

Prayers for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be

banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!
Amen.

*Pope Francis
Vatican Gardens
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Last Sunday 20 July 2014, Pope Francis called on all the faithful to pray for the Christians fleeing the Iraqi city of Mosul, and to "persevere in prayer for those situations of tension and conflict that continue in different parts of the world, especially in the Middle East and in the Ukraine."

Might you attach the prayers overleaf to your fridge door during these weeks?

Remember a prayer for neighbours of other faith traditions who are sheltering their Christian friends during these dark days in Iraq, Syria and the Middle East.

Please encourage your children and godchildren, parents and godparents to pray for those who do not enjoy religious freedom, a good night's sleep or the comforts which we take for granted.

Fáilte an Aingil um nóin ar son an Mhéan Oirthir

Déan gléas chun síochána id lámh díom, a Thiarna
San áit a bhfuil fuath go gcuire mé grá

... san áit a bhfuil dochar déanta, go gcuire mé pardún

... san áit a bhfuil amhras, go gcuire mé creideamh

... san áit a bhfuil éadóchas, go gcuire mé dóchas;

... san áit a bhfuil dorchadas, go gcuire mé solas

... san áit in a bhfuil brón, go gcuire mé lúcháir

A Mháistir Dhiaga, deonaigh nach n'iarraim chomh mór

... sólas a fháil, seachas sólas a thabhairt,

... a bheith tuigte, seachas tuiscint a bheit agam,

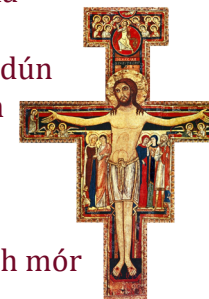
... grá a fháil, seachas grá a thabhairt

Óir is ó bheith ag tabhairt a fhaighimid

... is ó phardún a thabhairt a fhaighimid pardún

... agus is trí bhás a fháil a théimid i seilbh na beatha síoraí.

N. Phroinsias Assisi



Fáilte an Aingil um Thráthóna ar son Críostaithe faoi chois

Go dtuga an Tiarna a thacaíocht dúinn

ó eirí go luí na gréine,

go dtí go sínfidh scáilí

agus go dtiocfaidh an tráthnóna,

go dtitfidh an saol cruógach faoi chiúnas,

go mbeidh fiabhras an tsaoil curtha dinn againn,

agus ár gcuid oibre déanta.

Ansin, trína thrócaire, go dtuga Sé

dídean shábhailte dúinn, scíth naofa,

agus síocháin ar deireadh.

JH Cairdinéal Newman Beannaithe

Paidir istoíche do Theaglaigh

A Dhia, a Athair, gabhaim buíochas ó chroí
as do ghrá dom inniu

is buíochas as mo chlann

agus as mo chairde go léir.

Cumhdaigh do mhuintir atá ag fulaingt anocht

agus deonaigh suaimhneas dóibhsan

atá faoi shíor-bhuairt.

