



**Archbishop of Port of Spain  
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Greetings and Peace Be with You.

It is my pleasure to join with the Sovereign State of SHRIKAILASA for this Global Summit on World Peace - The Grand Auspicious Maha Paramashivaratri Celebrations 2022.

In the Catholic tradition peace is both a gift and a task. We must pray for peace. We must work for peace, as both are vital. Peace is a gift of God that is participated in by man. It is not an abstract concept like the absence of war, it is rich and pregnant with relationship and meaning. God himself is our peace.

In these dark days, where war looms larger than life, it is providential that we should gather from different parts of the world and different faith traditions in the name of peace. We commit to peace as a way of life and as a devotion to God. It is this commitment that binds the human heart in the face of differences in religion, nationality, age, and devotions.

I invite you to pray the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi with me. A prayer that invites all of us to commit our lives to God and to each other in the name of Peace.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace  
where there is hatred, let me sow love  
where there is injury, pardon  
where there is doubt, faith  
where there is despair, hope  
where there is darkness, light  
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal  
Life. Amen.*

I convey my deepest gratitude to you for hosting this event and join with you in a commitment to world peace.



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