

# Prayer Vigil for Peace

Fridays at 6:00 pm



Good and gracious God, Lord of all life and power, who by the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we may be filled with that new life. Help us to persist in establishing justice and truth as firm and lasting foundations of peace. You offer us peace as a gift and peace as a responsibility that we must realize with your help. Give us the grace to reach for peace, to have attitudes of peace, that our words may be of peace, and that our works may be works of peace. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 148** *Laudate Dominum*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,  
 fruit trees and all cedars;  
**Wild beasts and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and winged birds;**  
 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the world;  
**Young men and maidens,**  
**young and old together.**  
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,  
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*All are invited to come forward and light a candle during this time of silence.*

*Sung first by the Cantor, then by all.*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

O God, who dwells beyond all our names for you, we pray for the will to be at peace with one another.  
 We remember this day those who find themselves thrust into war; we pray for light in the darkness and  
 hope amid despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in ourselves; help us to breathe in peace, help us to breathe out love, help us to know and accept ourselves as your beloved.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in our families; help us to speak the truth to one another in love; help us to respect and value one another.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace in our communities; help us to create a peace born of justice and equity; help us to honor and serve the common good.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace in our nation; sustain our hope; grant us wisdom; empower us with courage.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace in our world. Help us to see other nations as our neighbors; help us to wage peace. Help us to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace, O God, for those in need; for those who are frightened, for those who have been displaced, for those who are ill, for those who need work.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace, O God, for all of us who are tempted to give in to fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let there be peace in our time, and let it begin with us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah (12:2-6)

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:**

**where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

### **Closing Prayer**

**Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and evermore. **Amen.**