

Christian Characters

<p>1. Maria Bakouri 42 / married 4 children</p> <p><i>Mother of the dead boy. She descends from a rich family</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I'm shocked and in pain! I want justice! The police should discover the truth as soon as possible! I'm afraid I may lose other members of my family due to revenge and riots... / We should have a way to protect ourselves from the riots and should use the power that our authority gives us...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> I am in grief. The death of my son calls for justice! Why the innocent love of two young people should come to such a tragic end! Those people at the harbor don't have right to riot and to put a city in chaos! They should let the police to do their work and the guilty one should be punished by the law! We should not let more deaths in the streets and more mothers in tears!</p>	<p>2. Radu Bakouri 47/ married 4 children</p> <p><i>Father of the dead boy. Rich merchant...</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am outraged and in pain. I am for revenge! We should act immediately to punish the guy in the prison! He is guilty – he threatened my son and now my son is dead!</p> <p><i>Position:</i> I demand this town to take action! The murderer has to be punished to serve as an example for the other people from the Muslim community. I want the whole city to protest and support my family. No negotiations with the rebels at the harbor! The police and the army should clear the harbor and send the rioters to jail!</p>
<p>3. Alexandra Pizarovich 28 / widow No children</p> <p><i>Rich widow, well known for her donations to girl's schools; she has modern way of thinking</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I condemn the murder! I understand the grief of the Christian family, but I'm also sympathetic to the Muslim girl. I'm angry with both Christians and Muslims, because they act so traditionally and in fact both families are responsible for the tragedy that disturbed the peaceful life in the city.</p> <p><i>Position:</i> I condemn the act of murder! Authorities should find who is guilty and he should be imprisoned! I am against revenge and we have to find a peaceful way to handle the situation... We should find a modern way to resolve the issue with the inter-religious marriages in the city.</p>	<p>4. Miodrag Belodedich 52 / married 5 children</p> <p><i>Politician from the ruling Christian party</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am concerned about the well being of my city. We should act with great precaution and try to negotiate with the Muslims. Both sides are right. We can't condemn their positions. Besides, it is high time to create a Law on these mixed marriages. In the modern time we are living we need to have a modern way to tackle such problems.</p> <p><i>Position:</i> Our Party is doing its best to rule the city in impartial and civilized manner. I will also do my best to ensure that the Mayor and Council of the City will find the right solution. We should not allow such isolated acts to jeopardize our peaceful life. We are modern and civilized people. I will propose a Law that legalizes the mixed marriages...</p>

<p>5. Stefan Stefanov 22 / not married</p> <p><i>Police officer; friend of the dead Christian boy</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I feel angry, and it is difficult for me to hide my emotions. We have to make a proper investigation about the murder of my friend as quickly as possible and to punish him! On behalf of the police, we will do our best, but the rioters are obstructing our work! They don't want us to find the guilty one... We are majority in the city... We are not supposed to suffer from the rebellion of the Muslims... We have the power and the authority... No negotiations with the rebels are needed...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> We have to act strictly according to the Law. Everyone who breaks the Law has to be punished. My best friend was killed. His death requires justice. The guilty one should be punished... The peace in the city should be restored even if this requires more strict police measures...</p>	<p>6. Father Kiril 61/ widower</p> <p><i>4 children and 10 grand-children Orthodox priest</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am sad and hurt! I'm afraid that this conflict now will deepen the tension between the Christians and the Muslims. We must reconcile and set the peace in the city. These riots might bring more deaths in our families! / We should keep our traditions... But we should also be open to welcome new members of the Christian community. The Muslim girl was ready to accept the Christianity and to marry her beloved... Now we have to deal with a tragedy instead!</p> <p><i>Position:</i> God sees everything! We have to be able to forgive. God takes care of your son now. Give peace a chance. Our religious leaders have to initiate a dialogue with the Muslim religious leaders. In my opinion, this conflict is fully based on religious divergnecies. It is up to the two communities to handle it. We have to live together with the other communities. We should stay against the mixed marriages... Everybody who wants to marry a Christian should first become a Christian.</p>
<p>9. Ognian Teofilov 30 / married 2 children</p> <p><i>Adviser to the Mayer</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> Finally I am in a good position and from this situation I can only benefit myself and become a Mayer. I feel satisfied by the riot... I warned the Mayor that the Muslims would bring us trouble. We should not be so tolerant with them, or they will continue to provoke us and to bring troubles...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> We, the Christians are the ruling majority and we must rule this city with an iron hand! The current Mayer wants to give equal rights to all communities, but look what has happened in the city! Muslims don't deserve tolerance...</p>	<p>8. Dragomir Radesku 35 / married 2 children</p> <p><i>Ship owner</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am in trouble, because my ships can't leave or enter the harbor... I have contracts with foreign trademen and this riot brings big loses to my business...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> We need to find the fastest way out, otherwise many businessmen like me will be ruined and the city will be starving. I will try to convince the Muslim community to protest somewhere else for the good of the whole city. All communities in the city work with me and I'm sure that with negotiation we shall find the way out... We need to reconcile and restore the peace in the city.</p>

<p>7. Dimitri Germenji 39 / married 6 children</p> <p><i>Trades with pork meat</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am angry with the Muslim community. They don't have rights to set this riot and close the harbor! This would bring great losses to my business... We should free the harbor and let the police do their work... I'm not interested about who is right and who is wrong in this love story, but we should not let it influence the business and the life in the city... Too much emotion is harmful... We should act upon the best interest of our community...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> This riot had to finish... We do not have to trade with the Muslims. We do not have profit from business with them... They cause only trouble, they are danger for us, for the whole our Christian society... Before the change of the political powers they were obedient to the law, but now – they don't submit to the Christian police... We are too liberal!</p>	<p>10. Katherina Ivanova 50 / married 4 children</p> <p><i>Old school teacher and an owner of a school; the death boy was student in her school</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am shocked! He was the best boy in my class with such a bright future! I am so sad and hurt by this cruelty in the streets! I am scared for the other young people in the city.</p> <p><i>Position:</i> I want the murderer to be prosecuted. But this will not diminish the tension in the city we have to find the way for the communities to live in peace on everyday life basis. We need to educate our youngsters in a better way ... We have to teach them to obey the traditions and to submit to their parents.</p>
<p>11. Hristo Popovich 47 / widower No children</p> <p><i>University professor in Philosophy</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am against violence... I feel upset, because such things happen in our city – a young life was lost! But more people could find their death in the present situation... We need to find reconciliation with the Muslims...</p> <p><i>Position:</i> We have to find the way to solve the problem in a peaceful way. We should seek for support and advice from the Jews... We should also find the right way to punish the crime. We have to find together – Christians, Muslims and Jews what is the right thing to do... It is good to teach students at the universities, but also parents about the reasons of the violence in the city and how to handle them.</p>	<p>12. Sister Pahomia 25 / not married</p> <p><i>A nun in a monastery, situated close to the city; She is going to join an international pilgrimage delegation</i></p> <p><i>Feelings:</i> I am shocked and I'm suffering because of the tragedy in this city. We need to find the love in our hearts and to restore the peace, or our society will go to decay... / In the spirit of our religion we should not retaliate... Our religion says: "Love your enemy... Forgive the sinners..." /</p> <p><i>Position:</i> We should all condemn the violence!... / We are all human beings, let us find love and peace in each of us. I am for harmony and peaceful life in the city... / We should stop the violence...</p>