

## **Christmas Message from Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo 2025**

### **There is still Hope for Peace and Joy in Sudan!**

***“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests”. (Luke 2:14)***

Dear brothers, Sisters, boys, girls and children. I take this opportunity on this Season of Christmas to greet you. I congratulate you as we celebrate and commemorate this great and historic event of the amazing birth of Jesus Christ. My prayers are with you wherever ever you may be.

On the third and half Years (32) months Sudan continues to bleed! During this happy occasion, humanly speaking, it is very difficult to say Happy Christmas to someone who has been under fire for 32 months. When the families have lost their loved ones, and who were forced to leave their homes to live as refugees and Internally Displaced.

But Godly speaking, God is still on the throne, Mighty and loving.

Jesus is the hope of Sudan and for the whole world. His birth was to bring hope and joy to the fallen and the suffering world. The angels spoke the words of hope and joy to the shepherds:

***“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests”. (Luke 2:10-14)***

At this important event of Christmas celebration, I re-affirm the appeal the Bishops of Episcopal Church of Sudan. The world has been and is in a Big Trouble and people are afraid because of evil in the world. They don't know and have not believed in Jesus as their Hope, the Savior and the Prince of Peace to the world. In Christmas, God came in human form to identify with human-beings and to bring order, Justice, peace, joy, unity, and life to all people.

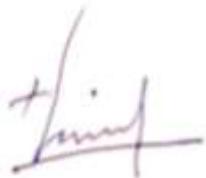
***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)***

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, we remember all the Sudanese refugees around the globe, the displaced within Sudan, especially in Elfashir, Nyala, Babonsa, Hejlig, Deling, Kadugli Nuba Mountains and El Obeid. The same goes to the rest of the countries where there are wars and suffering. Our hearts cry out for them that they may in a way experience peace and the joy of Christmas.

Episcopal Church of Sudan issued statement in Uganda 29th October 2025 urging our leaders for the guns to be silenced and to give a chance for peace.

1. "We call upon all parties to the conflict in Sudan to immediately cease hostilities, which have claimed countless lives and forced large numbers of Sudanese men, women, and children to flee their homes and seek refuge in various cities and countries.
2. We believe that this war will not bring peace to Sudan, nor bring development. 'Fire cannot be quenched with fire: only water can make a difference.' We commend the efforts of all groups working to find a path to peace, and urge all warring parties to receive their initiatives and actively engage in a process that can lead to a lasting and comprehensive peace in our country.
3. We condemn the countries that are fueling the war in Sudan. As shepherds of God's people, we express our deep grief and condemnation of the mass killing of civilians in all Sudan, including women and children, and all other atrocities committed by all sides across Sudan.
4. We appeal to all sides to open safe humanitarian corridors to facilitate the delivery of essential aid such as medicine and food to those in need.
5. We implore the international and regional community to pay urgent attention to the war in Sudan, placing it among their top priorities for diplomatic and humanitarian action.
6. The Christian church has an historic responsibility toward promoting peace. We reaffirm, beyond any doubt, that the Episcopal Church of Sudan will remain an active partner in every sincere effort aimed at achieving comprehensive and sustainable peace in Sudan.
7. The Episcopal Church will continue providing any humanitarian assistance that it can to those affected by the war and will persist in praying for peace, healing, and reconciliation in our nation".

May the good Lord have mercy on Sudan and bless her with Justice, Peace, and Joy this Christmas. Happy Christmas to you all.



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