

More than 30 bishops, including the archbishops of Canterbury and York, have put their names to a letter on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

The letter is [published in The Observer](#) today. Here is the full text:

*Dear Sir,*

*As bishops of the Church of England, we warmly welcome and applaud the recent ratification, by the required number of member states, of the United Nations' Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and we rejoice that the Treaty will therefore come into force on January 22, 2021.*

*For so many of the nations of the world to speak clearly of the need to ban these weapons of mass destruction is an encouraging and hopeful sign. We commit ourselves to pray and to work so that this ratification will indeed help to see an end to nuclear weapons in the future.*

*We very much regret that the UK, together with other nuclear states, has not yet signed the accord. We call on the UK Government to do so, and thereby to give hope to all people of goodwill who seek a peaceful future.*

*We echo the UN Secretary-General who "commends the States that have ratified the Treaty and salutes the work of civil society, which has been instrumental in facilitating the negotiation and ratification of the Treaty."*

*Accordingly, we renew our support for the work of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, together with sister organisations and agencies in each nation, whose advocacy and commitment continues to make such a difference.*

*Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury*

*Steven Cottrell, Archbishop of York*

*Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool*

*Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry*

*Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford*

*Jo Bailey Wells, Bishop of Dorking*

*Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden*

*Sarah Bullock, Bishop of Shrewsbury*

*Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon*

*David Court, Bishop of Grimsby*

*Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Loughborough*

*Jonathan Goodall, Bishop of Ebbsfleet*

*Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley*

*Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading*

*Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton*

*Joanne Grenfell, Bishop of Stepney*

*David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop in Europe*

*Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking*

*Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston*

*John Inge, Bishop of Worcester*

*Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester*

*Philip North, Bishop of Burnley*

*John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell*

*Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon*

*Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield*

*Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans*

*John Thomson, Bishop of Selby*

*Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington*

*Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester*

*David Walker, Bishop of Manchester*

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