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Dear Friends,

I would like to offer my prayerful best wishes for the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's 18th International Conference and Awards Banquet, gathering this year under the theme: "*Forging a New Bond of Solidarity for Equality, Prosperity and Peace.*"

I hope this year's Conference will be a great opportunity to enrich and teach all the conference attendees about the need for support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and about all the HCEF efforts on their behalf. As men and women of good will throughout the world pray for the gift of peace among nations, we look forward to the day when the rights and the dignity of all the children of God, who share our common humanity, will be respected and defended.

I offer my prayers for all who are dedicated to and committed with the mission of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, and for the success of this International Conference.

May God grant you peace and joy,

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
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