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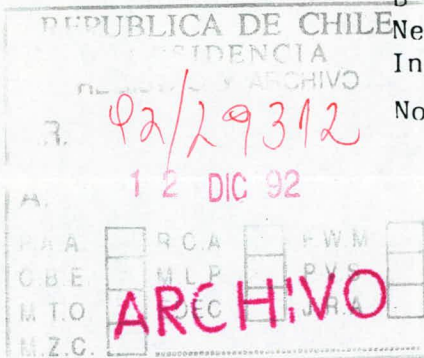
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His Excellency
Mr. Patricio Aylwin
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Your Excellency,

With profound grief I have to inform your excellency of the passing away of India's veteran spiritual leader, His Holiness Shri Bhola Nathji Maharaj, who was the Founder of the world Prayer Day. His Holiness passed away at the age of 90 after working all his life for peace and the alleviation of the ills and sorrows of mankind.

His Holiness had appealed to millions of people all over the world, as well as to 170 heads of state and the United Nations every year in June ever since 1984 to observe a World Prayer Day for peace. He saw the culmination of his life's work in the dawn of a new era of peace wherein the superpower confrontation disappeared and the threat of a nuclear war receded.

During the later years of his life His Holiness had been devoting his efforts to preserving the environment, and his Prayer for the environment was greatly lauded at the international earth summit held at Rio De Janerio in June 1992.

I take this opportunity of presenting your excellency with two of the greatest legacies that His Holiness left behind: (i) The World Prayer for peace sent across the globe every year. (ii) The Prayer for the preservation of the environment.

With your excellency's good wishes, which had so often encouraged us in the past, we hope to be able to carry on with the work of His Holiness for peace and a better environment in the world.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

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JUNE 23, WORLD PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Lord God of all Creation,
The Lord of the heavens and the earth,
The Creator of the sun, moon, stars and galaxies around us,
The Creator of this vast and magnificent Universe,
Thou, the Creator of Science and Art and all of knowledge,
The world today was threatened by the spectre of total annihilation,
Terrible nuclear weapons of destruction had come into existence,
There was fear, distrust and unrest in all spheres of the world,
Any moment a nuclear holocaust could have engulfed the human race,
No man or nation or group of nations could have halted this catastrophic flow of events,
There was one and only one Super Power that saved mankind and that Power was Thee
We thank Thee, O Lord, for this great miracle upon earth.
It is in Thee alone that mankind can find a panacea for all its ills,
Thou who could create the world in a single wish can also save it in a single wish,
We call out to Thee in prayer from this hall today, and from all corners of the world,
To have mercy upon Thy children and listen to the prayer of the world,
Made collectively on this day, the 23rd of June.

We beseech Thee O Lord to change the hearts of men so that peace and love may prevail,
So that nations may discard nuclear weapons and other means of destruction and live in harmony,
So that all differences may vanish and oneness exist all over the world,
We pray to Thee O God to free mankind of all its sufferings, mental or physical,
To advance science and religion so that they may work together for world peace,
So that each man may look upon another as his brother, regardless of race, religion or nationality,
So that all shall be Thy children and Thou the Universal Father,
So that all may feel Thy living presence upon earth and say that **God is now here,**
So that Thy Mercy and Grace may shower down upon this earth, today, on June the 23rd, and ever after.

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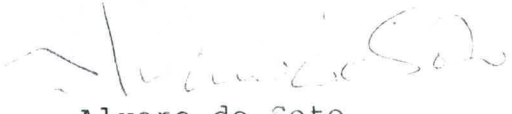
23 May 1989

Dear Dr. Mehta,

I have been asked by the Secretary-General to thank you for your kind letter of 6 May 1989 conveying the good wishes and greetings of His Holiness Shri Bhola Nathji Maharaj.

You may be sure that your thoughtfulness in informing the Secretary-General of the celebration on 23 June, of the World Prayer Day was deeply appreciated. The commitment which the World's Prayer Movement demonstrates to the ideals of the United Nations is a source of strength and encouragement to the Secretary-General in his efforts to promote peace, justice and greater understanding among the nations of the world.

