

An Act of Commitment to work together for peace

This form of prayer could be used in conjunction with a civic Remembrance Sunday service, or as part of Sunday worship

Sentences

Jesus said: Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

Luke 10.5

'Do not repay anyone evil for evil; bless those who persecute you, and where possible, live peaceably with all.'

Romans 12.14,17

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Leader Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
All that we may walk in the paths of peace.

Let us individually and together, commit ourselves to the cause of peace and reconciliation:

Lord God,
your Son proclaimed your peaceable Kingdom
in both word and deed,
open our hearts and minds, we pray,
to receive his Easter gift of peace.
And as we seek to witness to your purpose of peace,
give us generosity of spirit in times of disagreement,
patience in times of difficulty,
the desire to pray for those who oppose us,
and above all make us to be interpreters and bridge-builders
between those who are at enmity.
This we ask in the name of Christ
who has destroyed every wall that divides us,
and whose sacrifice has made our peace with you,
the Father of all humankind.

All Amen.

And so we pray together

**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.**

St Francis of Assisi

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

All **Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O Lord, that we
may be ambassadors for Christ and
messengers of your reconciling love.**

Dismissal

God the Father has brought hope to a divided world in raising Christ from the dead.
Now may he strengthen you to walk in his ways and to witness to the love that
banishes all fear and overcomes all hostility:

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**