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The Paradox of Humanity and the Hope of Easter

Reflecting on King Charles' recent Easter message.

One of the enduring mysteries of humanity is our capacity for both immense cruelty and extraordinary compassion. This paradox is deeply woven into the Easter story — a time when the world witnessed betrayal, suffering, and death, alongside forgiveness, sacrifice, and an unyielding love. Even today, this duality is evident: images of destruction flash across our screens, while acts of heroism and humanitarian aid shine in the darkness.

Just weeks ago, I encountered many such courageous individuals at a reception in Buckingham Palace — people who risk their own safety to aid others in war-torn regions. Their courage, resilience, and unwavering compassion are beacons of hope in a broken world.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus, who knelt to wash the feet of His disciples — even those who would soon deny and abandon Him. It was a quiet act of humility, yet profoundly powerful. It embodied a love that knows no boundaries — a love central to the Christian faith.

This love, shown throughout His earthly life, echoed ancient Jewish teachings of caring for the stranger and the needy. It resonates across Islam and other faiths, and lives in the hearts of all who choose compassion over indifference.

The message of Easter is clear and unwavering: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son — not to condemn, but to save, to show us how to love, and to conquer death through love. In these challenging times, the world still needs faith, hope, and above all, love.

As we reflect on these truths, may we each become vessels of peace, mercy, and kindness.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” – 1 Corinthians 13:13

