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*“A message of peace  
from a Merciful Lord”*

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*To: His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,  
Eminent Pontiff of the Catholic Church*



*In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,*

*To His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,  
Eminent Pontiff of the Catholic Church,*

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Within this house, established in commemoration of God, on the soil of Algeria, a land that has witnessed the passage of civilizations where religions and cultures have intersected, we welcome you with a fervor inspired from the history and symbolism of this place. This visit and encounter transcend mere formalities of welcome and protocol to a higher spiritual dimension, where heavenly messages converge in this world that is in dire of wisdom and faith.

Today, we gather around a shared heritage, the essence of which is Divine Unicity and whose purpose is the education of mankind through mercy, dignity, justice, and benevolence. It is the call of Abraham, the friend of God and father of the prophets; and Moses, the interlocutor of God; and Jesus, Son of Mary, the Messiah and Spirit of God; and is also the call of our Prophet Muhammad, the beloved of God—may peace and blessings from Allah be upon them all. Indeed, all the prophets have always emphasized the noble virtues that constitute the common denominator of humanity, in accordance with the divine word:

﴿قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ﴾ [آل عمران: 64].

“Say, ‘O People of the Scripture, come to a common word between us: that we worship none but God.’” [Surah Al-Imran: 64].

Indeed, religion in its pure essence, is a message of serenity and security, a force for building and peace; and not a discourse of conflict nor an incitement to aggression. The distortions of religion, witnessed by humanity on the battlefields, do not represent its true nature; rather, they underscore the urgent need for global religious cooperation that extinguishes the sources of hatred, populates the language of mutual understanding and mercy, and restores religious discourse to its original purity and authentic meaning.

Moreover, human dignity is at the heart of these heavenly messages, revealed with a supreme purpose and just balance. In today's world of wars, people are forced to migrate due to poverty and unrest. They yearn for a unifying moral voice that restores respect for their humanity and reminds the world that human dignity is a right entrusted to all believers.

Therefore, dialogue has become a civilizational necessity, it is not merely out of intellectual courtesy and existential need, or a secondary option. We aspire for

this dialogue to move from the realm of words to the plan of collective action in the fields of education, family and youth, where the future is taking shape and the pillars of stability are being laid. These fields are currently exposed to violent winds that are disrupting the value system in order to compromise the original nature that Almighty God gave to mankind.

Hence, the world's major religious institutions, both Islamic and Christian, are urged today to forge hope in times of uncertainty, and respond to the world beset by questions. Their cooperation can be a pillar of global spiritual security, comparable to all other forms of security.

Throughout ages, faith has been the key to win the struggle within the soul. People are distracted and lost between light and darkness, between the impulses of pride and desire, and the aspirations for purity and integrity. In this inner conflict, the religion's role is to balance toward light and not to incite turmoil and conflict among human beings.

From this perspective, Djâma' el-Djazâ'ir (the Great Mosque of Algiers) aspires to be a space of knowledge, dialogue, and service to humanity. A destination for all those seeking knowledge and serenity, regardless of their religion or origin; and it strives to establish a spiritual balance that educates the soul in justice and mercy, to purify the human being that is the essential element to the civilizational development, and extends light to shine in hearts before manifesting in reality. The Great Mosque of Algiers draws this background from Algeria's historical experience, with an authentic message of coexistence and moderation based on the religious reference that sustains the balance between authenticity and openness.

In conclusion, while appreciating your valuable efforts, Your Holiness the Pope, we affirm that our hands are always outstretched for any initiative aimed at the good of humanity and the dignity of all mankind. We thank you for your dedication to promoting peaceful coexistence among peoples, spreading a culture of peace and harmony, and calling for the establishment of love and affection instead of hostility and hatred.

We pray to God that this meeting will be a blessed step to peace; that He will bless every sincere effort to enlarge understanding among believers, and that He will grant our world greater serenity and justice.

***Please accept, Your Holiness, the expression of our highest consideration and profound respect.***

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