

# Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God

## Matthew 5:9

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned about nuclear weapons. We recognise that any use of such a weapon would have a devastating effect on God's creation, of which we are a part. We believe the only way to remove the threat of nuclear war is for all these weapons to be totally eliminated.

We welcome the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, recognising that only the global abolition of nuclear weapons can ensure a world of peace. We urge all states, including the United Kingdom, to sign and ratify this Treaty immediately.

We are proud of the role the church has played for many years in promoting peace at all levels. We believe that as Jesus taught that peacemakers are blessed, all Christians must do all they can, both in prayer and deed, to bring about a world free of nuclear weapons.

We call on the wider church to continue to engage on this important issue and for the UK Government to sign and ratify the Treaty.

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