



Diocesi di
Assisi – Nocera Umbra – Gualdo Tadino



Commissione "Spirito di Assisi"

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Dear,

The news reports from 1986 tell us that on that first October 27th, as the world religious leaders gathered for peace, weapons throughout the world were silenced and no victims and destruction were recorded on the battlefronts.

How we wish that this sign would be welcomed and enacted today and in the days to come! Recently, war has returned to devastate the Middle East, still in the north-east of Syria, where the Kurds, proven by centuries-old persecution, are still paying the price with their lives and homes.

Let us join our forces so that from the temples and homes of believers in the one God, the humble and firm voice of prayer may be raised, so that all men will finally accept the gift of peace. Prayer moves consciences to be open to the voice of God. Men and women engaged in battlefields let their weapons fall from their hands and open themselves to a brotherly embrace.

We turn to those who think that it makes no difference to do business with the sale of devices of death, so the production and marketing of these devices can be converted into instruments and ways of peace. On this thirty-third anniversary of the historic meeting in Assisi, if only God would be listened to and the hearts of men opened.

Therefore we will meet again on the 27th, to join our prayers so that the suffering people of Syria may soon return to relish the beauty of serenity and peaceful coexistence.

May the Lord give you peace.

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