

## A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God,  
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and Father of all peoples,  
Who in the cross of Your Son  
and through the gift of His own life,  
at great cost You wished to destroy  
the wall of enmity and hostility  
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:  
Send into our hearts  
the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
that He may purify us from every feeling  
of violence, hatred and revenge,  
enlighten us to understand  
the irrepressible dignity  
of every human person,  
and inflame us to the point of consumption  
for a peaceful and reconciled world  
in truth and justice,  
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,  
in Your hands are the hopes of men and women  
and the rights of every people:  
Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us,  
so that, with Your help,  
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor  
and of those who suffer the consequences  
of violence and war;  
may they promote the common good and lasting peace  
in our region  
and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,  
obtain the gift of peace  
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you  
and for the whole world. Amen.

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