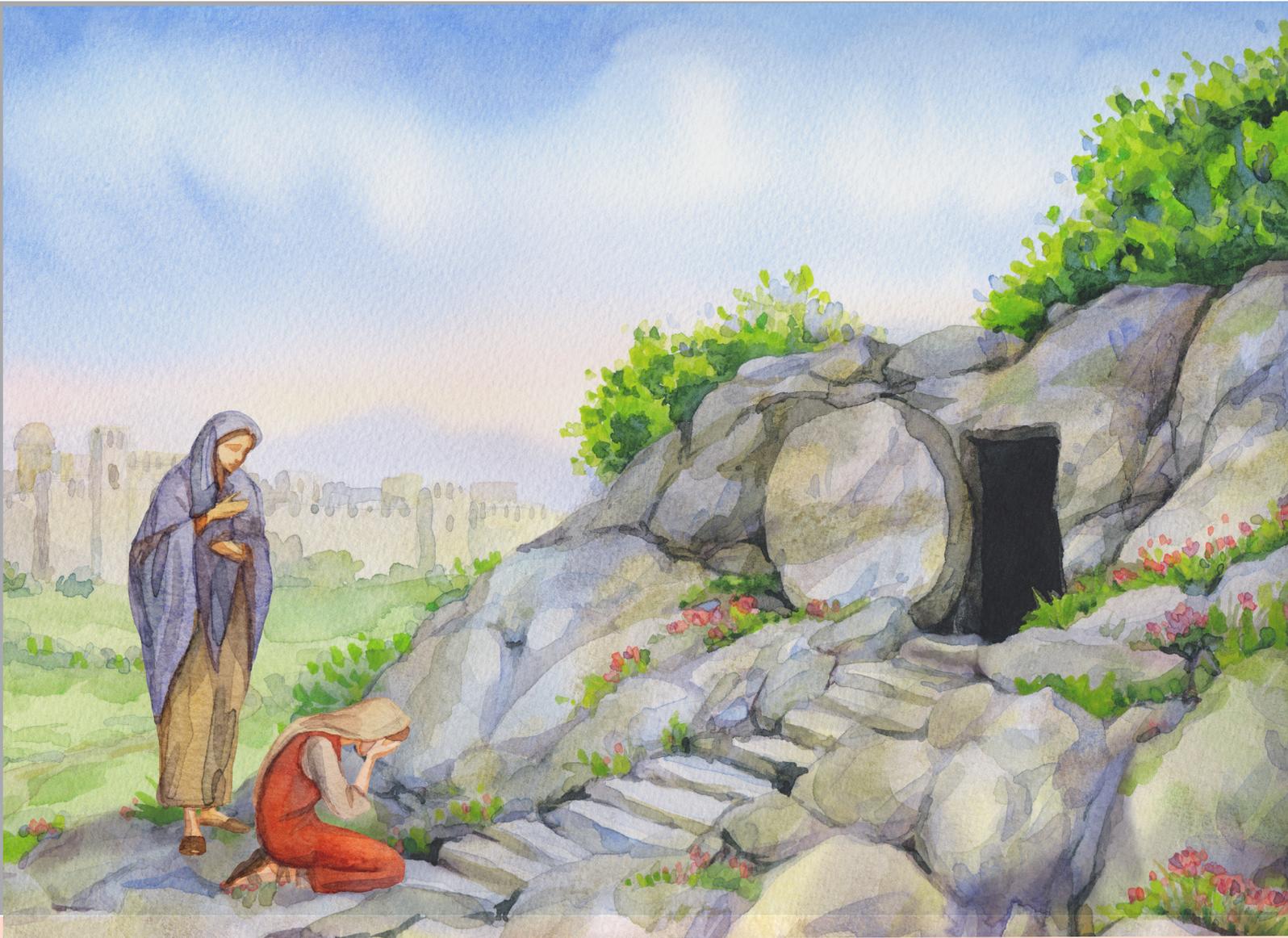


# 40 hours

*40 hours of prayer for peace and healing in the world*



The Confraternity of Eucharistic Adoration for Life ( CEAL)

