



Light One Candle

DAILY PRAYER FOR PEACE

A SHORT LITURGY FOR PEACE

1. Lighting the Candle

Find a quiet place to sit apart from distractions and screens. Light the candle slowly.

2. Opening Sentence *Say aloud one of the following*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

or

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” (*John 14:27*)

3. Prayer for Presence

God of mercy and compassion, you are present in every place, especially those in which there is suffering and fear. Draw near to all who live under the shadow of war. Let your light shine where hope feels lost.

4. Naming the World (*spoken or in silence*)

You may name specific places, peoples, or situations:

For those in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Beirut, Iran, Sudan, and Myanmar,

for all children, families, aged and infirmed in harm's way,

for those who are afraid,

for those who grieve,

for those who make decisions that affect many lives...

Pause to sit for a few moments in silence.

5. Prayers for Peace *Use at least one*

Lord God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the bright morning star, shed the light of your truth on all that is within us that needs your illumination. Show us where we have gone astray, teach us your calling in our lives and help us, most of all, to know more of you, that we would find in you our peace and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prince of Peace, soften hearts that are hardened, guide leaders in the ways of justice, protect the vulnerable, and turn us all from violence toward mercy. *Amen.*

Creator of all, you long for the harmony of the human race and for peace between the nations. In places of conflict bring us your healing, in places of suffering bring us your strength, in places of oppression bring us your protection and in places of power bring your love and compassion, for the sake of your Son, who endured the violence of hostile humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we 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.*

6. The Lord's Prayer *(In the Celtic tradition)*

Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring. May love rise again in us today, with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love, and free us from all falseness, that the light of our souls may shine, and the strength of our spirits endure for the Earth and all its people this day, tonight, and forever. Amen.

7. Closing Sentence *Say aloud*

May the peace of Christ guard our hearts and minds and flow through us into the world.

8. Silent Watching *Remain for a moment, simply watching the flame.*



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