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
- Pope Francis, Angelus, 20 July 2014
- 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
- Various Prayers for Peace
- Holy Hour for Peace
- Prayer for the People of Syria

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\(^3\) in the *ordo*), in place of optional Memorials (*V\(^3\)*), and in place of obligatory Memorials (*V\(^2\)*) 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.