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Dedication: Peace and Healing in the World  
Beginning Monday March 15, 2021 6:00 am EDT  
Ending Tuesday March 16, 2020 10:00 pm EDT



*CEAL is an association of lay faithful, clergy and religious from different parishes and institutes. CEAL members pray for Life causes during Eucharistic Adoration.*

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*Send forth Thy Spirit*

## 40 Hours of Prayer for Peace and Healing in the World

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**LEADER :** In the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All :** Amen

**LEADER :** O God, come to my  
assistance

**ALL:** O Lord, make haste to help me

**LEADER :** Glory be to the Father, and to  
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

**ALL:** As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be world without end,  
Amen.

# Opening Hymn

## Come Holy Ghost!

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
 And in our hearts take up thy rest  
 Come with thy grace and heavenly aid  
 To fill the hearts which thou hast made  
 To fill the hearts which thou hast made  
 O comforter, to thee we cry  
 O heavenly gift of God most high  
 O font of life and fire of love  
 And sweet anointing from above  
 And sweet anointing from above



## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**LEADER:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy Faithful

**ALL:** And kindle in them the fire of thy Love

**LEADER** Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created

**ALL** And thou shalt renew the face of the earth

**LEADER & ALL:**

Let us pray:

O God who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His Consolation through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

# Scripture Readings and Prayers for Peace

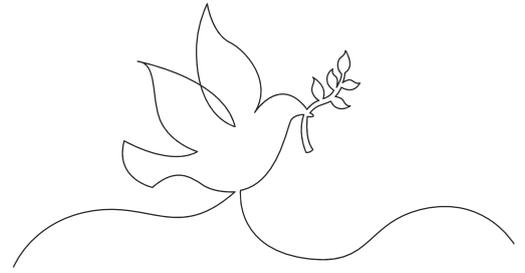
## *The Canticle of Daniel 3: 52-90*

<b>ALL:</b> Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, Praiseworthy and exalted above all for ever And Blessed is your holy and glorious name, Praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages Blessed are you in the temple of your glory, Praiseworthy and glorious above all for ever Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, Praiseworthy and exalted above all for ever. Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the Cherubim Praiseworthy and exalted above all for ever.	Cold and chill, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven Praiseworthy and glorious for ever. Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord Praise and exalt him above all for ever .	Dew and rain, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord Praise and exalt him above all for ever	Frost and chill, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
You heavens, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever	Ice and snow, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
All you waters above the heavens bless the Lord Praise and exalt him above all for ever	Nights and days, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
All you hosts of the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.	Light and darkness, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
Sun and moon, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever	Lightenings and clouds, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever	Let the earth bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever	Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
All you winds, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.	Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever	You springs bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.
	Seas and rivers, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
	You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.
	All you birds of the air, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever
	All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him for ever



You sons of men, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever  
O Israel, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever  
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever  
Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him for ever

Spirits and Souls of the just, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.  
Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.  
Hannah, Azariah, Michael, bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all for ever.  
For he has delivered us from the nether world and saved us from the power of death.  
He has freed us from the raging flame and delivered us from the fire.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. For his Mercy endures for ever.  
Bless the God of gods, all you who fear the Lord.  
Praise him and give him thanks, because his mercy endures for ever.



# Scripture Readings, Meditation and Prayers for Peace

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**LEADER:**

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13: 4-13

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek it's own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury. It does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially, and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present, we see distinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So Faith, Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is Love.

