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On 7 July the Holy Father will travel to Bari, the window on the East where the relics of Saint Nicholas are conserved, for a day of reflection and prayer on the dramatic situation in the Middle East which afflicts many brothers and sisters in faith. He intends to invite to this ecumenical encounter for peace the Heads of Christian Churches and Communities from that region. Pope Francis urges us to prepare now for this event with prayer.