



To live the peace!

PRAYER
NOVEMBER 2019

In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

* For the families, children, youth, elderly people victims of the present day warfare: may they find brothers and sisters who welcome them, who help them to heal their wounds, to find Peace and Justice for their real treasure, to settle their hope in a future of hope: Lord, we pray you. R/

*For Christians all over the world where they live in situations of violence, may they all be supported with the prayer of all the Christian Communities. May they continue to be courageous in adversity and may they remain strong in their faith in Christ, our only Hope Lord, we pray you. R/

* For the encounter among the Jewish believers, Christians and Muslims: that each one may invoke the gift of peace, and so discover themselves more brothers and sisters. Lord, we pray you. R/

* For all of us: that we may incessantly seek peace and Justice, in ourselves, with our neighbours, in our parishes, in our communities and in our Church, Lord, we pray you. R/

Our Father ...



From the Apostolic exhortation
Evangelii Gaudium n°288

“Virgin and Mother Mary,
you who moved by the Spirit,
welcomed the Word of life
in the depth of your humble faith,
totally abandoned to the Eternal,
help us to say our “yes”
in always more urgent times,
to make resound the Good News of Jesus”.

 **Hymn to Mary**



Hymn

Psalm 84 (85)
Ant.: The Lord will give his good works



I am listening: What is Yahweh saying?
What God is saying, means peace
If only they renounce their folly;
For those who fear him, his saving help is near,
And the glory will then live in our country
Love and loyalty now meet
Righteousness and Peace now embrace;
Loyalty reaches up from earth,
And righteousness leans down from heaven.
The Lord himself bestows happiness
as our soil gives its harvest,
Righteousness always preceding him
And Peace following his footsteps
Glory be to the Father...

From the book of the prophet Isaiah 32, 15-18

« ... « On that day, the spirit is poured out on us from above,
and the desert becomes productive ground,
so productive you might take it for a forest.
Fair judgement will fix its home in the desert,
and uprightness live in the productive ground,
and the product of uprightness will be peace,
The effect of uprightness being quiet and security for ever.
My people will live in a peaceful home
In peaceful houses, tranquil dwellings. ».

Prayerful Silence



Refrain: Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! (or other)

From Pope Francis' prayer (June 2014)

- We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. R/

- Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. R/

- Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. R/

- Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! R/

Canticle Colossians 1, 3:12-20

ant. Peace to all, on earth and in heavenly

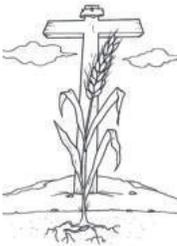
Give thanks to the Father,
Who has qualified us
To share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,
And transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son
In whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God
The first-born of all creation;
For in him all things ere created In Heaven and on earth.

Visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions,
Or principalities or authorities
All things were created through him and for him
He is before all things and in him all things hold together
He is the head of the body, the Church
he is the beginning,
The first-born from the dead
That in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in Him, all the fullness of God
Was pleased to dwell,
And through him to reconcile to himself all things
Whether on earth or in Heaven
Making peace by the blood of his cross.



Let us confidently pray to God, our Father, since at present we hear of numerous conflicts in the world:

Refrain: God of peace, hear us.

* For those responsible of nations: may the Lord grant to the intelligent and the wise, a heart capable to discern the good from the bad as Solomon did, so that men and women of peace will make themselves heard and be listened to: Lord, we pray you. R/