**LEADER:** The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God

**SILENT MEDITATION 2 MINUTES**

*So Faith, Hope and Love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is Love*



PRAYER OF ST. POPE CLEMENT  
OF ROME (35 - 99 AD)

*Come, Lord,  
let your face shine upon us!*

**ALL:** We shall pray without ceasing to the creator of all things, and beg him to preserve the number of his elect throughout the whole world, through his beloved son Jesus Christ, and not let a single one of them fall away. Through him you called us from darkness into light and gave us the knowledge of the glory of your name. He taught us to hope in you, from whom all creation has its being. He opened our eyes so that we would recognize you, most high among the highest, holy and surrounded by holiness. You put an end to the Pride of the arrogant, you frustrate the plans of the gentiles, you raise up the lowly and bring down those who are exalted. You give riches and give Poverty, you dispense both death and life. You succor every spirit, you are the God of all flesh. You behold what is hidden in the depths, you see all that men do. You give help to those in peril and rescue to those without hope. You create all that has breath and watch over it; you multiply the peoples of the earth, and from among them you choose those who love you through Jesus Christ your beloved son, through whom you give us wisdom, holiness and honor.

We beg you, Lord, to be our help and our support. Free us from our troubles; take pity on the lowly; raise up those who have fallen; give help to the poor, health to the sick, and bring home those who have wandered away. Feed the hungry, ransom captives, give strength to the weak, and courage to the faint hearted. Let all peoples come to know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your son, and that we are your people and the sheep of your flock.

For by your acts you made visible the everlasting structure of the Universe and set the earth on its foundations. For all generations you have been faithful and just in your judgements and wonderful in your power and majesty. Wisely, you have created, and wisely, you have kept things in being. All that we see shows your goodness; to all who trust in you, you are faithful, kind, and merciful.

Forgive us our wickednesses and injustices, our sins and our transgressions.

Do not weigh down your servants with the burden of their sins, but purify us and direct the paths we take so that we go forward in purity and innocence of heart, so that all that we do is good and acceptable to you and to those who lead us.

Come, Lord, let your face shine upon us so that we may peacefully enjoy all good things. May your powerful hand be a roof over our heads and may your strength preserve us from all wrongdoing. Free us, Lord, from those who hate us without cause. Give Peace and harmony to us and to all the inhabitants of the earth, as you gave them to our Fathers who called on you with trust and Faith.

You alone can give us these gifts and confer these favors on us. We put our trust in you through Jesus Christ, our high Priest, the guardian of our souls. Through him be glory and majesty to you now and through all generations until the end of time. Amen.

# Prayers for Peace in the World

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PRAYER FOR PEACE  
BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
(1181 - 1226)

**ALL:**

Lord, make me an Instrument of your  
Peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, Pardon;  
Where there is doubt, Faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, Joy.  
O divine master, grant that I may not so  
much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life. Amen

PRAYER FOR PEACE  
BY ST. MOTHER THERESA OF  
CALCUTTA (1910 - 1997)

**ALL:**

Lead me from death to Life,  
From falsehood to Truth.  
Lead me from despair to Hope,  
From Fear to Trust.  
Lead me from Hate to Love,  
From War to Peace.  
Let Peace fill our hearts, our World, our  
Universe.  
Peace Peace Peace.



PRAYER FOR PEACE BY ST. POPE JOHN XXIII  
(1881 - 1963)

**ALL:** Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our Peace and reconciliation,  
Who so often said, “Peace to you”,  
Grant us Peace.  
Make all men and women witnesses of Truth, Justice and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger Peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of Peace.  
May all Peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.  
May longed-for Peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE BY ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II (1920 -2005 )

**ALL:** O God, Creator of the Universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation.

Renew for us the wonders of your mercy: send forth your spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true Peace which will extinguish all arguments, for Charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge. Amen.



All who call upon me I will answer;  
I will be with them in distress

# Scripture Readings, Meditation and Prayers for Healing In the World

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## PSALM 91

### **ALL:**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty' Say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust".

God will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, Will shelter you with pinions, spread wings that you may take refuge, God's faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, Nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, Near you it shall not come.

You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see.

You have the Lord for your refuge; You have made the Most High your stronghold.

No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent.

For God commands the Angels to guard you in all your ways.

With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon.

Whoever clings to me, I will deliver  
Whoever knows my name I will set on high.

