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**To: All the Catholic Faithful in Nigeria**

## **CBCN STATEMENT ON THE CALL OF THE HOLY FATHER TO PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE**

1. On Wednesday, 20 August 2025, the Holy Father, Pope Leo, invited the universal Church to observe the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, 22 August, as a day of prayer and fasting. He urges us to implore the Lord for peace and justice in our troubled world, entrusting this plea to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace.
2. We, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria, join wholeheartedly in the Pope's appeal and call on all Catholics in our country, clergy, religious, and lay faithful, to dedicate this day to prayer and fasting. Let us especially remember the victims of war and violence, those who suffer in our nation and across the world, and commend them to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace.

May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, in our nation, and in the world.

  
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