



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

October 27 marks the 36th anniversary of that historic meeting of so many leaders of faiths who came together in Assisi to pray to the one God for peace. Since that day, the entire world has regained a new hope whereby the world religions have withdrawn all excuses for violence, do not condone wars, do not support terrorism, but rather are working together to build genuine peace. Since that day, so many encounters have taken place, and we, too, have not failed to offer our monthly prayer in many different languages and in many different forms so that every human being and every creature may be granted the peace that God gives us.

Unfortunately, however, and against all odds, the threat of the use of **nuclear weapons** has resurfaced, carrying with them the power to bring destruction and death to extensive areas with harmful consequences persisting for a very long time.

In this month of October in which we commemorate vividly that historic event, we ask that on the 27th, every faith community raise earnest prayers to God that the danger of the use of the atomic weapon be banished from humanity. We further ask that every government elect to join the U.N. Treaty for the Complete Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. May the God of life and peace hear our prayer.

May the Lord give you peace

Assisi, October 2022

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