All who call upon me I will answer;  
I will be with them in distress;  
I will deliver them and give them honor.  
With length of days I will satisfy them  
And show them my saving power.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

**LEADER:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29- 34

On leaving the Synagogue, he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

**LEADER :** The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL:** Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

**SILENT MEDITATION : 2 MINUTES**



# Prayers for Healing in the World

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## ALL:

PRAYER OF ST. POPE GREGORY THE GREAT  
(540 - 604)

O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore you, hanging on the Cross and wearing the crown of Thorns on your head. I beseech you so that your Cross might free me from the persecuting Angel. Amen.

St. Gregory who led a penitential Procession during the plague , pray for us



PRAYER TO THE FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS  
DURING THE PANDEMIC (1400)

Fourteen Holy Helpers: St. Christopher, St. Giles, St. Dennis, St. Blaise, St. Erasmus, St. Barbara, St. Vitus, St. Pantaleon, St. Cyriacus, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Eustace, St. George, St. Margaret of Antioch, and St. Achatius, who served God in humility and Confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific Vision in Heaven; because thou gained the crown of eternal life.

Remember the dangers that surround us, in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ROCH (1295 - 1327)

O Blessed St. Roch, Patron of the Sick, Have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering.

Your Power was so great when you were in this world,

That by the Sign of the Cross, many plague victims were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less.

Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears And obtain for us that health we seek.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

