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Subject: **Statement of support**

Dear Bishop Budde,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the United Protestant Church in Belgium, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your profound and courageous homily delivered during the Service of Prayer for the Nation.

Your eloquent call for unity amidst diversity and your unwavering commitment to uphold human dignity resonate deeply with our church, which includes Christians of many denominations.

In a world increasingly characterized by polarization, generalizations and harsh language, your emphasis on fostering unity across divisions and advocating for the inherent worth of every individual serves as a beacon of hope and a model for Christian leadership.

Your sermon not only addressed pressing societal issues but also exemplified the courage required to speak truth in challenging times, reflecting the core of Christ's teachings, and inspired us to act with greater love and understanding.

We stand in solidarity to support you, acknowledging the strength it takes to advocate for justice and unity, and we are keeping you in our prayers.

May God's grace continue to guide and empower you in your ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Steven H. Fuite  
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