

Dei Terra

Pax Crucis: Renovatio Medii Orientis In Christo

"Peace of the Middle East in Christ"

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A Christian Proposal for the Restoration and Renewal of the Middle East

"He has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility..." - Ephesians 2:14

Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
Prince of Peace and Ruler of Nations,
look with mercy upon the land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—
the land where You were born, crucified, and rose again.
Have compassion on the blood-soaked soil of the Middle East.
Where hatred has flourished, plant love.
Where idols reign, let Your truth shine forth.
Where Your people suffer, bring deliverance.
Unite what is divided, heal what is broken,
and let Your Kingdom come in the lands of Your earthly ministry.
By Your Spirit, guide the nations into justice, wisdom, and peace.
And let the Cross be lifted high once more,
not as a sword of conquest, but as a banner of salvation.
In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

J. Vision Statement: Christ at the Center of Peace

The Middle East, cradle of civilization and birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, has suffered millennia of turmoil—empire, colonization, war, religious persecution, and economic degradation. Yet it remains sacred, not only historically, but eschatologically.

This proposal outlines a Christ-centered roadmap for regional peace and restoration, one rooted not in domination or naïve optimism, but in the biblical call to justice, truth, mercy, and covenantal governance. We seek to revive the Christian presence, restore dignity to all peoples, and establish peace grounded in the moral and spiritual authority of the Gospel.

JJ. Historical Christian Betrayal and the Call to Restoration

Christianity was born in this region—Jerusalem, Antioch, Damascus, and Alexandria were its first citadels. Over the centuries, Christians were pushed to the margins through conquest, dhimmitude, discrimination, and global neglect.

- Over 80% of Christians have fled Iraq, Syria, and parts of Egypt in the last century.
- Ancient churches, some dating back to the 1st century, have been desecrated.
- Western powers, while using the language of democracy, have often abandoned or undermined native Christian communities.

The Church must not abandon her roots. The time is now to reclaim sacred ground not with conquest, but with covenant. The goal is not sectarianism—but peaceful coexistence in truth, under the Lordship of Christ.

III. Core Pillars of the Christian Proposal

1. Christian Cultural and Political Autonomy

Establish cultural protectorates and semi-autonomous zones where indigenous Christian communities can worship, educate, govern, and defend themselves. These zones would include:

- Assyrian-Chaldean Homeland in northern Iraq and parts of northeast Syria
- Coptic Christian Administrative Regions in Upper Egypt and Nile Valley
- Maronite Mountains with expanded protections in Lebanon
- International Stewardship of Jerusalem led by a tripartite Christian-Islamic-Jewish council under international Christian oversight

These regions would not be closed enclaves, but safe zones of cultural integrity and moral order, open to peaceful cooperation and trade.

2. Constitutional Foundations Based on Christian Moral Law

Each region or national structure should enshrine:

- The sanctity of life (from conception to natural death)
- Freedom of worship and conscience for all citizens
- Protection of the poor and widow as a constitutional mandate
- Judicial systems influenced by natural law and biblical ethics
- No tolerance for corruption or sectarian incitement

This is not a call for theocracy, but for governance guided by God's moral order, like the early Christian communities that shaped Eastern and Western civilization.

3. Peaceful Interfaith Reconciliation Through Christ

True peace among Christians, Muslims, and Jews must be rooted in truth:

- Muslims must acknowledge the historical persecution of Christians and Jews under caliphates
- Jews must reconcile the state's policies with prophetic justice and the Messianic call of peace
- Christians must repent of crusader abuses, Western meddling, and denominational division

Christ, the Son of Abraham and David, is the only One who can reconcile Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Peter and Paul. He is our peace. Through Him, a covenantal Middle East can emerge, healed and reconciled.

