





want to confirm you in the genuineness of your faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the framework of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East. The Apostle Jude exhorts us that we must contend for the sake of our faith, which is holy and orthodox. This requires the zealous labor and diligence of our brother hierarchs in their respective dioceses and of our spiritual sons, the priests in their parishes, in unisons with the deacons and Church committees; so that we may all together, as one unified body can preserve our holy faith without any alteration whatsoever. Let us all be servants of our holy faith in every aspect of our life and society.

On this occasion, we are remembering all the children of our Holy Church and our Assyrian nation who are migrants far from their homeland in various countries, for they are awaiting to arrive at a haven of peace for themselves and their families. Today, we have thousands of Assyrian migrants in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and other countries. It is our continuous duty to be stewards of aid for these children of our nation to meet their various needs in these distressing circumstances. I thank all of you for supporting the Assyrian Church of the East Relief Organization (ACERO), which is working beyond measure to meet the needs of the children of our nation, without distinction, in these countries, and in many other parts of the world.

In conclusion, I pray that the holy peace that was announced by the heavenly hosts to the shepherds and to humanity at the birth of the Son of God in the flesh, may rest upon you all and remain with you continually. Together, let us all pray to the Lord God to bring an end to the catastrophic armed conflicts that, today, trouble countries in the East and the West, for there are many innocent victims who are losing their lives and facing great losses in the battles between nations. It is my sincere hope that the new year of our Lord, 2024, be blessed for you all and for all of humanity, without distinction, so that it may be a year abundant with tranquility, peace, and blessings of the Lord God for the entire human race; amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all; amen!

*Given from our Patriarchal Cell at the Great Church of the Holy Apostles of the East, in Erbil, Iraq, on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, 2023 A.D.*



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