



**Diocesi di  
Assisi – Nocera Umbra – Gualdo Tadino**



*Commissione “Spirito di Assisi”*

Assisi, June 2019

Dear,

For June 27, the day of the month in which we gather in prayer invoking the prayer for peace, our brothers and sisters of the Baha'i religion who for some time have been joining this monthly appointment, ask us to pray for the members of their community who are discriminated against and persecuted in Iran and in other countries of the world.

Founded by Baha'u'llah in the nineteenth century precisely in Iran, the Baha'i religion was born within the Muslim sphere, and preaches the uniqueness of God and religion, the unity of the human race, the development of spiritual qualities and has always guaranteed their adhesion and participation in meetings of dialogue and prayer of religions for peace. The request to focus our spiritual attention on the condition of these brothers and sisters re-proposes the theme of religious freedom which in many areas of the planet is perhaps also proclaimed as a right, signed in the treaties, but then blatantly denied by behaviour, laws, discriminatory actions and persecution.

I therefore ask you to unite yourselves spiritually in prayer in your communities as in your homes, in the traditional places of prayer of the various religions, in the monasteries, in the parishes, in the family ... in support of the persecuted of this religion and of all the religious minorities whose rights are not recognized. We pray that the dream of peace expressed in Assisi 33 years ago by Saint John Paul II and by many religious leaders in the world will be fulfilled.

May the Lord give you peace.

+ Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop