



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 October 1984

Dear Archbishop,

Thank you so much for your message of sympathy following the bomb outrage in Brighton. The victims of this terrible act are and will remain in all our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury



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17 October 1984

My dear Archbishop,

Thank you so much for your message following the bomb outrage in Brighton, and also for your personal good wishes.

The last months have indeed been a strain, and there is more to come.

I shall be very thankful if we can secure total condemnation of violence and if support can be withdrawn for all who use it as a means to secure

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York

their particular objectives.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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BISHOPTHORPE  
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12th October 1984

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Dear Prime Minister

Please accept my warmest sympathy to yourself and your colleagues in face of the outrage committed in Brighton this morning.

It is a sad day for Britain when our political leaders are subjected to this kind of attack. I want to assure you not only of my prayers and the prayers of Christian people throughout the land, but also of our utter condemnation of such violence and of our commitment to the rule of law and of parliamentary democracy.

May I add on a more personal note that I am very conscious of the strains which you yourself have been bearing in recent weeks, and I want to assure you that there is within the Church a genuine desire to help in face of the problems which confront us all as a nation.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely

*John Chav:*

The Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London.



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15 October 1984

My dear Lord Bishop,

Thank you so much for your message of sympathy following the bomb outrage in Brighton. Your prayers are of great support to me as, I am sure, they are to those who have been injured or bereaved by this terrible act. I know too you will share my determination that the perpetrators of this deed shall not be allowed to succeed.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Revd. The Lord Bishop of London



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17 October 1984

My dear Lord Bishop,

Thank you so much for your letter, and for the message of sympathy which you sent on behalf of the Merseyside Church Leaders. Your concern and that of the many thousands of others who have written to me to express their support has been a source of great strength over the past few days. It is a comfort to know that the victims and their families are in the thoughts and prayers of so many people, as they are in mine.

The Garden Festival caught my imagination too. I share your hope for the future of Liverpool, and I look forward to a further talk with you and with Archbishop Derek when you are ready.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON S.W.1.

15th October 1984.

*Dear Prime Minister.*

I am enclosing a message of sympathy with the promise of our prayers; this received whole-hearted support at our great joint Service on the last day of the International Garden Festival from some 8,000 people.

There was a huge crowd at the Festival on the last day: the Festival has caught people's imagination and has produced new pride in Liverpool. Our prayer is that there will be the resilient kind of hope which refuses to be put down by all the purveyors of despair. I am very glad that you came to see the Festival.

Thank you for your encouraging letter following your visit. Perhaps Archbishop Derek and I may take you up a little later on the suggestion of coming to see you again.

*Yours sincerely  
David Sheppard  
Liverpool*

Preaching at the final joint service of the International Garden Festival the Bishop of Liverpool said,

"We meet just after that terrible night at Brighton: the reality has brought home that there are those who are determined to have their way by means of violence.

The Merseyside Church Leaders would like to send a message to the Prime Minister from this great ecumenical service with our sympathy , best wishes, and the promise of our prayers. We stand for vigorous debate, including honest disagreement, but committed to live together in a common future in peace."

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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 October, 1984

Dear Peter

I am so very grateful to you and to Jean for your kind letter of 13 October. I know you said not to reply - but I simply wanted you to know how much your words mean to me at this difficult time.

Best wishes from us both to you both

Yours sincerely

Raymond

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The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely

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From the Bishop of Ely

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THE BISHOP'S HOUSE, ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE CB7 4DW

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My dear Prime Minister,

Like the whole of the country, we are  
deeply shocked by what happened at Brighton, and give  
thanks that you and Denis survived.

I send you both my special remembrance,  
and Sean's with my own. On no account, please,  
acknowledge this but please be assured that we are  
thinking of you both, with gratitude, as I say, that you

escaped, and with consciousness, too, of what this terrible  
thing must leave as its effect, and, with everyone, with  
the greatest admiration for your courage. There will be  
I know a wave of prayer for you, and Denis, and for  
all.

Yours are sincerely,  
Peter.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 October 1984

My dear Lord Bishop.

Thank you so much for your card and letter following the bomb outrage in Brighton last week. The prayers and support which I have received from all sections of the community have been a source of great strength in the past few days.

With best wishes and thank you for writing as you did.

And thank you very much for reminding me of Romans 8<sup>39</sup>.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Norwich

Margaret Thatcher

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Private

from the Bishop of Norwich

The Right Reverend

MAURICE A. P. WOOD, D.S.C., M.A., R.N.R.

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THE BISHOP'S HOUSE  
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October 13<sup>th</sup>  
1984

My dear Prime Minister,

You will be deluged with letters after the utterly pitiless and cowardly bomb attack, so I simply send you a birthday card, do assure

you of my daily prayers for you in my Chapel, when I pray for the Queen & Her Government, and for you as the Prime Minister, morning by morning.

I thank God for your safety.  
Ever sincerely - daily - in Christ  
Maurice Norwich



*Greetings*

I thank God you are alive for your  
birthday. I believe the Nation  
thanks God for your courage and  
calmness, your compassion and  
efficiency. I also happen to believe  
those are four marks of your life  
which inform your policies and  
were seen at their clearest yesterday.  
Every blessing in Christ  
Maurice of Norwich  
one of your praying + supporting bishops.

The Prime Minister

WITH GREETINGS

AND

ALL GOOD WISHES

FROM

Maurice

Bishop of Norwich.

"Neither death nor life shall be able to  
separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus"  
Romans 8. 39

October 13th 1984.

WALTER SCOTT, BRADFORD