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**To all the Brothers of the Order
to the Contemplative Sisters
to the Lay Members of our Family**

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Dear brothers and sisters,

may the Lord give you peace!

At the beginning of the triduum of St. Francis, I renew my best wishes for the feast of our Father and Brother and ask that all of us to join together in prayer and as a sign of penance and intercession for peace in the world and especially in the Holy Land. We join with the request made by our Brother Pierbattista, Patriarch of the Latins in Jerusalem, Mother Church, and which the Custos of the Holy Land, Brother Francis Patton, has made his own for this day of prayer and fasting. Let us wrest from God's mercy the gift of peace, of repentance for the plans of the great and powerful of this earth, of protection of the little ones, victims along with so many others of senseless wars.

And by this gesture let us also become, where we live, signs and mediators of peace, justice and reconciliation.

May this unceasing prayer for peace be the best way to celebrate the feast of St. Francis on this eighth centenary of his wounds of love, present today in many, too many wounds of women and men on the face of the earth.



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