

Prayer Vigil for Peace

Fridays at 6:00 pm



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You are invited to stand.

Almighty God, who through your prophets foretold a day when swords will be beaten into plowshares and who in Jesus Christ made peace through his life, death, and resurrection: pour out your Spirit on all people so that we may be delivered from hate, hostility, and self-seeking, and find our peace in your will. Guide those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, and guide us, to seek you, so that in tranquility your kingdom may come and your love may be lived out in our lives. In your mercy, make us instruments of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**For himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.**

Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;

**When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.**

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;

**On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and harken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.

**Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.**

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.

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

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

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Let us pray for the church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

Hear our prayers for the church.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, culture, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

Hear our prayers for the world.

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: for the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

Hear our prayers for the earth.

God of peace, we pray for this community: for our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

Hear our prayers for this community.

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; for those killed in war and violence; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

Hear our prayers for those who have died.

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 Micah (4:1-5)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

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 the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**