



THE ARCHBISHOP  
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Bishop Samuel Azariah  
Church of Pakistan  
Diocese of Raiwind  
17 Warris Rd. Lahore  
Pakistan

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Dear Bishop Azariah,

I would like to express our sorrow and anguish after the attacks on Churches in Lahore on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. On my desk I have a cross given to me by bishop Manu. It reminds me of the suffering and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ and of our connectedness in pain as well as in joy as members of the one body of Christ (*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it*, 1 Cor. 12:26).

We support your strong reaction and call to the government to safe-guard the rights of minorities in Pakistan and stop the senseless violence. Your message will be posted on our website and spread through social media. We also pray that the Holy Spirit continues to give God's people in Pakistan wisdom and discernment to remain steadfast in faith and in the Church's ministry of love, truth and reconciliation, so that hatred and frustration does not grow within the Church.

I assure you of our continuous prayers and engagement for Pakistan and please keep us updated as to how the situation in Lahore develops.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Revd Dr Antje Jackelén  
Archbishop of Uppsala