4. Christian Cultural and Economic Revival

We propose a full-scale cultural renaissance:

- Rebuilding churches, libraries, and seminaries destroyed by war
- Supporting Christian farming communities, trade guilds, and artisans
- Developing Christian media, publishing, and education across Arabic, Aramaic, Coptic, Armenian, and Kurdish traditions
- Restoring sacred pilgrimage routes from Egypt to Jerusalem, Antioch to Mount Sinai

Let this be not merely political reform—but a renewal of Christian civilization in its ancient homeland.

III. Implementation Phases

Phase I: Convene a Christian Apostolic Council with representation from Eastern, Oriental, Catholic, and Reformed communities, along with regional clergy and historians.

Phase II: Draft regional charters of Christian governance with clear legal frameworks and peace terms for coexistence.

Phase III: Negotiate diplomatic recognition and security protocols with current governments and international coalitions.

Phase IV: Begin rebuilding programs for Christian communities with funding from global churches and relief organizations.

Phase V: Establish moral oversight boards to ensure that the Spirit of the Gospel—not political gain—guides the movement.

IV. Anticipated Objections and Responses

Objection 1: *“This is just disguised theocracy.”*

Response: Not at all. We are not calling for forced conversions or rule by clergy. This is a moral and spiritual framework for peace and restoration. Just as secular democracies are shaped by Enlightenment ideals, this proposal calls for governance shaped by the Sermon on the Mount—with freedom of conscience for all.

Objection 2: *“This will spark more sectarian division.”*

Response: Division already exists—and without moral clarity, it festers. This plan doesn't divide—it protects vulnerable communities, guarantees

freedom, and fosters honest reconciliation. Without truth and boundaries, unity is a façade.

Objection 3: “Muslims and Jews will reject Christian oversight.”

Response: Oversight does not mean domination. We envision a covenantal stewardship based on cooperation, not coercion. And historically, Jewish and Muslim communities thrived most when Christians governed in peace, such as under Byzantine or early Arab-Christian city-states.

Objection 4: “This is unrealistic in today’s political climate.”

Response: What is truly unrealistic is to expect peace through endless wars, foreign manipulation, and moral relativism. This proposal is bold because peace demands vision. The Church has always led civilization through trial. The same must happen now.

Objection 5: “There will be backlash from extremists.”

Response: Yes. And Christ said: “You will be hated by all nations because of Me.” (Matt. 24:9) But cowardice is not peace. Through nonviolence, diplomacy, and courage, we can endure temporary backlash for eternal fruit.

Objection 6: “How will you keep it peaceful?”

Response: Through wisdom, readiness, and alliances. Each protectorate must be trained in nonviolent defense, partner with regional governments for security agreements, and operate under the principle of just peace—a doctrine from the early Church that forbids vengeance and rewards reconciliation.

Objection 7: “Won’t this marginalize others?”

Response: No. This is not about elevating Christians above others. It’s about ensuring Christians are no longer erased. It guarantees rights for

all, but refuses to apologize for the Church's rightful place in her homeland.

III. The Prophetic Urgency

The time is now.

Christians are being slaughtered or scattered. Holy sites are desecrated. The moral fabric of civilization is being torn. But Scripture promises:

"In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established... and all nations shall flow to it." - Isaiah 2:2

This is a last opportunity to restore light in the birthplace of light—before global forces render the Middle East spiritually barren forever.

Let Zion rise again—not in vengeance, but in virtue.

Conclusion: Our Cross, Our Call

We call upon Christians worldwide to:

- Unite across denomination and nation
- Fund and support this holy cause
- Speak with one voice for our brothers and sisters
- Fast and pray for divine guidance
- Prepare for both resistance and resurrection

The Cross is not merely our symbol. It is our path. By it, kingdoms rise and fall. By it, peace reigns.

Final Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World,

call Your people out of exile.

Let the deserts bloom with worship,

and the cities echo with psalms.

Strengthen the martyrs' children,

confound the plots of tyrants,

and bless those who bless Your Name.

Let the Middle East be not a tomb, but a womb—

from which a new holy order is born,

sealed by Your blood and led by Your Spirit.

Amen.