

Introduce Prayer for Peace during Homily (or at other time during Mass):

During his Easter message, Pope Leo invites all this weekend to join him in praying for peace in the world. In response, we will have a short prayer for peace after Mass today, asking for Our Lady's intercession for peace, praying with Pope Leo and invoking peace in our own lives.

Prayers to be included in the Prayer of the Faithful

For nations engaged in conflict, especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, that hostilities may cease and genuine paths to reconciliation may be opened. Lord, hear us.

For all who suffer because of war – those who have lost loved ones, those displaced from their homes, and those living in fear – that they may find protection, consolation and hope. Lord, hear us.

Queen of Martyrs,	Pray for us
Queen of Confessors,	Pray for us
Queen of Virgins,	Pray for us
Queen of all Saints,	Pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin,	Pray for us
Queen assumed into Heaven,	Pray for us
Queen of the most Holy Rosary,	Pray for us
Queen of families,	Pray for us
Queen of peace.	Pray for us

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,	Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
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LEADER: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants,
may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body;
and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
may be delivered from present sorrow,
and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LEADER: We now pray together a prayer released as part of Pope Leo's prayer intentions for August 2025, seeking peace in our world:

**Jesus, Lord of our history,
Faithful companion and living presence,
You who never tire of coming to meet us,
Here we are, in need of Your peace.**

**We live in times of fear and division.
Sometimes we act as if we were alone,
Building walls that separate us from one another,
Forgetting that we are brothers and sisters.**

**Send us Your Spirit, Lord,
To rekindle within us
The desire to understand one another, to listen,
To live together with respect and compassion.**

**Give us the courage to seek paths of dialogue,
To respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity,
To open our hearts to others without fear of differences.**

**Make us builders of bridges,
Able to overcome borders and ideologies,
Able to see others through the eyes of the heart,
Recognising in every person an inviolable dignity.**

**Help us create spaces where hope can flourish,
Where diversity is not a threat
But a richness that makes us more human.
Amen.**

LEADER: We conclude our short time of prayer with St Francis' well-known invitation for each of us to be channels of God's peace in our world.

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **AMEN.**