

Join us on Fridays throughout this year as we...

## PRAY FOR PEACE

Almighty, all-merciful God,  
through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another,  
to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies.

In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,  
so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.

Help us to see each person in the light of the love and  
grace you have shown us in Christ.

Put away the nightmares of terror and  
awaken us to the dawning of your new creation.

Establish among us a future where peace reigns,  
justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.

We ask these things in the name  
and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Prayers for Times of National and International Crisis and Tragedy)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give  
you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace  
and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

*(from the Roman Missal)*

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.

*(from St. Francis of Assisi)*

