

National Day of Prayer

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Introduction

Today, May 4, is the annual National Day of Prayer in America. There are many things that we can pray about for our country. Tonight, we will focus on peace and nonviolence. Differences in opinions can easily escalate to raised voices, which easily escalate to the use of violence against the other. We pray for calm hearts and cool tempers.

remember Your grace and testify to Your goodness in all generations. Help us to refrain from complaining, but instead be prompted to pray faithfully in every circumstance. Teach us to have a content heart knowing You are always enough for our every need.

Chant 10x: Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ.

Give to Us Your Peace

Ostinato Refrain

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

As the Church we commit to pray and love our neighbor and nation as You loved us, that our reputation in this world would be rooted in Your love. Holy Spirit work and overflow through us in every prayer, thought, word, and deed. May our character, conversations, and conduct

1st Reading: 2023 National Prayer for America

We come with fervent hearts to praise You Lord.

You are The Word, the Way, Truth and Life.

The Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Almighty God who was, and is, and is to come. You clothed Yourself in flesh and dwelt among us, to remove our sin and clothe us in Your righteousness that we might dwell with You forever and ever.

With broken, humbled hearts we repent of our sins. Confessing to You our faithlessness, prayerlessness, and disobedience. Forgive us for our doubt, our prideful and quarrelsome words that reveal our unclean hearts. Cleanse us and renew a right and steadfast spirit within us we pray.

With grateful hearts we thank You fervently for the blessings in our life and throughout

America; they are more than we are able to count. We will

reflect the righteousness in which You clothed us and command us to live.

With an obedient heart we put on the full armor of God; Your breastplate of righteousness guards our heart from which flows the springs of life. We pray fervently for our communities and country; the people who are in the Church,

Da Pacem Cordium / Give Peace

Canon—3 voices

(A) Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

(B) pa - cem. Da
peace, Lord. Give

(C) pa - cem.
peace, Lord.

Family, Education, Business and Workplace,

Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. Every person is Your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved.

With hopeful hearts we pray that all would choose to receive Your love and follow You. We pray that America would confess, "Jesus is Lord" and reflect Your righteousness in every sphere of influence, and every aspect of our lives. We ask that heavenly hope would flood our hearts, silence hate, and that You will heal our land.

Believing You; all You are, all You said, and all You have promised, we pray fervently in righteousness and avail much. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!

Chant 6x: Give peace to every heart.

2nd Reading: Dom Helder Camara Peacemaking: Day by Day

We must have no illusions. We must not be naive. If we listen to the voice of God, we make our choice, get out of ourselves and fight nonviolently for a better world. We must not expect to find it easy; we shall not walk on roses; people will not throng to hear us and applaud; and we shall not always be sure of divine protection. If we are to be pilgrims of justice and peace, we must expect the desert.

Now we sit in silence for a few minutes.

Petitions

Chant 2x and the after each petition: O Lord, hear my prayer.

1. That each of us will strive to work through conflict to create a culture of understanding and appreciation of differences, we pray:

2. For our public and governmental officials: that all who lead do so with righteous intent, striving always to strengthen the bonds of unity, we pray.

3. For our local community: that we commit to participating in sacred dialogue and respectful disagreement, listening to one another with care, we pray:

4. For victims and survivors of gun violence, for those who have been injured or have lost a loved one, for children who live in fear, and for those

overwhelmed by hopelessness, we pray:

5. For civil society, that God may kindle the fires of justice and courage within us, inspiring us to transform our tools for violence into instruments of peace, we pray:

6. For all who have died, especially those whose lives have been claimed by senseless violence; may they be welcomed into Christ's kingdom with open arms, and may they and their families find God's comfort and consolation, we pray

I invite others to voice a petition and light a votive candle from the Easter Candle.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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 love as to love.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
Alt. text: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardon; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Chant 2x, then repeat once after each verse: The Lord will bless his people with peace

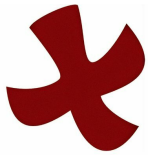
Closing Prayer

We stand here, loving God, freed from our bondage,

filled with the fire of Your love and Your passion for peace, a fire that burns deep in our hearts and our souls. We stand here before You reborn, made new, renewed in spirit and recommitted to the struggle for peace and justice for those who cry out for an end to their anguish. Send us forth as Your servants, Your instruments, Your Presence in our world. We ask all of this in the name of the One who walked this path before us. Amen.

Closing Song: God Has Chosen Me

Thank you for coming tonight. Please join us again on June 1 at 7:00 p m. central time for our next Taize Service at Precious Blood Renewal Center.



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Ps. 29

Michel Guimont



The Lord will bless his peo-ple with peace.

O give the LORD, you children of God,
give the LORD glory and power;
give the LORD the glory of his name.
Adore the LORD, resplendent and holy. R.

the voice of the LORD, full of power,
the voice of the LORD, full of splendor. R.

The LORD's voice resounding on the
waters,
the LORD on the immensity of waters;

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The LORD sat enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits as king for ever. R.

GOD HAS CHOSEN ME

Bernadette Farrell



1. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to bring good news
2. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to set a - light
3. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me in all whose cry



1. to the poor. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
2. a new fire. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
3. is un - heard. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me to



1. bring _ new sight to those search - ing for light: God has
2. bring _ to birth a new king - dom on earth: God has
3. raise up the voice with no pow - er or choice: God is



1. cho - sen me, cho - sen me: And to tell the world
2. cho - sen me, cho - sen me:
3. call - ing me, call - ing me:



that God's king - dom is near, to re - move op - pres - sion and



break down fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,



God's time is near, God's time is near.

