



CUSTOS

CUSTODIA TERRÆ SANCTÆ

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To all the friars of the Custody
At their locations

Dear Brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

As His Most Eminent Beatitude, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, our brother and Patriarch, reminded us, we are living in very difficult times, in which it is particularly important to pray for peace. I seem to see a hopeful sign in the fact that the parties involved have agreed to resume talks for the ceasefire in Gaza, the liberation of the hostages and that of political prisoners on the very day in which we celebrate Mary assumed into Heaven in body and soul, a sign of sure hope and consolation for us pilgrims on earth (GS 68).

For this reason, in agreement with the Guardian and the fraternity of Gethsemane, we have decided to dedicate the celebrations of the day of the Assumption to prayer for peace in the Holy Land and throughout the world. We know that when the sign of the Woman who is about to give birth appears in Heaven, the infernal dragon also appears and is unleashed against her children (Rev 12:1 ff.) but is opposed by the celestial militias led by St. Michael the Archangel. For this reason, we believe it is even more important that this day be one of intense prayer, also using the prayer formula for which I have specifically asked ecclesiastical approval from His Beatitude and that the Patriarchate himself will use.

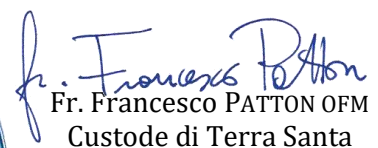
May the Virgin Mary obtain today what she has already sung in the Magnificat and that Her divine Son proclaimed in the Beatitudes: “the proud may be scattered in the imaginations of their hearts; the mighty may be overthrown from their thrones, and the humble may be exalted; may the hungry be filled with good things, may the peaceful be recognized as children of God and may the meek receive the gift of the earth”.

All those who can, on the 14th and 15th August, should participate in the celebrations at Gethsemane according to the programme sent by the Custodial Secretariat, the others should value the celebrations in fraternity and include the appropriate “Supplication for peace to the B.V. Mary Assumed into Heaven”.

May the Lord bless you and keep you all,


Fr. Alberto Joan PARI OFM
Segretario di Terra Santa




Fr. Francesco PATTON OFM
Custode di Terra Santa

**Supplica per la pace
alla B.V. Maria Assunta al Cielo**

Gloriosa Madre di Dio,
innalzata al di sopra dei cori degli angeli,
prega per noi con san Michele arcangelo
e con tutte le potenze angeliche dei cieli
e con tutti i santi,
presso il tuo santissimo
diletto Figlio, Signore e maestro.

Ottieni per questa Terra Santa,
per tutti i suoi figli
e per l'umanità intera
il dono della riconciliazione e della pace.

Che si compia la tua profezia:
i superbi siano dispersi
nei pensieri del loro cuore;
i potenti siano rovesciati dai troni,
e finalmente innalzati gli umili;
siano ricolmati di beni gli affamati,
i pacifici siano riconosciuti come figli di Dio
e i miti possano ricevere in dono la terra.

Ce lo conceda Gesù Cristo, tuo Figlio,
che oggi ti ha esaltata
al di sopra dei cori degli angeli,
ti ha incoronata con il diadema del regno,
e ti ha posta sul trono dell'eterno splendore.
A lui sia onore e gloria per i secoli eterni.
Amen.

**Supplication for peace
to Our Lady assumed into Heaven**

O most glorious Mother of God,
raised above the choirs of angels,
pray for us with Saint Michael the Archangel
and with all the angelic powers of heaven
and with all the saints,
to your most holy
and beloved Son, our Lord and master.

Obtain for this Holy Land,
for all His children
and for all humanity
the gift of reconciliation and peace.

May your prophecy be fulfilled:
the proud are scattered
in the imaginations of their hearts;
the mighty are overthrown from their thrones,
and finally, the humble are raised;
Let the hungry be filled with good things,
the peaceful be recognized as children of God
and that the meek may receive the earth as a
gift.

May Jesus Christ, your Son, grant us this,
He who exalted you today
above the choirs of angels,
who crowned you with the diadem of the
Kingdom,
and has placed you on the throne of eternal
splendour.
To him be honour and glory forever.
Amen.