



# The Holy See

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**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II  
TO H.E. MR PERVEZ MUSHARRAF,  
PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN\***

*Thursday, 30 September 2004*

*Mr. President,*

With pleasure I greet you, and those accompanying you, as you come to the Vatican, and I thank you for the kind sentiments you have expressed on behalf of the people of your nation.

In these times of turmoil and violence, I encourage you and your fellow citizens to continue to foster a spirit of dialogue and tolerance in your region. It is only by acknowledging the need for mutual understanding among peoples, through a frank and open exchange of ideas, that the world can obtain authentic justice and peace. Upon you and all the people of Pakistan I cordially invoke the abundant blessings of Almighty God.

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