Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill Academy of the Sacred Heart

Greetings one and all from St. Louis, Missouri, USA!

It has been such an incredible day as these prayers have come into my Inbox from my brothers and sisters in the International Sacred Heart family.

Our contribution, from Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School, was written in collaboration with the leaders of Heart to Heart, our student Campus Ministry Team.

We are so grateful to be a part of this meaningful effort to unite us in prayer at this most challenging time in history.

Our greatest hope is PEACE.

In a world that has become full of disruptions, all stability shaken, all norms put asunder;

that has experienced loss of life, employment, and security: Our greatest hope is PEACE.

In a country that has been ravaged by wildfires and floods, destroying homes and habitats;

that is experiencing deep division and the effects of institutional racism: Our greatest hope is PEACE.

In our lives where our plans have been cancelled and we spend more time behind screens;

where we cannot share a hug to show comfort, support, or celebration: Our greatest hope is PEACE.

O God, open our eyes and ears, hearts and minds to your presence in the midst of our lives, our country, and our world and grant us your PEACE. Amen.

