



Pope Francis: Do not fall in the temptation of blaming God for our misfortunes

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During the Angelus, the Pope welcomed the ceasefire in Syria, and said he expected it to allow the arrival of humanitarian aid to the country and open the path of dialogue between the warring parties.

He knows that the solution in Syria will alleviate the situation of refugees fleeing the war. But meanwhile, he called on Europe not remain impassive in the face this dramatic events.

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"In particular, Greece and other countries are in the forefront by providing a generous relief, which also requires the cooperation of all nations. A choral response will effectively and equitably distribute the weight. To achieve this you have to bet decisively and without reservation for the negotiations."

The Pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel. He recalled the scene in which Jesus mentions two tragedies with many victims: a bloody repression and the collapse of a tower. His disciples felt that it was a punishment from God for the victims.

Jesus answers that God does not act like that, and we can not think that we are good and others are bad.

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"Also today, before certain misfortunes or dramatic events, we can get tempted and want to offload responsibility on the victims or on God. But the Gospel invites us to reflect: How do we see God? Are we convinced that he is this way and we are just projecting, with a God in our own image?"

The Pope said that there will always be a right time to convert and that we should

never judge others.

Before leaving, he prayed for the victims of a cyclone in Fiji, and supported the World Rare Disease Day.