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'On the 9th May 2019, I was very honoured to take part in the presentation of the St. Martin's Lifetime Achievement Award to a remarkable man, Mr. Terry Waite CBE. It was a most touching experience to see this gentle and very humble man receive official recognition for a lifetime of work and what amazing work it has been; in his capacity as Church Envoy and hostage negotiator working for peace and reconciliation between all faiths and also in his capacity as a human being working for charitable causes and in particular with the Pentonville Project, working with prisoners.

In four different categories, the St. Martin's Award serves to recognise the outstanding contributions of remarkable and very special individuals who, like Terry, have demonstrated a drive to make the world a better place.

It is vital in our fast-paced world, where many live by the credo 'Time is money' that we occasionally stop to reflect, to acknowledge and to be inspired by our unsung heroes and their achievements, to see just what inspirational good work exceptional humans are doing for other humans, work which is priceless, and this is exactly what the St. Martin's Awards are about.

It is my earnest hope that the St. Martin's Awards will inspire many others to get involved in humanitarian work. The world needs to be inspired by extraordinary individuals such as Terry and long may he continue to inspire!'

Rami Mortada
Ambassador of Lebanon