Yours sincerely,


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6 June 1986

Dear Mr. Mehta,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I take pleasure in acknowledging your letter of 2 May 1986 regarding the World Prayer Day which will be held on 23 June.

The Secretary-General asked me to thank you most sincerely for conveying to him the wishes and greetings of His Holiness Shri Bhola Nathji Maharaj, which he warmly reciprocates, and for providing him with the message of peace which His Holiness sent to both President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev.

In turn, I am sending you herewith a copy of the message which the Secretary-General issued on 1 January 1986 in connexion with the inauguration of the International Year of Peace as well as the text of the letters he sent to the leaders of the United States and of the Soviet Union in November 1985 on the occasion of their summit meeting in Geneva, which I thought might be of interest to you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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**A MESSAGE FROM
HIS HOLINESS SHRI BHOLA NATHJI MAHARAJ
THE FOUNDER OF THE WORLD PRAYER DAY
ON
ENVIRONMENT READ OUT AT THE EARTH SUMMIT
JUNE 3, 1992, Rio de Janeiro Brazil**

Dear learned members of this Conference on Environment,

I send my good wishes for the success of this conference and fervently wish that people all over the world may become aware of the need to preserve this most invaluable of all assets given to us by God and Nature.

While it is important for us to be at peace within ourselves, at peace with our neighbours, at peace with other countries, it is also important for us to be at peace with the environment.

The World Prayer Day has been dedicated to the cause of peace in the world and the removal of the ills and sorrows of mankind, but in a greater sense it is also dedicated to preserve the environment, for without preserving it there can only be sorrow and suffering in the world.

This year on World Prayer Day we shall offer a special prayer for the preservation of this most valuable of all assets given us by God.

The environment has existed with us for centuries. The trees, vegetation, mountains and rivers have existed even before the advent of man upon earth. The environment protects and nurtures us, it gives us light, heat, water, food. We have our duties to the environment too, and these duties are to protect it.

Every particle of nature upon this planet and in the Universe is part of this magnificent creation around us. Separate from the environment man can have no independent existence of his own, Man is taken from the dust of the earth and mingles into it after death and becomes a part of the environment even as the atoms and molecules disintegrate. The environment is the Glory of God, His creation:

"His Glory is in every sphere
And all things whisper God is here".

We must look upon the environment as a handicraft of God, the Almighty Creator.

We live upon this planet like guests who come one day and leave one day. It is the duty of the guest to not to disturb the things his host has provided him, but rather to leave them in perfect order.

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Scientific advancement means a growth of knowledge, and in this growth of knowledge must come the understanding that we exist on the foundation of the environment and that to destroy the environment is to destroy ourselves.

Even as we aspire towards a Heaven or Paradise after this life, so just we aspire to convert this world into a heaven by preserving the environment around us as God's most precious gift to mankind.

Dear learned members, before I end my message to you all I would most earnestly request you to stand for a moment and join me in offering this simple prayer for the preservation of our environment :

PRAYER

O Lord God of the heavens and the earth,
Thou the Creator of the Sun, Moon and Stars and Galaxies around us,
Thou the Creator of the vegetation, mountains, oceans and rivers,
Thou the Creator of life and the Creator of man,
Thou who hast given mankind such profound knowledge,
Thou who has caused science to advance;
Fill the minds of people with love for Thy Creation,
With Love for thy mountains, and trees and oceans and rivers,
So that man may not pollute these precious gifts from Thee
Or destroy them or consume them in wasteful fire and nuclear dust.
Fill the minds of men with wisdom to preserve this precious gift,
Change the hearts of men so that these treasures become as
dear to us as our ourselves,
So that in their preservation we shall see the preservation
of mankind.
So that in their existence we shall see the beautiful painting
Of which Thou art the Artist.
So that through this Love for the environment, greater Peace and love
May prevail upon earth.

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