



Novena of Peace

(in response to the Holy Father's call to pray for peace)

Opening Prayer (each day)

Lord God,
you are the source of peace and the creator of every human heart.
In a world wounded by division and violence,
we turn to you with trust and hope.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our world.
Heal what is broken, reconcile what is divided,
and guide the hearts of all people in the ways of justice and peace.

As we pray this novena,
make us instruments of your peace
so that your kingdom of justice, love, and harmony
may grow among all nations.

We offer these prayers in union with the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,
entrusting our world to your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Day 1 – Peace in Our Hearts

Scripture (NJB)

“Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give; this is my gift to you.”
— John 14:27

Intention

That Christ may bring his peace into our hearts, freeing us from fear, anger, and anxiety so that we may become bearers of peace to others.

Day 2 – Peacemakers

Scripture (NJB)

“How blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be recognised as children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

Intention

For all who work tirelessly for peace in communities that are affected by war and uncertainty. That God may strengthen their courage and guide their efforts for an ever-lasting peace.

Day 3 – Leaders of Nations

Scripture (NJB)

“First of all there should be prayers offered for everyone — petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving — and especially for kings and others in authority.” — 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Intention

For political leaders and those in authority, that they may govern with wisdom, justice, integrity, and a sincere desire for peace.

Day 4 – Victims of War and Violence

Scripture (NJB)

“Yahweh is near to the broken-hearted, he helps those whose spirit is crushed.” — Psalm 34:18

Intention

For all who suffer because of war, violence, displacement, or injustice, that they may find comfort, protection, and hope.

Day 5 – Reconciliation Between Peoples

Scripture (NJB)

“For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart.” — Ephesians 2:14

Intention

That divisions among nations, cultures, and communities may be healed through forgiveness, dialogue, and mutual understanding.

Day 6 – The Church as an Instrument of Peace

Scripture (NJB)

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” — 2 Corinthians 5:18

Intention

That the Church throughout the world may be a faithful witness to Christ’s peace and a sign of unity among all people.

Day 7 – Justice as the Foundation of Peace

Scripture (NJB)

“The effect of uprightness will be peace, and the result of uprightness, tranquillity and security forever.” — Isaiah 32:17

Intention

That societies may pursue justice, protect the vulnerable, and uphold the dignity of every person.

Day 8 – Conversion from Violence

Scripture (NJB)

“They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation.” — Isaiah 2:4

Intention

For the conversion of hearts, that hatred, revenge, and violence may give way to forgiveness and compassion.

Day 9 – Peace for the Whole World

Scripture (NJB)

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours.” — Luke 2:14

Intention

That God may grant a lasting and just peace among all nations and peoples.

Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father (each day)

Let us pray for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

Our Father

Hail Mary X 3

Glory Be

Litany of Peace

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, you said, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Mt 5:9 NJB)

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, who reconciles all things to God by your blood, bring peace to our hearts. (Col 1:20 NJB)

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and charity, heal the conflicts within us. (Jn 14:17 NJB)

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: God of mercy, you draw near to the broken hearted; make us instruments of your peace. (Ps 34:18 [NJB])

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of our homes, that love and forgiveness conquer anger and bitterness. (Eph 4:31–32 NJB)

All: Grant us your peace.

Leader: For families torn by conflict, that wounds be healed and reconciliation restored. (Col 3:13 NJB)

All: Grant us your peace.

Leader: For our communities, that charity and justice replace suspicion and violence. (Mic 6:8 NJB)

All: Grant us your peace.

Leader: For our nation, that leaders pursue the common good and the rights of the weak. (Prov 31:8–9 NJB)

All: Grant us your peace.

Leader: For the peoples of the world, that nations lay down their swords and learn war no more. (Isa 2:4 NJB)

All: Grant us your peace.

Leader: For all innocent people caught in war and violence, that God shelter them and move hearts to mercy. (Ps 46:1–3 [45:2–4 in some editions] NJB)

All: Deliver them, O Lord.

Leader: For refugees and the displaced, that we welcome them as Christ welcomed the stranger. (Mt 25:35 NJB)

All: Deliver them, O Lord.

Leader: For victims of racism and systems of prejudice, that justice and dignity be restored. (Gal 3:28 NJB)

All: Deliver them, O Lord.

Leader: For victims of femicide and gender-based violence, and for an end to cultures that devalue women, that God bring justice and protection. (Sirach 4:10; cf. Amos 5:24 NJB)

All: Deliver them, O Lord.

Leader: For children abused or exploited, and for an end to crimes against the young, that God defend the helpless. (Mt 18:6; Ps 82:3–4 NJB)

All: Deliver them, O Lord.

Leader: For those who perpetrate harm—bring conversion, repentance, and accountability. (2 Cor 5:18–19 NJB)

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace of mind for those living with fear, trauma, or hatred, that Christ's peace guard their hearts. (Phil 4:6–7 NJB)

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For true reconciliation between peoples of different races, cultures, and backgrounds, that we recognise one human family in Christ. (Acts 10:34–35; Gal 3:28 NJB)

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For justice in courts, schools, and homes, that truth and mercy prevail. (Amos 5:24 NJB)

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church, that she be a sign and instrument of peace and service to the suffering. (Lk 4:18–19 NJB)

All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Leader: Mary, Mother of God and Mother of Mercy, who stood beside the Cross, pray for peace for all who suffer.

All: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Leader: St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, protect families and all who work for peace.

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy angels and saints, intercede for peace in our hearts and in the world.

All: Pray for us.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 3, Glory Be

Concluding Prayer (Leader): Almighty and merciful God, you are the refuge of the poor and the helper of the oppressed. Hear our prayers for peace in our hearts, homes, communities, nation, and world. Comfort those afflicted by war, racism, violence against women, and crimes against children. Convert hearts of violence, strengthen the hands of those who serve the vulnerable, and bring justice tempered with mercy. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our lives in Christ Jesus. Amen. (Phil 4:7 NJB)