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Patriarchal Letter of Sympathy to the Archbishop of Australia regarding the Terrorist Attack in Sydney



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in a letter addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, expresses the sympathy and solidarity of the Mother Church, as well as his own personally, in response to the deadly terrorist attack of 14 December 2025 in Sydney.

His All-Holiness emphasises, among other things, that the Ecumenical Patriarchate “unceasingly prays for the fraternity of people, nations, religions, and cultures.”

In full, the venerable Patriarchal Letter states:

“Most Reverend Archbishop,
We express to your beloved Hierarchy the sympathy and support of the Mother Church and of ourselves personally for the deadly terrorist attack in your see of Sydney, and we pray that the Lord our God may protect your devout flock and its loving shepherd from every visible and invisible threat, and grant to the whole world His peace which surpasses all understanding.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate prays unceasingly for the fraternity of people, nations,

religions, and cultures, and it supports and participates in all bilateral and multilateral dialogues everywhere throughout the dominion of the Lord that are directed toward this end.

Merry Christmas, beloved brother and concelebrant!”

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