

Prayers for Peace

Litany for Peace:

God the Father,
have mercy on us.
God the Son,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.
Holy and blessed Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.
In these days of trouble, fear and sorrow,
have mercy on us.
In our despair at the violence that seems
to fill the world,
have mercy on us.
In the pain of lost life and shattered
hopes,
have mercy on us.
In our grieving for those who have died,
have mercy on us.
In our compassion for all who are
bereaved,
have mercy on us.

From the history of violence that
corrupts every society and our own:
O Lord, deliver us.
From the greed and injustice that divide
the world into rich and poor:
O Lord, deliver us.
From the urge for revenge that adds to
the cycle of violence:
O Lord, deliver us.
From the fear that grows into hatred for
people who are different:
O Lord, deliver us.
From being too quick to attribute blame
and demand retribution:
O Lord, deliver us.

From believing ourselves safe through
anything other than your grace:
O Lord, deliver us.
From dying suddenly and unprepared:
O Lord, deliver us.
From those who plan and carry out acts
of violence:
O Lord, deliver us.

For the victims of war and terrorism
everywhere on earth:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who live in fear, and for refugees
from violent regimes:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the people of Ukraine, that they
may be granted peace once more:
Lord hear our prayer.
For the people of Israel and Palestine,
that they may find a way to live together
in harmony:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For rescue workers and medical teams
treating those injured in conflict zones:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For aid agencies and their workers,
responding with practical care in
dangerous places:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the leaders of all the nations, looking
for ways to work together beyond fear
and suspicion:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For people of goodwill, responding
generously
to the needs of suffering communities:
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who have friends and family
involved in areas of conflict and disaster:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For communities that are terrified by missiles, snipers, vigilantes or death squads:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the vulnerable and defenceless in conflict zones, for the children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father
who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it was in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

We pray together:

○ Prince of Peace,
once more we hear the guns of war,
once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the peoples of Ukraine,
that they may be granted peace.

We pray for the people of Russia,
that they may demand peace.

We pray for the peoples of the Holy Land,
that they may find a just settlement that leads to lasting peace.

We pray for our country,
that we may always be a positive part
of peacemaking in this world.

O Prince of Peace,
lead us from this dark time
to a deeper understanding
of the global human family,
so all may break bread together
in the secure embrace of peace.

AMEN

Holy Michael, the archangel and patron of Ukraine, pray for your people and give them hope.

St Andrew, patron of Russia, pray for your people and for the conversion of the hearts of Russia's leaders so intent on bringing conflict and misery.

St Anthony of Padua, patron and custodian of the Holy Land, pray for the peoples who live in the land of our Saviour's birth.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us all.