



Season of Creation 2021 Prayer-Reflection Guide 4

Today we are invited to pray for PEACE.

It is the Risen Jesus who says to his disciples,
“Peace be with you.” Jn20:20

Let us pray to Jesus to give us the Gift of Peace for ourselves, our families, our workplaces, apostolates, communities, countries, and other situations.



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Let us not miss the “opportunity” to consider whether our daily attitudes are committed to building PEACE. During this time, Jesus invites us in a special way to become artisans of PEACE and to work for another possible world - a different one.

Our peoples, the earth, cry out and shout for PEACE!!! Let us make a space together - teams and commissions, different groups from our schools, youth groups, missionaries, the Sacred Heart Family and RSCJ communities - let us ask Jesus for PEACE.

Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Peace, in one of the five key points, tells us:

“PEACE, THE PATH OF RECONCILIATION IN COMMUNION WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS.”

It is about echoing God’s call through the prophets to abandon the desire to dominate others and to learn to see ourselves as persons, as children of God, as sisters and brothers. We must see the other person based on their potential and not pigeonhole them because of what they have said or done. The path to reconciliation makes us find the strength of forgiveness in the depths of our hearts and the ability to recognize each other as brothers and sisters.

These statements should also be applied to the economic and political spheres and since peace is all-encompassing, this cannot be achieved without a fairer economic system.

The document "Being Artisans of Hope" in the imperative “Washing One Another's Feet”, reads:

“As we hear and respond to the cry of the poor and of wounded earth, we see the effect of unbridled power, especially when it is driven by greed, domination, and callous indifference. As we stand with the weak and oppressed, engage in efforts to bring about structural change in our local and global contexts, advocate for a more just, humane society and an ecologically balanced world, we are confronted with the reality that power, without justice, is destructive and death-dealing. Power, when exercised without mutuality and reciprocity, becomes a tool of domination and oppression. Power without concern for peace and unmindful of the integrity of creation is cruel and violent and is harmful to both victims and perpetrators of violence.”

(Being Artisans of Hope in Our Blessed and Broken World)

Moment of Prayer

We prepare an altar, we light a candle, with the images of the Sacred Heart, of our Mother the Virgin Mary, of Madeleine Sophie and of Philippine Duchesne.

We will listen to the song, "[*Make me an instrument of Your PEACE*](#)".

We name situations that plead and cry out for PEACE.

We remember the earth - nature- families who lost their loved ones in this pandemic - Afghanistan, especially girls and women - the people of Haiti - the situation of the migrants, borders - hunger - violence against women - sexually abused children - lack of work - countries at war and other situations.

We can write them on paper of different sizes and colors. We name them and place them on the altar. Let us share about:

What do these painful situations provoke in us? What do we think are the causes?



In the garden of Gethsemane - Serrana Pin

Gospel reading: John 13: 1 - 18: "Jesus invites us to wash one another's feet."

Petitions: In the light of John's Gospel, *we ask Jesus for attitudes that will help to establish PEACE in the different settings in which we have to act.*

We offer our commitment to be Artisans of PEACE, being "mindful" to experience it, to care for it and to spread it.

After this prayerful moment, we feel sent by Jesus through his Gospel:

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" Jn 20: 19b

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." Jn 20: 21 b

**May Madeleine Sophie, our companion on the way, encourage us in our service and mission to be
ARTISANS OF PEACE!**

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