

Prayers and Intercessions for Peace

Adapted from the Mass for the Progress of Peoples

Let us pray.

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples
and willed to gather from them one family for yourself,
fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love
and kindle in them a desire
for the just advancement of their neighbour,
that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all,
each human person may be brought to perfection,
every division may be removed,
and equity and justice may be established in human society.

We ask this in your name,

Amen.

Adapted from the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice

Let us pray.

O God, who have revealed
that peacemakers are to be called your children,
grant, we pray,
that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice
which alone ensures true and lasting peace.

We ask this in your name,

Amen.

or

Let us pray.

O God, who show a father's care for all,
grant, in your mercy,
that the members of the human race,
to whom you have given a single origin,
may form in peace a single family
and always be united by a fraternal spirit.

We ask this in your name,

Amen

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- For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace,
let us pray:
- For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture,
let us pray:
- For the wisdom to receive the stories and experiences of those different from ourselves and to respond with respect,
let us pray:
- For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behaviour,
let us pray:
- For healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism,
let us pray:
- For the protection of all peacekeepers and aid agency workers who work at the frontline of places affected by war and violence,
let us pray: