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*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. - Matt. 28:19-20*

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Office of the Archbishop & Primate

**LENT 2022: CALL UNTO THE LORD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE**

Dear Internal Archbishops, Bishops and all Christians within the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Lenten greetings to you all in Christ's name.

We praise God for His hand upon the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and for bringing us to this lent season of 2022. As we embark on our Lenten journey which, according to the prophet Joel, starts with an invitation that arises from the heart of God, who with open arms pleads with us: *"Return to me with all your heart."* (Joel 2:12).

Lent is a journey of return to God. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a cross of ashes on the forehead and ends at the foot of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. May each one of us and our Churches experience such a movement this Lenten season from brokenness before God to new life in God.

The season of Lent is also a season of intensive spiritual exercises. In our modern-day society, we embark on all kinds of physical exercises to strengthen the muscles, to enhance our physical well-being, to maintain physical and mental fitness – to keep a healthy mind in a healthy body. The spiritual exercises of Lent include set aside times of Prayers and Fasting. The bible says, *"Let the priests who minister before the Lord weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, 'Spare your people O Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the people, 'Where is their God?'"* (Joel 2:17)

I therefore encourage you and all our Christians to focus prayers on the following:

- a. Pray for **peace in the world**, remembering our brothers and sisters in Abyei and other parts of our country where there are inter communal violent, displacements and sufferings. Pray also for the war between Russia and Ukraine to come to an end.