



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DROPPING OF THE ATOMIC BOMBS ON JAPAN

Our response is: “God of Peace, hear us.”

This week, as we remember the 75th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, may people all over the world renew their commitment to working for a world free of nuclear weapons.

We pray to the Lord: “God of Peace, hear us.”

For national and world leaders, that they may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms race and to working together to find peaceful solutions for conflicts between nations.

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For an end to war, poverty, racism, abortion, executions, torture, and every other form of direct, structural, and cultural violence.

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For the hibakusha and all victims of nuclear testing and accidents, may their testimony shape our conscience in the nuclear age, so that humanity may rise up in the face of every desire for dominance and destruction.

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For Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities, whose civil rights and right to life are particularly threatened by the rise of nuclear weapons.

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For those who are sick, those who have died, and those who are not receiving adequate food, health care, housing, education, or transportation because of the billions of dollars spent on nuclear modernization.

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For the corporations, banks, and universities that profit from the military-industrial complex yet close their eyes to what is happening around them, may they experience a sincere conversion of heart.

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For the prophets who have gone before us in condemning nuclear arms, including Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, George Zabelka, Archbishop Hunthausen, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Daniel Berrigan, Pope Francis, the Kings Bay Plowshares Seven, and Tom Webb.

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For the Church, that she might be a global community of Gospel nonviolence and support nonviolent campaigns for justice and peace.

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(Presider) Let us in noble silence (maybe 30 seconds or a minute), simply be with one another, embracing one another intentions while bringing them into the Heart of the One who is Love. (long pause)

AMEN!