

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 instruments of peace. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 72:1-13 *Deus, iudicium*

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

His foes shall bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
And the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

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.

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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

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Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Holy and life-giving God: Send your reconciling Spirit among us. Live and move and have being in every human heart. Work among us – crumbling the barriers that divide us, stemming the violence that pervades our country and our world, bringing an end to the hatreds and hostilities that break your loving purpose. Heal our brokenness, O God, that we may live in harmony as one people.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creating God: You made us in your own image; you made us for peace. And yet too often we choose to live in ways that destroy the very humanity you intend for us. Call forth in us that which is of you. Grant us the courage and perseverance to embody your peaceful ways in ourselves and in our relationships with one another.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Mothering God: You gather the suffering in your loving embrace. Come and dwell with those who have lost loved ones to the violence of our world. Comfort them in every affliction. With tenderness, console them in the hours of their need. In your compassion, and by your mercy, heal their torn hearts and lives, and restore them to fullness of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Discerning God: You know our hearts, and from you no secrets are hidden. You know the impulse to anger that lies within us and the urge to strike out. Call us to recognize all within us that would break your people. Lead us away from anger towards a deeper love. Strengthen our resolve to live as your compassion, your peace, and your reconciling love in all that we say and in all that we do.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of our redemption: our cities and our streets have become places of war and violence. Our schools and our homes have moved from being places of safety and sustenance to being places of fear and anxiety. Let us not be silent. Create in us such a desire for civility, such a longing for peace, such a love for our neighbor that we will not be stopped in our efforts to restore our neighborhoods, our towns, and our world. Raise up among your faithful people a common desire to redeem all you have entrusted to us. Make us bold for peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God: you love every person that you have made and call us to do the same. Give us the wisdom and grace to be close to all who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or relationship. Give us the courage to be present to those who live in isolation; to comfort those whom no one comforts; to see those whose pain we would rather not see. Give us ministering hearts and healing hands. Turn our lives and the lives of our churches and communities to seek those who need to see your love in our eyes.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace: you challenge us to pray and to work for peace. Give courage to those who seek your purposes. Stand with those who struggle to reduce violence and to end war, who work to protect the lives of every person. Uphold them in their work by your grace, that we may be known as people of peace, as lovers of justice.

Lord, in your mercy,

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 Isaiah (60:1-6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**