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His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
VIA Fed Ex EMAIL

Your Holiness,

On behalf of *Pave the Way Foundation*, I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you for initiating and completing your most successful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In a region separated by political, religious and cultural differences, walking a thin line to carry the message of God's peace to all who seek it requires enormous courage and strength.

It is only those who try to walk in everyone's shoes that succeed in truly understanding the needs, the fears, and who can empathize with the pain of all of the people in the region. Unfortunately, there are those with opposing agendas who are quick to criticize and undermine your valiant efforts in the name of peace. Mindful of this, please gain strength from the voices of those who spoke to you in song upon your arrival in Israel, and from the appreciation of those who see through the critics and the hostility and negativity of some commentators.

May God grant you the strength to continue your pontificate for many years to come, and rich blessings of success in your endeavor to bring God's peace to our troubled world.

Most devotedly yours in the common effort to end the malevolent use of God's Holy name, I remain

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