

Rosary for Peace



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“For two weeks now, the peoples of the Middle East have been suffering the horrific violence of war. Thousands of innocent people have been killed, and countless others have been forced to flee their homes. I renew my prayerful closeness to all who have lost loved ones in the attacks, which have struck schools, hospitals and residential areas.

On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East, and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting”.

Opening hymn: Ave, maris stella

Hymn. 1. **A**-ve má-ris stélla, Dé-i Má-ter álma, Atque
semper Vírgo, Fé-lix caéli pórtá. 2. Súmens íllud
Ave Gabri-é-lis ó-re, Fúnda nos in páce,
Mú-tans Hévae nómen. 3. Sólvé víncla ré-is, Pró-fer
lúmen caécis : Má-la nóstra pélle, Bóna cúncta pó-
sce. 4. Mónstra tē esse má-trem : Súmat per te pré-ces,
Qui pro nóbis ná-tus, Tú-lit esse tú-us. 5. Vírgo singu-
lá-ris, Inter ómnes mí-tis, Nos cúlpi-s so-lú-tos,
Mí-tes fac et cástos. 6. Ví-tam praésta púram, I-ter pá-
ra tú-tum : Ut vidéntes Jésum, Semper collaetémur.
7. Sit laus Dé-o Pátri, Súmmo Chrísto dé-cus, Spi-ri-
tu-i Sáncto, hónor tríbusúnus. Amen.

GREETING

C. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P. **Amen.**

C. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P. **And with your spirit.**

INTRODUCTION

***From the Letter “Rosarium Virginis Mariae”
by Pope John Paul II (6.40.)***

The Rosary has many times been proposed by my predecessors and myself as a prayer for peace. [...] to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who “is our peace”, since he made “the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian.

First mystery: The Annunciation and the Nativity of Jesus

From the Gospel according to Luke 1:30-33

«Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus».

Prayer Intention

For all families suffering from war: for children innocent victims, for mothers and fathers who feel powerless to protect their children.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be (sung)

Second mystery: Jesus announces the Kingdom of God

From the Gospel according to Matthew 5:3-12

«Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven».

Prayer Intention

For all those who find themselves suffering the consequences of the war; and for the leaders of the nations and for all people so that they may open themselves to the evangelical mentality of the beatitudes: to meekness, to mercy, to action for justice and for peace.

Third mystery: Jesus on the Cross Reconciles Humanity

From the Letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians 2:14-18

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.

Prayer intention

For all peoples at war, that they may overcome hostilities, political and economic divisions, as well as those based on race, nation, and religion, thus opening themselves to that global and universal reconciliation for which Jesus paid the price of his own life.

Fourth mystery: The Risen Jesus gives peace

From the Gospel according to John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Prayer intention

For the Church and for each Christian, that we may become aware of having received peace and reconciliation as the first gift of the Risen One. For the religious and civil leaders may work for reconciliation and peace among peoples.

Fifth mystery: Mary is crowned Queen of Peace

From the Book of Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.


Prayer intention

We ask Mary, Queen of Peace, image of the Church and of our new humanity, to intercede for the reconciliation of all human race, but above all for the peoples who live in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.

Salve Regina (sung)

V

S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li-i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde. O cle-mens:
O pi-a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí-a.



Litany of Our Lady of Loreto

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father in heaven, **R. *Have mercy on us.***
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **R.**
God the Holy Spirit, **R.**
Holy Trinity, one God, **R.**

Holy Mary, **R. *pray for us.***
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Beloved Spouse of the righteous Joseph,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of Mercy,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother of Hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,

*Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Solace of Migrants,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Prayer for Peace

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ
and Father of all humanity,
who, through the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His very life
You chose, at great cost, to tear down
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
pour into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
so that He may cleanse us from every feeling
of violence, hatred, and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the inalienable dignity
of every human person,
and may He inflame us until we are consumed
for a world at peace and reconciled
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of all people
and the rights of every people:
guide with Your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they may become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote in our region

and throughout the world
the common good and lasting peace.

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

Final Blessing

S: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

S: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R. **Amen.**

S: May He make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

R. **Amen.**

S: May he look upon you with kindness, and give you his peace.

R. **Amen.**

S: May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you always.

R. **Amen.**

S: Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Final hymn: Sub tuum praesidium

Ant.
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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music with Latin lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a large 'S' and the word 'UB'. The lyrics are: 'UB tu-um prae-si-di-um confu-gimus, *
sancta De-i Gé-nitrix: nostras depre-ca-ti-ones ne
despi-ci-as in ne-cessi-tá-ti-bus: sed a pe-rí-cu-lis
cunctis lí-be-ra nos sem-per, Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa
et be- ne-dí-cta.

SUB tu-um prae-si-di-um confu-gimus, *
sancta De-i Gé-nitrix: nostras depre-ca-ti-ones ne
despi-ci-as in ne-cessi-tá-ti-bus: sed a pe-rí-cu-lis
cunctis lí-be-ra nos sem-per, Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa
et be- ne-dí-cta.

