



Holy Week 2019

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To our dear Eastern and Roman Catholic friends,

It was with a tremendous sense of sadness that we watched flames engulf Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris yesterday. Please accept our prayers of solidarity with Catholics around the world who are grieving over the damage to this holy and magnificent building that will now be closed for years to come. While we know that God's gracious love is not confined to buildings no matter how grand and beautiful, a place of such munificence is a place where faith is nurtured daily. There is no question that Notre Dame will rise from the ashes to once again be a magnificent place of worship. For this we can be grateful, even as the tremendous loss is felt. We are reminded also that many Catholics, indeed many Christians around the world have experienced the ravages of fire within their churches in ways that can never be rebuilt. We remember and pray also for those who have lost loved ones and beloved places of worship in devastating fires around the world.

In Christian friendship,

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