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A MESSAGE TO THE PEACE FORUM

HELD IN THE YOGA IN DAILY LIFE ASHRAM, VIENNA

CELEBRATING THE UN NON-VIOLENCE DAY AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF MAHATMA GANDHI

FROM MONSIGNOR DAVID CAPPO AO

A MEMBER OF THE SRI SWAMI MADHAVANANDA WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

Hari Om!

Greetings and blessings to all

I offer my special prayers for Swamji, my dear friend, in his inspiring leadership in the cause for world peace. We need his leadership and his spiritual guidance in this time of crisis.

These are extremely different and worrying times. Terrorism is present to us throughout the world to an extent unimaginable only a few years ago.

It is a time for all people of good will and in particular, people of faith in the One God of the Universe, to bind together in prayer in order to free the world of violence and terrorism. We see the horror of violence and the destruction of human life, and a deliberate intention of the terrorist to undermine civil society, good order, and the sense of security that citizens need to have in their governments and in the institutions of society.

People of faith, people who have an abiding love of the infinite dignity of every human being, must now stand together in opposition to terrorism and the way that it can hide behind a perverted image of religion.

We have an important role to carry out. It is to be prayerful. It is to show by the lives we live that we believe in human dignity and the equality of all people. It is to show that we can open our hearts to people of different religions, race and colour without prejudice and discrimination. It is to be active and not passive in living out our non-violent love and compassion towards all.

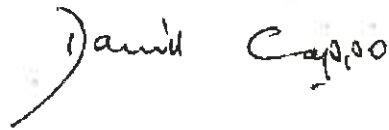
When people think and act differently to what we believe to be just and right, let us reach out in dialogue and to use the model of our own behaviour, to persuade others that a path of non-violence, peace and justice, compassion and understand, is the only path for happiness and fulfilment and the good order of the world community.

It is a time for us to stand in public solidarity to these values and principles.

I know that Swamiji is an embodiment of this way of life. May his leadership and our commitment to these values contribute to peace in our troubled world.

With my prayers from Adelaide, Australia

And with every blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cappo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

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