Prayer for Papal Trip to Iraq



Gracious God, grant Pope Francis health and safety to carry out successfully this eagerly awaited visit. Bless his effort to promote dialogue, enhance fraternal reconciliation, build confidence, consolidate peace values and human dignity, especially for us Iraqis who have been through painful "events" that affected our lives.

Our Creator, enlighten our hearts with Your light, to recognize goodness and peace, and to realize them. Mother Mary, we entrust Pope Francis' visit to your maternal care so that the Lord may grant us the grace of living in complete national communion and cooperate fraternally to build a better future for our country and our citizens. Amen.

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