



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

In light of the events that are profoundly affecting the lives of the Cuban people, we wish to extend a fervent invitation to pray for the current socio-political situation in **Cuba**. The increased restrictions on the embargo (bolqueo) imposed by the United States have caused economic difficulties, social tensions and uncertainties affecting the nation that demand a vision of faith and a shared spiritual commitment. The reports we have received tell of the difficulties many families are facing in obtaining basic necessities, and of the lack of electricity, which is causing dramatic disruption in healthcare facilities, particularly maternity wards, as well as affecting transportation and everyday life.

We invite communities, families and individual believers to join together on February 27th in a moment of personal reflection or communal prayer, asking the Lord for the gift of peace, justice and sincere dialogue among all parties involved. Let us pray that human dignity, respect for fundamental rights and the pursuit of the common good may prevail.

We offer our spiritual support to those who are suffering, those who are living in distress or deprivation, and those who are called to public office, that they may be guided by wisdom and a sense of responsibility.

We trust that, through the power of prayer and solidarity, ways of reconciliation, hope and genuine renewal may open up for the entire Cuban nation.

May the Lord give you peace

Assisi, February 2026

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