



PRAYER FOR PEACE

based on texts by St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI

God of our fathers, great and merciful! Lord of life and peace, Father of all people, You will peace and not distress.

Denounce wars and cast down the pride of the violent. You sent your Son Jesus Christ, so that He could preach peace to those near and far, and reunite into one family people of all races and generations. Kneeling down before Thy Holy Eucharistic Countenance, through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, we implore you, O Lord:

For peace for the whole world, which, the more it strays away from You, the more it plunges into panic and uncertainty of tomorrow, for human life to be respected by all from the moment of its conception until its natural death, for peace, which is needed so much for our families, so that they may remain in unity and love, for our societies and countries, so that they could develop on the foundation of truth and goodness, for the Holy Church, so that "the wolves" would not be able to menace God's sheepfold. May Your Love kindle in us the flame of zeal, so that we become instruments of Your peace in the world, which is still torn by hatred, divisions, egoism, and wars. Speak to the hearts of those responsible for the fate of the nations. Destroy the logic of retaliation and revenge in the daily life, and inspire by the Holy Spirit new generous and noble solutions, both in the dialogue and patient awaiting in the total trust in You.

Mary, Queen of Peace, support us in this fervor and pray for us! Amen.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE QUEEN OF PEACE

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you shared in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed him King of peace.

With loving fervor in our hearts we salute and honor you as Queen of peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other leaders as they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love.

Amen.



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Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us!

God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us!

Holy Mary, Virgin Mother of God, *Pray for us!*
Mary, the first Tabernacle of the Most Holy Body of Jesus Christ,
Mary, listening to and keeping in Her Heart the Word of God,
Mary, remaining at the Cross,
Mary, Mother of God's Mercy,
Mother of unborn children,
Mother of those persecuted for faith,
Mother of divided nations,
Mother of nations gripped by warfare,
Mother of those who fear for their lives,
Mother of the refugees without shelter,
Mother of those who lack water and bread,
Mother of the unemployed,
Mother of those overwhelmed by greed,
Mother of those who are lost in the Internet,
Mother of the sick and suffering,
Mother of the lonely and abandoned,
Mother of the despised and discriminated,
Mother of the lost and disappointed,
Mother of the rebellious and embittered,
Mother of the abused and intimidated,
Mother of those without hope,
Mother of those who weep silently,
Queen of Peace, surrounded by the crown of twelve stars,
Queen of Peace, clothed in the mantle of shining stars,
Queen of Peace, who for us obtain graces from God,

Queen of Peace, carrying hope,
Queen of Peace, teaching perseverance in prayer,
Queen of Peace, opening our hearts to forgiveness,
Queen of Peace, soothing unhealed wounds,
Queen of Peace, reconciling families,
Queen of Peace, extinguishing conflicts,
Queen of Peace, undoing knots,
Queen of Peace, whispering good and comforting words,
Queen of Peace, consoling the distraught,
Queen of Peace, inspiring our hearts,
Queen of Peace, example of patience and gentleness,
Queen of Peace, showing the way home,
Queen of Peace, looking for lost children,
Queen of Peace, taking upon herself her children's suffering,
Queen of Peace, smiling at her children,
Queen of Peace, solace of the souls in purgatory,
Queen of Peace, whose eyes are wise and understanding,
Queen of Peace, whose heart is gentle,
Queen of Peace, whose hands are open,
Queen of Peace, loving unconditionally,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Grant us peace.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Grant, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants by the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God and Queen of Peace, may each day be apostles of peace of Your Son in our hearts, families and the whole world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.