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Bishop Pradeep Kumar Samantaroy,
Church of North India – Diocese of Amritsar
26 RB Prakash Chand Road,
AMRITSAR, PUNJAB, INDIA

Dear Bishop Samantaroy,

We have been deeply saddened to hear of the rapidly worsening situation relating to COVID-19 in India. We write to offer our thoughts, prayers and solidarity with you at this time, on behalf of UnitingWorld and the Uniting Church in Australia.

We understand that COVID cases have passed 7,000 per day in Punjab and a daily lockdown has been introduced as a result. We imagine this has heightened a sense of insecurity and fear. We hope and pray that relief will be provided quickly, especially for medical oxygen to support those who have the virus.

We recognise that caring for your people in the current context in India must be a heavy burden for all those in leadership within the Diocese and Church more broadly. Please be assured that we stand with you. Your friends at UnitingWorld and throughout the UCA are upholding you in our prayers as you seek to lead your Diocese and communities it supports through these difficult times.

May God grant you the wisdom, strength, grace and courage to lead well and stay hopeful.

Please be assured of our ongoing individual and collective prayers for you all and your families during this time.

Your friends in Christ,

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