

Prayer Vigil for Peace

Fridays at 6:00 pm



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You are invited to stand.

Almighty God, we come together this day to pray for peace. We pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding on to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in you, in the power of good to overcome evil, and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a world where fear will no longer lead men and women to commit injustice nor selfishness to make them bring suffering to others. Fill us with your love that we may be instrument of peace. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;

wait patiently for the Lord.

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

Sung first by the Cantor, then by all.

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a colon and a series of chords and notes corresponding to the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

The second system continues the musical notation. The vocal line has a longer note for "an - swer me" and then continues with "O Lord hear my pray'r. O". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and notes.

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

The third system concludes the hymn. The vocal line ends with "O" and a fermata. The piano accompaniment ends with a double bar line. The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the piano part.

Good and gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in trust we pray to you.

We pray for the Church:

Particular intercessions / thanksgivings may be offered.

O God, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people. Strengthen those who work for peace and reconciliation
that they may be sustained in hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love.

We pray for the world:

Particular intercessions / thanksgivings may be offered.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace
that all may live in freedom and truth, and that the evils of war, violence, and oppression may be eradicated from the world.

We pray for the community:

Particular intercessions / thanksgivings may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in each other and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

Particular intercessions / thanksgivings may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

God of love, be with the victims of armed conflict, that they may be filled with hope for a more just future, healing from wounds received, courage to advocate for peace, and the grace to overcome hatred with love.

Be with them to strengthen and uphold them.

Make us willing agents of your help.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Particular intercessions / thanksgivings may be offered.

We remember those who have died.

O God, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Surround them with the assurance of your presence.

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 (52:7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together in singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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.

Blessing

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.*