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My dear Friends,

It is vacation time. However, prayer does not go on vacation. It is the sentinel of all that is human. And even if public attention drops with respect to armed conflicts, prayer comes to shake us up. It puts us in tune with the heart of God and makes us sensitive to the sufferings of our brothers and sisters.

This month we want to look at Venezuela. This country is undergoing a very serious crisis that was talked about a lot in the past months, but now it seems that this crisis has disappeared from the news headlines. Pope Francis has re-enchanted attention to the suffering of those people. After the Angelus on Sunday, July 14, he said: "Once again I would like to express my closeness to the beloved Venezuelan people, who have been particularly tried by the ongoing crisis. Let us pray that the Lord will inspire and illuminate the parties involved, so that they can come to an agreement as soon as possible, which will put an end to the sufferings of the people for the good of the Country and of the entire region".

Let us also raise the humble lantern of our prayer for these sufferings. Let us light our flames of faith which, while raising our eyes towards God and imploring His grace, will also call attention to and action by international bodies. We will do this on July 27<sup>th</sup>, the day of our monthly appointment of prayer for peace, in the wake of what happened in Assisi with Saint John Paul II and the religious leaders from throughout the world, October 27, 1986. As Disciples of Christ we are also grateful to

those from other religious traditions who wish to join us. Through our prayer, we want to accompany the talks of the representatives of those involved in the hope that they work together so that Venezuela can soon reach a just and lasting peace.

The Lord give you peace!

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