

# **The National Council of Hindu Temples UK (NCHT UK)**

## **Statement of passing away of Pope John Paul II**

The National Council of Hindu Temples UK (NCHT UK) is deeply saddened by the passing away of Pope John Paul II.

He was a great religious leader with an extraordinary personality, whose faith and courage touched millions of people worldwide. He worked tirelessly for world peace, justice and freedom.

Pope John Paul II was able to cross religious boundaries and engage in meaningful dialogue between various faiths. He never compromised his Christian convictions even in the face of overwhelming pressure to do so.

In his final days he showed the world how to face life's greatest test, the act of dying, which he passed with great dignity, courage and devotion to God.

The fact that he will be dearly missed by people of all faiths is testament to the unparalleled affection in which he was held around the world.