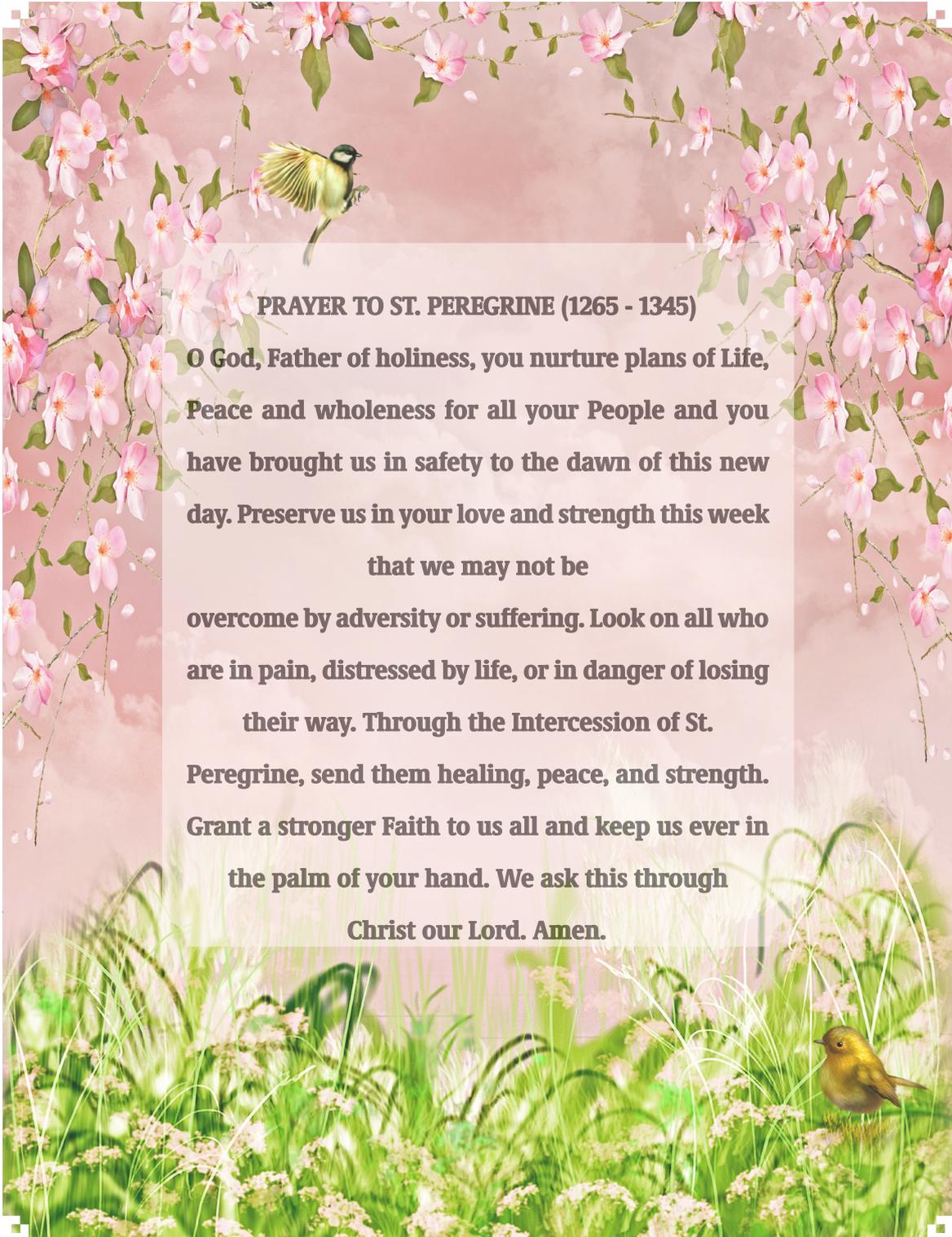


PRAYER TO ST. ROSALIE (1130 - 1166)

O God, our Father, mercifully look upon your People who come to you and grant through the Intercession of St. Rosalie, who turned away from earthly delights to the Joys of Contemplation, that we may be delivered from all harm here on earth and one day be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

St. Rosalie, who protected Palermo, Italy from the Plague, Pray for us. Amen

**SILENT MEDITATION 2 MINUTES**



**PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE (1265 - 1345)**

**O God, Father of holiness, you nurture plans of Life,  
Peace and wholeness for all your People and you  
have brought us in safety to the dawn of this new  
day. Preserve us in your love and strength this week  
that we may not be  
overcome by adversity or suffering. Look on all who  
are in pain, distressed by life, or in danger of losing  
their way. Through the Intercession of St.  
Peregrine, send them healing, peace, and strength.  
Grant a stronger Faith to us all and keep us ever in  
the palm of your hand. We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Peace and Healing In the World

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## **LEADER:**

In the name of the Father and of the son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen

## OPENING PRAYER: ( Optional)

You expired Jesus, but the source of Life  
gushed forth for Souls, and the Ocean of  
Mercy opened up for the whole world. O  
Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelope the whole world and empty your-  
self out upon us.

O Blood and water which gushed forth  
from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of  
Mercy for us, I trust in you! ( Repeat 3 times)

## OUR FATHER:

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed  
be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will  
be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into tempta-  
tion, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## HAIL MARY:

Hail Mary, full of Grace. The Lord is with  
thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Je-  
sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died  
and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
on the third day, He rose again.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy  
Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and Life everlasting. Amen

## FOLLOW THE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY.

### ON EACH OF THE 'OUR FATHER' BEADS PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and  
Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly be-  
loved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in at-  
onement for our sins and those of the  
whole world.

### ON EACH OF THE '10 HAIL MARY' BEADS PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have  
Mercy on us and on the whole world.

### CONCLUDING PRAYER:( Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty one, Holy Immortal  
One, have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.

### CLOSING PRAYER: ( Optional )

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and  
the treasury of Compassion inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us and increase your  
mercy in us, that in difficult moments we  
might not despair nor become despon-  
dent, but with great Confidence submit  
ourselves to your holy Will, which is love  
and mercy itself. Amen.

## **SILENT MEDITATION: 2 MINUTES**



# The Holy Rosary for Peace and Healing

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

**ALL :** Amen

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right and of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body and the Life everlasting. Amen.

**OUR FATHER:**

Our Father who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**HAIL MARY : 3**

**FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY**

Hail Mary, full of Grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

**GLORY BE:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**FATIMA PRAYER:**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in the most need of thy Mercy. Amen.

**THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES:**

( On Monday March 15, 2021)

**1. THE ANNUNCIATION**

(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**2. THE VISITATION**

(One Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

**3. THE NATIVITY**

(One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**4. THE PRESENTATION**

(Our Father, ten Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**5. THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

(One Our Father, ten Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:**

(On Tuesday March 16, 2021)

**1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**

( One Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR**

( One Our Father, ten Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

**3. THE CROWNING OF THORNS**

( One Our Father, ten Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS**

( One Our Father, ten Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer)

**5. THE CRUCIFIXION**

(One Our Father, ten Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima prayer)

**AFTER PRAYING THE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY:**

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN:**

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our Life, our sweetness, and our Hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of Mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**PRAY FOR US O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD THAT WE MAY BE MADE WORTHY OF THE PROMISES OF CHRIST.**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His Life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us rewards of eternal Life. Grant we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Concluding Prayers for Peace and Healing in the World

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### THE MEMORARE

An Ancient Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy Protection, implored thy help, or sought thine Intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this Confidence, I fly unto thee, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee, I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my Petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

( Composed by Pope Leo XIII )

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our Protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil Spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### ANCIENT PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph whose protection is so great,  
so strong, so prompt before the throne of God,  
I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession,  
and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through  
Jesus Christ our Lord so that having engaged here below your heavenly peer,  
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.  
O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;  
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.  
Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me  
and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.  
Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen

## Act Of Consecration of the World

### To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary - by Pope Pius XII

Queen of the Holy Rosary, help of Christians, refuge of the human race, conqueress of all God's battles, we, supplicants, prostrate ourselves here at the foot of Your throne, certain of receiving graces, timely help and protection during the present calamities, not because of our merits, on which we cannot rely, but uniquely by reason of the great goodness of Your maternal heart.

To You, and to Your Immaculate Heart, in this tragic hour of human history, we entrust and consecrate ourselves, not only in union with the Holy Church – the Mystical Body of Your Son Jesus – which suffers and sheds its blood, prey to tribulations in so many places and so many ways, but also in union with the whole world, torn by bitter strife, consumed by the fire of hatred, and victim of its own wickedness.

Look with compassion on all material and moral destruction, by so much pain, so much anguish of fathers and mothers, brothers, innocent children, by so many lives cut down in the flower of youth, so many bodies torn to pieces in brutal slaughter, so many souls tortured and troubled, and so many in danger of being lost for all eternity.

Oh, Mother of Mercy, obtain peace for us from God, and especially those graces which can, in an instant, convert human hearts, those graces which can prepare, establish and assure peace! Queen of Peace, pray for us and give this world at war the peace for which all people long, peace in the Truth, Justice and Charity of Christ. Give them peace not only from arms, but also peace in their souls, that in tranquillity and order the Kingdom of God may expand. Grant your protection to infidels and to all those still walking in the shadow of death; give them peace; permit that the sun of Truth may rise upon them and that together with us they may repeat before the only Saviour of the world: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Lk 2:14)

Give peace to the people separated by error and schism, particularly those who have a special devotion to You and among whom there was no home where Your venerable icon was not honoured, and where, at present, it may be hidden in the hope for better days. Bring them back to the One Fold of Christ, under the One True Shepherd.

Obtain complete peace and liberty for the Holy Church of God, check the spreading flood of neo-paganism, arouse within the faithful love of purity, the practice of Christian life and apostolic zeal, so that the people who serve God may increase in merit and number.

Finally, in the same way that the Church and all of humanity were consecrated to the Heart of Your Son Jesus, so that, with all their hopes resting in Him, He became for them the sign and pledge of victory and salvation, thus and for always, we consecrate ourselves to You, to Your Immaculate Heart, oh, our Mother and Queen of the world so that Your love and Your protection hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God and may all nations, at peace with each other and with God, proclaim You Blessed and sing with You from one end of the earth to the other, the eternal Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus in which alone they can find Truth, Life and Peace. Amen

