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With regard to the events of the coming days, the Angelus prayer led by the Holy Father on Sunday 8 March will take place in the Library of the Apostolic Palace and not in the square, from the window. The prayer will be streamed live by Vatican News and on screens in Saint Peter's Square, and distributed by *Vatican Media* to the media who will request it, so as to enable the participation of the faithful.

The General Audience on Wednesday 11 March will be held in the same manner.

These decisions are necessary in order to avoid the risk of the spread of COVID-19 due to the gathering of people during security controls for access to the square, as requested by the Italian authorities.

In compliance with the provisions of the Health and Hygiene Directorate of the Vatican City State, the participation of the faithful as guests at the Mass held in Santa Marta will be suspended until Sunday 15 March. The Holy Father will celebrate the Eucharist privately.