



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Department for External Church Relations

## **Congratulations of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill to the President of Turkey on his 70th birthday**



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*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' congratulated the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on his 70th birthday.*

The message reads:

**His Excellency Mr Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN**  
**President**  
**Republic of Türkiye**

**Your Excellency, dear Mr President,**

Please accept my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For decades, you have been working selflessly for the benefit of the Turkish people, taking care of the rich spiritual heritage of your homeland, ensuring its prosperity and promoting social and economic growth. Thanks to your diplomatic talent and ability to achieve goals, as well as your balanced position on significant foreign policy issues, nowadays the Republic of Türkiye plays a major role in international relations, having a high standing among its partners. I would like to make a special mention of the close business and cultural ties and a high level of trust-based friendly relations between the peoples of Turkey and Russia.

I wish you good health and success in your further governmental work, and I wish peace and welfare to the people of Turkey.

Yours sincerely,

**+KIRILL  
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUS'**

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