



## LOCAL RESOURCES FOR PRAYING FOR PEACE

The following are suggestions to help your own local efforts in praying for peace in all areas of the world.

### VATICAN RESOURCES

- Pope Francis, Prayer for Peace, 8 June 2014
  - [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco\\_pregchiere\\_20140608\\_invocazione-pace.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco_pregchiere_20140608_invocazione-pace.html)
- Pope Francis, Angelus, 20 July 2014
  - [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2014/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20140720.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2014/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20140720.html)
- Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention for August
  - That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights

### USCCB RESOURCES

- Letter from Archbishop Kurtz Urging Solidarity with Pope and Action for Peace
  - <http://www.usccb.org/about/international-justice-and-peace/letter-to-us-bishops-from-archbishop-kurtz-urging-solidarity-with-pope-action-for-peace-2014-07-22.cfm>
- Various Prayers for Peace
  - <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-for-peace.cfm>
- Holy Hour for Peace
  - <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/adoration/holy-hour-for-peace.cfm>
- Prayer for the People of Syria
  - <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-for-peace-in-syria.cfm>

### SUGGESTIONS AT THE PARISH LEVEL

- Include an intercession in the Prayer of the Faithful for peace
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Sunday for peace
- Holy Hour or day of adoration for the intention of peace

- Include prayers for peace in other parish/school activities
- Encourage acts of sacrifice and penance (such as fasting and abstinence) for the intention of peace

#### **MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS**

- May be celebrated on weekdays in Ordinary Time (ferial days – V<sup>3</sup> in the *ordo*), in place of optional Memorials (V<sup>3</sup>), and in place of obligatory Memorials (V<sup>2</sup>) when genuinely necessary.
- For Persecuted Christians
  - Roman Missal (RM): Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (MPVNO) #19
  - Lectionary for Mass (LM) #877-881
- For the Preservation of Peace and Justice
  - RM: MPVNO #30
  - LM #887-891
- In Time of War or Civil Disturbance
  - RM: MPVNO #31
  - LM #897-901 or #887-891
- For Refugees and Exiles
  - RM: MPVNO #32
  - LM #927-931

#### **SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS FOR PEACE**

- For peace in all situations of tension and conflict in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the numerous situations of violence in the world that cry out for justice; may the God of peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
- We pray for peace and in support of diplomatic efforts aimed at dialogue and reconciliation; that together we might help open our world to God's gift of peace, a peace that the world cannot give, let us pray to the Lord.
- That we may be filled with the spirit of love; that we may work effectively to establish among all Christ's farewell gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the strength to overcome war and violence, let us pray to the Lord.
- For Christians and all people of good will, may they never lose hope in the possibility of peace, let us pray to the Lord.