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**Most Dear Vassula Ryden, The Divine Messenger,  
Reverend Fathers, Cardinals, Bishops of various denominations,  
Your Holinesses, Excellencies,  
Ladies & Gentlemen**

At the outset, please allow to offer my heartiest greetings to you all from the core of my heart. I am unfortunate for not being able to be with you all only due to physically vulnerable condition. I was determined to start for Moscow; but the doctors vehemently prevented me from moving anywhere even to nearby areas. I shall not be physically present; but whole-heart mind shall be in Moscow. I am deprived from coming in cross of hundreds of most illustrious sons and daughters of the world.

Reverends, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Vassula is a name known almost every corner of the world. The Divine Messenger is relentlessly propagating the Message of God throughout the world. I am undoubtedly fortunate to be in close contact with Vassula Ryden for last seventeen years who facilitated introducing to you all.

Bangladesh is a country of communal harmony. Though the majority people are Muslim yet the Hindus, Buddhists and Christians are all living in peaceful co-existence. Our Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stabled the rule of law and equal religious freedom to the people of all faiths. At present we are really passing the harmonious life in Bangladesh.

Buddhism is a religion of non-violence and Buddha's teachings are based on loving kindness, compassion, altruistic joy, sympathy. The Buddha said- " May all sentient beings be happy." After this invaluable utterance there is no room of anger, hatred, killing, violence amongst us.

Today I humbly lay my appeal to you all not to be only confined with the efforts of Christian unity but also the unity of all faiths. Our united efforts shall make a peaceful atmosphere beneath the sun and we can be able to make a safe world for our future generation.

Though the Beth Myriam, the TLIG Association has been accomplishing gigantic task for have not group of the world. In my humanitarian services TLIG has been standing beside me by extending invaluable financial cooperation. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Heidi Kyhl, Theodora Konidari, Monica Schreil and others for their dedicated services towards us. I called Vassula as my Sister and I am confident that my relation with Vassula shall be strengthened day by day.

In conclusion, I whole-heartedly wish the Pilgrimage-2017 a great success.

May all beings be happy.

