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May 6, 2025

His Eminence Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re
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Your Eminence,

GCF Offers Prayers at the Passing of Pope Francis

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Global Christian Forum (GCF) joins our brothers and sisters around the world in heartfelt mourning for Pope Francis. His life and ministry were radiant with hope and joy, grounded in compassion, humility, and a profound commitment to human dignity. Pope Francis touched countless lives across faith traditions with his wisdom, kindness, and genuine love for all people. His dedication to caring for creation inspired meaningful global dialogue and transformative action for our shared environment.

At his heart, Pope Francis was a true ecumenist whose leadership embodied reconciliation, open dialogue, and deep mutual understanding. He passionately believed that our journeys in Christ unite us as one. Reflecting on this conviction, he addressed the fourth global gathering of the Global Christian Forum, Accra, Ghana, April 2024, with these words:

“This year’s theme, ‘that the world may know’ (John 17:23b) calls on Christians to embody the unity and love of the Triune God in their personal and ecclesial lives so that they bear witness to a world scarred by division and rivalry.

Unity is an indispensable element for embracing the vision of the Kingdom of God. As such, there is an intrinsic bond between ecumenism and Christian mission. Throughout its history, the Global Christian Forum has contributed significantly to the promotion of this bond by providing a space in which members, especially those from different historical expressions of the Christian faith, grow in mutual respect and fraternity by encountering one another in Christ.”

With deep gratitude and fond remembrance, we celebrate the faithful witness and impactful life of Pope Francis. We extend our prayers and solidarity to the Roman Catholic Church in this time of loss.

In 2022, the GCF was honored to be received by Pope Francis, a cherished moment captured in the photograph shared below.

With deepest respect and Christian solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Revd Dr Casely Essamuah'.

Revd Dr Casely Essamuah
Secretary
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