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Video of the Holy Father with the prayer intention for July, disseminated via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

The following is the text of the video of the Holy Father with the prayer intention for the month of July, broadcast via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on the theme *Social friendship, the way proposed for a sick world in the encyclical Fratelli Tutti*: "We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship":

Video of the Holy Father

The Bible says that whoever finds a friend has found a treasure.

I would like to invite everyone to go beyond their groups of friends and build social friendship, which is so necessary for living together well.

We especially need to have a renewed encounter with the most impoverished and vulnerable, those on the peripheries. And we need to distance ourselves from populisms that exploit the anguish of the people without providing solutions, proposing a mystique that solves nothing.

We must flee from social enmity which only destroys, and leave "polarization" behind.

And this isn't always easy, especially today when part of our politics, society and media are bent on creating enemies so as to defeat them in a game of power.

Dialogue is the path to seeing reality in a new way, so we can live with passion the challenges we face in constructing the common good.

Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate

architects of dialogue and friendship, men and women who always hold out a helping hand, and may no spaces of enmity and war remain.
