Prayer for Peace

August 14,

Day of Prayer and Fasting

Mary, Mother of Peace,
in this time wounded by war,
we entrust to you all peoples torn apart by hatred,
all families divided, all hearts broken by violence.
You who held sorrow in silence,
teach us how to keep watch,
not to look away,
to remain close to those who suffer,
to pray even when words are no longer enough.

Lord Jesus, grant peace to our world,
not the peace imposed by force,
but the peace born of justice,
of forgiveness, of truth, of love.
Make us instruments of your peace:
hands that lift up,
voices that console,
hearts that open wide.
We pray for women and children who are victims of war,
for migrants on the run, for those imprisoned by fear.
We pray for those who have lost hope,
and for those who continue to sow hatred.
May our fasting become solidarity,
may our prayer become action,
may our silence give voice to the voiceless.

Mary, Queen of Peace,
intercede for us,
so that in every corner of the earth
the light of the Gospel may shine again.
Amen.

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