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Message broadcast to the people of Kajo-Keji County over Grace FM and Voice of Kajo-Keji FM on 21 December 2013 in Bari and English languages on Prayer for peace in South Sudan by Rt Rev Anthony Poggo, Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji (ECSS & S)

Greetings

My name is Anthony Poggo. I am the Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSS & S). I am making this broadcast regarding the events that affected our nation from the night of Sunday 15 December 2013.

Background

We are all aware that on the night of Sunday 15 December, there was fighting in Juba. The President announced the following day that there was an attempted coup which was foiled; other reports indicate the cause of the shoot on disagreement amongst some soldiers.

Although we may know details of what started the shooting in Juba city, the reality is that innocent lives were lost. What happened in Juba has now spilled over to other parts of South Sudan including Bor, Akobo and other parts of Jonglei, Unity States and other parts of South Sudan.

Appeal for prayer

I am making this broadcast to request you all to offer special prayers on Sunday 22nd December 2013 in your places of worship. Please pray for the following:

1. Begin by confessing your individual and corporate sins to God. We the people of South Sudan have continued to fight and shed innocent blood even after we got a new nation. May God forgive us so that He will hear our prayers.
2. Pray for those who are involved in peace efforts that they will succeed in bringing together the two sides to dialogue and to start peace negotiations.
3. Pray for the safety of all those who have taken refuge in United Nation camps and places of worship that they will be secure and that their immediate needs will be met.
4. Pray for those who have been injured and are in hospitals that they will speedily recover.
5. Pray for those who have lost relatives that they will experience comfort at such a time of great distress. Pray that there will be an end to the spirit of revenge.
6. We pray for all leaders in government, churches and communities that they will preach peace during this time of Christmas.

Let us be peacemakers

Our prayer is that the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ during who is also known as the Prince of Peace will bring peace across the nation of South Sudan. I would like to call on all of us to be peacemakers. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and glorious 2014 full of peace, joy and prosperity.

"Be shepherds of the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. (Acts 22:28)"