

## PRAYER NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS TO IRAQ

Lord, we entrust to you Pope Francis' trip to Iraq from 5 March.

May your Holy Spirit be in his gestures and words,  
and in the hearts of those who meet and listen to him,  
so that the gifts of encouragement, consolation,  
encounters between different ethnic groups,  
cultures and religions may spread,  
with the commitment to take courageous steps  
of reconciliation and collaboration for the common good.

We ask you, Lord, to grant the church in Iraq  
comfort, light and strength  
so that she keeps sewing the bonds  
of brotherhood and peace.

Lord, free Iraq and the countries of the Middle East  
from hatred and violence.

Amen



The prayer is on the Chaldean Patriarchate.  
We thank Hanar for translating one of the sentences - not in English - on the website.