prayer, of the international pontifical foundation Aid to the Church, on August 6, 2014, the feast of the Transfiguration, along with the Christians in Iraq, I unite with all those raise their hands towards the Lord imploring for peace in Iraq. "Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (St. Matthew 18:19). Let us unite our voices and hearts before the Lord for peace.

The feast of Transfiguration is a feast of the transformation of hearts and minds at the encounter with the light of God's love towards humanity. May the light of Tabor, through our nearness, fill the hearts of all suffering people with consolation and hope. May the message of Tabor, through our prayers, inspire the leaders of this country to sacrifice personal interests for the common good and welfare.


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