

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 hold fast to what is good. 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 85:7-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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

Sung first by the Cantor, then by all.



Na-da te tur-be, na-da te es-pan-te: quien a Dios tie-ne na-da le fal-ta.

Na-da te tur-be, na-da te es-pan-te: só-lo Dios ba-sta.

Translation

Let nothing worry or upset you:
whoever has God needs fear nothing.
Let nothing worry or upset you:
God alone is enough.

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God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, to strive for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being. Let us pray for the grace to fulfill these promises.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for an end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and respect all people as precious children of God; that all forms of discrimination will be banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the aged, and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care, and that all who suffer may feel your loving embrace.

God of comfort and healing,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died; for those who have died as a result of violence, war, disease, or famine; for those who have died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

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 Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:12-15)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, to everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Live without fear; your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**