Dear bishop Humphrey!

“*My eyes will flow unceasingly,
    without relief,
until the Lord looks down
    from heaven and sees.
What I see brings grief to my soul...”*

(Lam 3:49-51)

It is with utmost shock that we have received the news about the acts of terrorism at the All Saints Cathedral in Peshawar.  We have very inspiring memories of visiting the cathedral and the Christians worshipping there, understanding the impact of the gospel of Christ in the Pakistani society. Hearing that  these very people have been the target of acts of such blind hatred makes us astounded.

You are all in our prayers during these days of suffering! We pray for justice for the Christians struggling for their place in society. We pray for comfort for all those who mourn their loved ones. And we pray for strength to survive these days of evil.  We also remembered you, bishop, and your family in the work of leading your people during these times.

We ask you to send our greetings to the families and close ones to the victims. Please tell them, that they are not forgotten. They are carried by the prayers of thousands of Christians in Finland. In your contacts with the government, please also express our astonishment over this amount of violence. The world will be following the actions taken by the leaders of Pakistan.

Dear bishop!

Our condolences to the people mourning, to the diocese and to the church. We will be with you in the work to put an end to this horrendous evil.

Yours

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