

## مجلس رؤساء الطوائف المسيحية في العراق

## COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH-LEADERS OF IRAQ(CCCL)

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A Special Day of Prayer for Iraq Friday, November 26, 2010 Westminster, England

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Every year around this time, the Christian World and its Churches welcome the season of Advent in anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who as Incarnated God leads humankind to reach its destiny sharing in the eternal life of the Almighty.

On this Holy Occasion the pastors of the Christian Churches of Iraq call upon the civilized world and the peoples of good will to pray for the entire population of Iraq and for its Christian Communities who have witnessed for and suffered in the cause of their faith for so long, the massacre at the Syrian Catholic Church of our Lady of Salvation in Baghdad on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 not being the last.

"Almighty God, Father of our Lord, bestow heavenly peace on the ancient and biblical land of the Tigress and Euphrates. Grant your people there whose forefathers were from among the first to heed the Gospel of your son Jesus Christ and have remained steadfast in their Christian belief for over two thousand years, (grant them) the spirit of the good fight of faith and perseverance in that endeavor; give the political leaders of our time the courage to work for the sake of the weak, the destitute and the needy in the hope of creating a more humane world and society for all mankind, so that men and women everywhere shall live amicably in peace and harmony ready to instantiate Your will on earth as it is in heaven.

"O Lord Jesus Christ you have conquered death by your own death on the cross, give us the ability to practice right conduct and to have guileless heart with perfect faith filled with love and charity, full and abounding in all good works.

"Holy Spirit of God descend on us and make our souls alight in hope as we praise and glorify the Risen Lord and accept the good news of the victory of life and the salvation of humankind".

With the love of Christ, the Churches of Iraq together with their courageous faithful, their bishops and priests greet our sister Churches throughout the world, thanking one and all for their solidarity with the Christians of Iraq through constant prayers, asking God Almighty to pour most bountiful graces upon us all; Amen.

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