

## A SIMPLE PRAYER FOR PEACE

### REALITY AROUND THE WORLD OR IN THE OWN COUNTRY:



### FOR REFLEXION:

**Philippians 4:6-7:** Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Pope Francis:** Peace cannot be built without dialogue founded on meekness. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash, are due to the lack of dialogue. Thus “when there is a problem” it is right to have recourse to “dialogue: this creates peace”. There is the importance of “meekness, the ability to experience people, to experience culture peacefully; the ability to ask intelligent questions: “But why are you thinking like this? Why does this culture do this?” Listen to others before speaking. First listening, and then speaking. All this is meekness”

**UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:** "It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and for the world in which we live, and to help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies."

**Anonymous (Contemplative Sister of the GS):** "Our mission of reconciliation calls us to promote justice and peace" "Measured attack against Syria"... In a situation of conflict we can't measure the consequences in the present or in the future and I believe that an attack never has measurable consequences. Those who have the power believe that violence will generate

PEACE... NO...Violence only begets more violence. If we want to build PEACE we must generate it first inside me and (you) and then build it in my path. I think that only the divine power can deliver us from these catastrophic and threatening situations for our planet. Not only a nation or a group of people are affected. The entire world is affected and the consequences are unfathomable. Join us in prayer, regardless of creed or race, begging THE PEACE into our hearts for our people and the light of the Spirit for the leaders of Nations to take successful measures, knowing the power that they have received is TO BUILD AND NOT TO DESTROY.

### **A moment for sharing**



#### **INTERCESSIONS:**

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer*

For the Church that cries for peace: for steadfast commitment to the Gospel; for prayerful discernment of God's will; for the peace of Christ to dwell in our hearts. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all government and political leaders, that they work to end war and conflict and that their decisions and actions may lead to a future of peace. *We pray to the Lord.*

For peace among nations: that God may rid the world of violence and that future generations may grow up in an environment of justice and harmony. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all people of faith: for peace between people of different religions; for peace among those who share the same faith; for reconciliation and healing that will one day lead to unity. *We pray to the Lord.*

Other intercessions.....

***In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father: OUR FATHER***

#### **FINAL PRAYER**

##### ***Prayer for Peace (John Paul II)***

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that he may work in the intimacy of hearts that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> : INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**