

PRAYERS FOR PEACE 2022

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!
Amen.

A CAFOD prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice

become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Peace Prayer 2021

O God of the expanse, whose love stretches beyond even the farthest distance we can imagine:
Amid a season of darkness, we can catch now—out of the corner of our eye—the light of your hope on the horizon.
Grant us, we pray, the courage and humility to serve as mirrors of that light: diverting and reflecting it into the darkest corners of our humanity. May our light shine a path of compassion for our brothers and sisters in need, that we might serve them concretely and practically.
O God, may the light of your hope on the horizon lead us to your peace, and may we never yield to the temptation of the darkness of disregard.
Through Christ, our Lord, we pray
Amen.

Taken from Pope Francis's "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace" 2021

Shalom, Peace, Salaam - Extract from Prayer for Peace by Pope Francis

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.

Prayer Against War

All powerful God,

We offer this prayer against war.

We specifically pray for (name of country, ethnic group or region) e.g. *the Congo, Central African Republic, Turkey/Iraq/Syria, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Ukraine ...*

We pray your strength, guidance and intervention to end war

Expose all evil intents and strategies

Protect all in harm's way

Raise up heroes, champions of rights and peacemakers

Protect all soldiers from physical, mental and emotional harm

Strengthen resolve to respect the value and dignity of human life

Defeat all selfish ambition, thirst for domination and greed for the resources of others.

Protect us from feuds, political fights, lies, revenge and rage

Grow respect for all people and help us see them as your precious children

Give us courage when we must resist and fight

And success when we take a stand

May we aid those engaged in strife

And provide nurture and care for refugees of war

Rebuild that which is destroyed

And bring new life to the trampled fields

We pray for the coming time when you promise that war will cease and swords will be beaten into plowshares.

Arm us with prayer and love

Until the peace of God reigns forever on earth. Amen.

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