



CHURCH OF NORWAY

Bishop of Oslo

Letter of Condolence to the British ambassador, H.E. Sarah Gillett

It was with shock and great sadness that we received the news from Manchester on the terrorist attack. We mourn the killing of many and wounding of many more, with children and young people among its victims. With this I want to express our deepest condolences to You and the many families who now suffer from this atrocity.

With our memories from July 22 2011, when young people in our own country were the particular targets of similar brutality, we indeed feel with You and the people of Manchester. We want to stand together with You in prayers for Your country and for those now suffering, and in opposing such inhuman brutality and extremism.

Although we need to learn more, I am appalled when religion is used to instigate fear, violence and terror. Last year Muslim leaders in the Middle East expressed strong opposition to the ideology of ISIS as a radical aberration of Muslim values. In times like ours, Christians, Jews and Muslims need to stand together, emphasizing that faith in God for all of us is a call to oppose such evil and diligently work for peaceful relations in our societies.

With our condolences and warm regards,
Yours

+ Ole Chr M Kvarme
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