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Pubblichiamo di seguito il telegramma che il Santo Padre Giovanni Paolo II ha inviato al nuovo Presidente degli Stati Uniti d'America, George W. Bush, in occasione del suo insediamento:

THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, DC

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INAUGURATION AS THE FORTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I SEND WARM GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL GRANT YOU WISDOM AND STRENGTH OF PURPOSE IN THE EXERCISE OF YOUR HIGH OFFICE. AS THE WORLD FACES THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM I PRAY THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DISCOVER IN THEIR RICH RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL HERITAGE THE SPIRITUAL VALUES WHICH WILL

PROVIDE CLEAR DIRECTION AND A SOUND ETHICAL FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING A SOCIETY MARKED BY AUTHENTIC JUSTICE AND FREEDOM, WITH UNFAILING RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, THE DEFENSELESS AND THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE. I LIKEWISE ASK GOD, THE FATHER OF THE NATIONS, TO GUIDE YOUR EFFORTS TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND PEACE AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND UPON THE BELOVED AMERICAN PEOPLE I CORDIALLY INVOKE THE LORD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

IOANNES PAULUS PP. II

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