



Friday 23rd October 2026

Your Graces, Dear Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your letter of 9th October and for sharing with us the situation in South Sudan. We hear the plea for peace arising from across the land and from the churches.

We “weep with those who weep” (Rom 12:15) and lament with you the extreme conditions much of the population is living in, including acute food shortages, internal displacement and the daily threat of violence.

In these conditions, the people of South Sudan have again shown exceptional courage, working to bring about a better future for themselves, their country and their children.

We have heard your longing for peace and have seen your efforts to mobilise communities to build bridges. Your role in peacebuilding is known around the world. In the coming months, it can prevent even greater suffering affecting the people of South Sudan, at this critical and volatile time in the run up to elections.

We commit to stand with you, in solidarity, in prayer and in the spirit of the Ecumenical Peace Pilgrimage.

We also know that far more than elections will be needed for peace. We pray that leaders will have priorities aligned with the heart of Jesus Christ – that they will give of themselves for the good of others; that they will pray for their enemies; and will put those with the least at the centre of their decisions.

We grieve that your current reality includes many people who are not able to grow food in peace; who are often unpaid for months; and who struggle to send their children to school and for essential medical care.

We will work and pray for that to change, and we pray for all leaders to work for the same, delivering everyday essentials for those under their responsibility - even those who will not vote for them. These are the building blocks of stability in a nation that has long been tired of war and needs to taste the fruit of peace.

May the Lord Jesus, our Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6), bless you and give you all courage, wisdom and strength to walk this path of peace.

We send our warm greetings and our prayers back with you to our brothers and sisters throughout your beloved country.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Sarah Mullally:".

The Most Reverend and Right
Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally

Archbishop of Canterbury

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Richard Moth".

The Most Right Reverend
Richard Moth

Archbishop of Westminster

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Right Reverend Gordon
Kennedy

Moderator of the General
Assembly of the Church of
Scotland