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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From Aleppo, we offer our prayers to the Lord for peace and goodness to fill our hearts and souls. We hope for peace and tranquility in the earth's movement so that we can be strengthened and fulfill our call.

As you are aware, we are currently in the process of rebuilding and restoring the city. We have made progress and are now in the second stage of restoring what was destroyed by the war, shelling, and the earthquake.

For us, every restored building represents hope for humanity. The earthquake brought us good news, despite its horror and destruction, as it opened us to the world and made us rethink our existence as creatures of the earth. This reassured us that we are not alone.

Today, we would like to express our gratitude for your love, hope, and constructive gestures towards us. We are thankful for all the messages of support and encouragement that you have sent our way, and for accompanying us throughout the crisis. We conveyed this joy to those who were grieving and we hope that it continues to bring peace to their hearts.

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Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection this year had a special flavor. We felt that we rose with Him, from all our sorrows and pains, for a new life and path that we hope will be fruitful and effective. The large number of believers who shared the Easter joys with us demonstrated this.



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Our engineers are currently completing the first phase of evaluating the safety of homes in the reconstruction project. Many damaged houses have been repaired and families have returned home.

The big project and the rebuilding phase are proceeding as planned. The focus now is restoring the psychological health of children and families.

Courses are being held for psychological rehabilitation supervisors, so they can help those who are dealing with the consequences of the psychological damage left by the earthquake.



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Our pioneering project, "Five Breads and Two Fish," continues its work and service, providing 1,200 meals per day with home delivery service for the elderly and those unable to leave their homes.



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After celebrating Easter, we also gave our children the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The fraternities continue their activities, aiming to bring people out of sadness, anxiety, and turmoil



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In our school follow-up center, our children receive all the attention in teaching and personal follow-up. They are our hope and the hope of the church and society.





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With the beginning of the month of May, which we dedicate in our city to honoring our Virgin Mother, we pray that the Virgin extends her hand to help Aleppo and its families to live in joy and peace.





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However, thanks to your supports, we are striving to shoulder this responsibility as best we can.

Currently, physical and psychological support, in addition to reconstruction, are our priorities in the programs we offer.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude and raise our prayers for all the white hands that carried the Lord's mercy and care for us. We thank you and hope that you continue to give and serve.

**Yours sincerely  
The People of Aleppo**