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To all the brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order

Dear brothers and sisters may the Lord give you peace!

The events of the last few days invite us to join those to whom we belong together in a special way: Em. Card. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Custos Fr. Francesco Patton OFM, the Minister General of the Friars Minor, Fr. Massimo Fusarelli, OFM, and our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

At this difficult time, I invite us all "to unite in prayer and in a sign of penance to intercession for peace in the world and especially in the Holy Land" (from the letter of Fr. Massimo Fusarelli, OFM). We ask God for the gift of peace, for an ordinary life for the little ones, who have been suffering for a long time in this holy land of the world.

I invite all brothers and sisters to join us in prayer and fasting <u>on October 7th</u>, the feast of Mary Queen of the Rosary, each of us at his or her own place and time. Let us pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Francis, that all peoples around the world, but particularly those in the Holy Land, may be able to return to a life full of peace and fraternity.

With a sad, but hopeful heart, I greet you with deep fraternal affection!

Your Minister and Brother

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