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His Holiness, Pope Francis The Apostolic Palace 00120 Vatican City

Your Holiness,

It is a pleasure and an honor to present to Your Holiness the *Lord of Peace*, a prayer book for peace of the three Abrahamic religions. Edited by the undersigned, Dr Avraham Elqayam, along with my comrades in peace, Rabbi Roberto Arbib and Shaikh Ghassan Manasra, this prayer book was born out of years of spiritual inter-faith dialogue for peace.

Unique in its composition, this is the first prayer book ever to include prayers for peace from all three Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. All prayers appear in three languages – Hebrew, Arabic, and English, so as to make the *Lord of Peace* accessible to the largest number of likeminded worshippers around the globe, those who have the Lord's peace in their hearts and wish to know the prayers of their brethren.

We have included Your Holiness's memorable, heart-warming Invocation for Peace as one of the central prayers in the *Lord of Peace*. A source of inspiration and fortitude in this tortured land of the Lord, Your Holiness's prayer gave us the courage and the incentive to carry on with our endeavor even when beset by many an obstacle: a guiding star it was for us, and a living beacon of hope.

We humbly thank Your Holiness for the beautiful prayer and the inspiration, and hope that this small token of our shared hope for peace in this troubled world will find favor with Your Holiness.

Yours most respectfully,

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