

**In Baghdad, intensive expression pleasure of welcoming the unique visitor,  
His Holiness, Pope Francis  
And the history with the three popes**

Welcome, holy and majestic Father Pope Francis, your holiness resolved in hearts before arrival to the land of Mesopotamia, Messenger of Peace, Head of the universal Church, to bless this holy biblical land with the voice of God who called our father Abraham in Ur of the Chaldeans to obey him as the first prayer of faith in God, making Iraq Not only the cradle of civilizations, but also the cradle of faith. On the banks of the Tigris river, the prophets were revealed what they wrote in the Old Testament, as the Prophet Ezekiel and the Prophet Noah, in addition to the times of the Prophet Jonah (Yunus) and others!

In my name and on behalf of Hammurabi Human Rights Organization, challenging the harsh condition in Iraq, also of all Iraqi women and vulnerable among them from religious and ethnic minorities,

Kindly welcome your holiness to view the suffering of Iraqis by internal chaos on the one hand and external interference on the other hand, preventing to achieve stability to serve not only Iraq, but the entire region, rather an important part of the world, due to the human and material capabilities of this ancient country.

But, unfortunately, they suffer every day of pain, poverty and beaten justice, all of which are caused by the weak political arena, leaving citizens to make uprisings to claim without any respond.

Dear friend and concern of the poor, our Holy Father, Francis, the percentage of the poor is increasing to exceed 40% of the Iraqi people who are below the poverty line, while the wealth stolen is sufficient for all of the above.

Welcome to greet us, the unique visitor, to all Iraqis who are suffering as a result of wars and crises that have accumulated for more than a century by your prayers for us will be resolved between us and your pastoral message is its content peace and fraternity among all as you affirmed by saying: “You are all brothers or we are all brothers”, to sponsor a fraternal Iraqi gathering that starts from Baghdad, the city of peace in the heart of Iraq, passing through the south with its ancient roots, to walk with your Holiness the two great rivers of the Tigris and Euphrates, passing near the ruins of the remains of the foundations of the Kukhi Church built by the first two of the apostles united with Saint Thomas the Apostle, one of the twelve disciples of Christ, to whom be glory, heading to Najaf and Karbala to embrace with brotherly warmth with your brothers in the faith in Najaf and Karbala, where you spread reassurance and necessity Continuous dialogue .

Let this visit be a guarantee of blessing and reassurance in Ur of the Chaldeans for the rising youth in Nasiriyah. And from those deep multi-millennial roots in history, you will run to Nineveh, dear to the heart of God, who forced the Prophet Jonah to seek the help of its people, because it is the city that is incomparable to the city of the prophets. You will also continue on the march of your Holiness to where there is a request for peace in Erbaelo (Erbil, Hawler), and its people in Nowruz look flying pigeons of peace in front of you the man of peace and dialogue Pope Francis

Holy Father, Iraq is a land hoping for peace and stability. Your prayers can purify Iraq from the evil of destructive wars. With you we believe that God Almighty Mercy and Fatherly Love hears our prayer with your voice "to convey the voice of the voiceless." Because you hold our hands on our land, as without a doubt, this has been recorded in the message of your pastoral visit addressed to Christians before others, which not only includes your prayers with us and for us, especially urging you to remain steadfast in our faith on the land of our ancestors despite the persecutions and massacres against Christians on the land of Baghdad, and where the wounds of Sayidet Al-Nejat church still bloody, the same conditions in the north and the south, what happened in Mosul and other Iraqi regions that still constitute a great burden to investigators of justice while the blood of the martyrs of the Christian faith urges us to patience and stay in order to blossom in our land and build a nation of brotherhood and love with respect and a duty for religious and ethnic diversity towards all our brothers in the homeland.

## **A page from the history of Pascale Warda with the Three Holy Fathers**

On this historic occasion of the visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis, I personally have the pleasure, for the first time, to repeat the precious memories that never leave my memory or my faith because of the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon me that I have the opportunity to meet with your Holiness more than once than on the sidelines of activities such as the work of the Christian-Muslim dialogue in the Vatican in 2014.



Another meeting in 2017 attending a mass on the occasion of the Feast of the Advent of the Holy Spirit in 2018, on the sidelines of the conference of the World Union of Catholic Women Organization (WUCWO), and as a member I was to present the universal prayer in Arabic at St. Peter's Church in the Vatican in front of thousands of believers from all the world.

This grace is an extension of previous of blessings that I experienced during my meetings by your holy fathers ancestors

- The first meeting or the first blessing was in Lourdes in 1983, the saint Pope John Paul II, upon his first visit to the cave of Our Lady of Lourdes. The city in which I was a student of philosophy and theology and was assigned to carry one of the large candles accompanying the visiting saint upon his departure to Massabielle Cave where millions of Christians and others make pilgrimages because it is the place of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, where she appeared there many times for Saint Bernadette Soubirous at the end of the nineteenth century asking for prayer For sinners.

