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## **Video Message of the Holy Father with the prayer intention for the month of April, disseminated via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**

The following is the text of the Pope's video with the prayer intention for the month of March, disseminated via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, on the theme: "*Let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms*":

### **Video Message of the Holy Father**

Living, speaking, and acting without violence is not surrendering, losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything.

As Saint John XXIII said 60 years ago in his Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, war is madness. It's beyond reason.

Any war, any armed confrontation, always ends in defeat for all.

Let us develop a culture of peace.

Let us remember that, even in cases of self-defense, peace is the ultimate goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without weapons.

Let us make non-violence a guide for our actions, both in daily life and in international relations.

And let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms.