

### **Reflection Saturday Week 23 – 2022**

In these days of National mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II listen to Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, Angaelos, Papal Legate to the United Kingdom.

Her Majesty is known worldwide for her faithful witness and commitment to her Christian Faith and her tireless service to our Nation, the Commonwealth, and indeed the world. She is quite simply unmatched in her legacy, having served faithfully and joyfully as Monarch for over seventy years, longer than any other monarch in British history; a testament to her character and strength of resolve.

Her Majesty used her position for good, serving the nation through tireless visits to various charities and organisations that serve the wider community and the most vulnerable. She is known widely for always taking her duty as monarch and a daughter of Christ seriously, evident in the way she spoke and interacted with people from all backgrounds, and in the Messages shared with the world every Christmas and Easter among other special moments throughout the year. Her Majesty's uplifting and optimistic spirit was especially heartening at times of challenge. Her Majesty's unfailing commitment to and support for members of the Church worldwide, and her gracious support of the ministry of the Coptic Orthodox Church here in the United Kingdom, that have been demonstrated through various Messages sent to our community over the years, will never be forgotten, and will leave a lasting legacy for all those she has touched. It is deeply moving to see how Her Majesty's Christian Faith was central to her service and ministry, and absolutely core to her being, and that love extended to members of all faiths and none which is truly inspiring.

We pray repose for the soul of The Queen and comfort for her family and loved ones, our nation and the Commonwealth, as we also pray strength and wisdom upon His Majesty King Charles III as he not only mourns the loss of his mother but is called to carry a new responsibility as Monarch of the United Kingdom.