-For the second time, I met Pope John Paul II, on May 1984 as part of a small youth delegation of Catholic female students, in his private office after a Mass in a small church in the Papal Palace of Vatican. There were unforgettable moments between me and His Holiness with the presence of the group. During the meeting I presented him a small gift, which is the Lord's Prayer (Son who is in the heavens) in mother tongue Aramaic language of Christ, , and I wrote it with my hand by a golden pen.



Meeting the Pope, May 1984

His Holiness preceded me saying "you are from Iraq ? He went on to say, "I learned from this sacred language through the lips of Christ."

Yes, the Holy Father, it is my gift to your holiness to pray for peace in Iraq, that in the bloody war four years ago at that time ... He answered that "Iraq is in my heart" assured me, took the gift and accepted it with deep faith and also thanked me, reassuring me of his prayer.

He was followed by a meeting on the morning of the second day, another meeting in Saint Peter's Square a day later, in the weekly general meeting.

As for the fourth and historic meeting, was on the day of the burial of Pope John Paul II, where I was at the time Minister of Migration and Displacement in Baghdad after I was commissioned by the Prime Minister,

Dr. Iyad Allawi, to represent Iraq at the head of a government delegation at the burial ceremony of the Holy Father, the man of peace on May 9, 2005,

The third blessing still remained which was symbolized by the rosary that he blessed while he was alive and which the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vatican gave me on the day of burial and the rosary is still in my possession which reminds me to pray for him every day, but rather to pray asking for his intercession for everyone.



The rosary is a gift of Saint John Paul II after his death! Pascale participate in the Burial Ceremony.



The body of the Pope, majestic, reached his final resting place in Saint Peter's Square, where millions of believers chanted "sanctified him, he is a saint", and the whole city of Rome has turned into a place where the whole world stands in prayer for the Pope of Grant.

- I also met His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Vatican in 2011 at a special invitation from French friends who had the opportunity to meet him and invited me to participate to convey the voice of Iraqis, during a public meeting in the Hall of Saint John Paul II in the Vatican, where my gift to him bears Iraqi symbols and monuments, including an obelisk Hammurabi and I talked to him about the importance of the work of Hammurabi Human Rights organization in Iraq assuring to pray for Iraq





Pope Benedict XVI, you gave him another rosary, and I presented symbols from Iraq

What I expect from His Holiness the Pope during his visit, which represents a great blessing to my country, is his prayers and directives, and rather the renewal of his message rejecting indifference in all its forms. Where he said on more than one occasion: "Indifference kills, and we want to be a voice that resists the crime of indifference."



Yes, his holiness the Pope, as you heard that in this country Indifference kills the young people who are demanding the most basic of their human rights. Therefore, as mothers, we ask that the Holy Father Francis urge with his patriarchal and strong belief to change the principle of cruelty to spread love and tenderness in the hearts of the Iraqi authorities in particular and the Middle East in general, where violence is considering as culture, heroism and honor!

We, the women, call for the solidarity of your Holiness to direct the cessation of the bloodshed of Iraqi women as a sacrifice to the outdated, man, and violent traditions of violent weapons spread in every home and corner, which human nature cannot bear. We also ask for the solidarity of your Holiness, especially since your visit coincides with International Women's Day, in support of the demands of Iraqi women to impose respect for their rights and to persuade our authorities to respond to those demands by enacting a law to prevent domestic violence that kills the Iraqi family on a large scale without any humanitarian treatment that contains the least possible consideration, without any doubt, I have confidence in the work of God in the hearts of people, and that your moral role will leave a positive impact in the hearts and minds of all Iraqis regardless of religious or ethnic diversity ... We demand that, if the aforementioned law is rejected because of its title, let it be changed from The legislators accepted it to become a "family love law" that will eliminate violence in all its forms and what you symbolize in your particular medal refers to what is going on in your thoughts about the value of family love in its broad meaning ... because we already bear the characteristic of human fatherhood and we consider you to be entirely brotherhood and humanity by rejecting all Forms of societal violence. And as you demonstrated in an interview with you in Bari, in the Gulf and the rest of the countries you visited, "We want to be a voice for those who have no voice, and for those who hold their tears because the Middle East is crying today, and for those who suffer in silence while those seeking power and wealth trample them."

We ask you to urge and encourage the Iraqi government and people as well as the rest of the region to reaffirm the value of their countries in the Middle East: it is really an intersection of civilizations and the cradle of religions, and Iraq as the cradle of faith in the one God. Peaceful people in the country of their ancestors, and just participation in building their homelands, in order to reach the encouragement of reverse migration and the return of the displaced to their homes



The medal of His Holiness Pope Francis, symbol of love in the family, honored by Pascaele Warda for the work carried out in the Seminar of Religious Dialogue at the Vatican 2014, as shown in the picture above

Let lawmakers in Iraq be persuaded to proceed with the legislation of the "family love" law in order to give up the demand for the law to eliminate domestic violence because the latter dies upon the establishment of the first, that is, the law of family love, which stems from the free, divine love for the human being, as your statement above expresses this fact.