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PAKISTAN URDU CONGREGATION IN KUWAIT

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ***Amen.***

It is a true honor for me to stand before this congregation today and extend the warmest welcome to someone who holds a special place in our hearts — Bishop Sean Semple, visiting us once again all the way from Cyprus.

Bishop Sean, your return means more to us than words can fully express. In your first visit, you did not just come and speak. You mixed and mingled with us. You understood our heart as a congregation — as a Pakistani Christian community living here in Kuwait, far from home but grounded deeply in faith. You encouraged us, prayed over us, and reminded us that the global Church is indeed one family.

And now, you are back with us. That simple fact is powerful. In a world where time is rushed and commitments are many, you have chosen to be with us — again. That choice speaks of love, of spiritual responsibility, and of a shepherd's heart. We often talk about the unity of the body of Christ, but today we see it in action. You have crossed nations not only geographically, but in spirit — connecting cultures and people under the same cross, under the same Saviour. What a beautiful image of God's kingdom on earth.

As a congregation, we have grown, we have prayed, and we have hoped. Your second visit is a reminder that we are not forgotten. That even here — in our humble gathering, far from where Church leadership is usually centered — the Spirit of God is moving, and people like you are obedient and sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is instructing you to do and where to be.

We welcome you today not just as formality, but with full open hearts. You are not here as a guest — you are part of this family. Your presence strengthens us. Your words will guide us, and your prayers will enrich us.

On behalf of the entire congregation — we say thank you. Thank you for coming. Thank you for remembering us. And thank you for reminding us that we are seen, known, and loved — by you, and most importantly, by our Lord.

May your time with us be blessed beyond expectation.

Welcome home, Bishop Sean Semple!

Surood Shahid Gill