

Pax Christi USA Prayer, Study and Action Resources www.paxchristiusa.org

Prayer Cards

Jesus, Our Tortured Brother, Today, by Sister Dianna Ortiz, OSU

This prayer calls on Jesus, tortured more than 2000 years ago, to be with those tortured today and to help all of us "to look into the secret prisons--the unmarked graves--the hearts and minds of torture survivors," to embrace their wounds and give us the will to end the horror of torture. (Item No. 540-480)

Prayer for Unity in a Time of War, by Kathy Kelly

The war in Iraq wages on, with more than 3,900 U.S. service personnel and tens of thousands of Iraqis killed. This prayer by Kathy Kelly asks God to grant us the grace to hear deep in our hearts our Muslim brothers' and sisters' daily call to prayer: "O God you are peace. From you is peace and unto you is peace. Let us live our lives in peace. Bring us into your peace. Unto you be honor and glory. We hear and obey. Grant us your forgiveness God, and unto you be our becoming." (540-440)

Prayer for World Peace, by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB*

Words of wisdom and grace on world peace. A prayer in opposition to all war, wherever it might be. (540-473)
* also available in Spanish-language

Prayer in Time of Terrorism, by Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB*

As the "War on Terror" continues and we struggle to incorporate our faith commitment to nonviolence in our personal responses, Pax Christi offers a prayer to help guide our conversations with God. Written by Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki, "A Prayer in Time of Terrorism" lends itself to individual, community, vigil, and parish use. (540-471)

Muslim, Jewish, Christian Prayer for Peace*

A prayer that calls forth the deepest shared beliefs of the three traditions that affirm they are followers of one God, children of Abraham, brothers and sisters who need to join hands in friendship and seek peace together. (536-236)

Prayer for Leadership, by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

This prayer asks God to give us the insight to support as leaders "those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity." This prayer is an excellent resource for use in groups or individually, to pray for leaders around the world. (B08-4)

Prayer Cards are \$0.50 each; 100 for \$10; 1000 for \$80 plus shipping/handling. They are printed on heavy paper and shrink-wrapped in packages of 100. (http://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/Prayer-cards_c_6-1.html)

Books

Peace, War and the Christian Conscience, by Joseph J Fahey, Ph.D.

A clear, concise survey of Christian thought regarding war and peace. This small booklet is an excellent guide for reflection and action. It includes background on the witness of the Gospels and early Christianity; Just-War Theory; the 20th century, including World Wars, Cold War, and the Second Vatican Council. It also includes in-

formation on the World Council of Churches' position on peace, Pope John Paul II, and the United States Catholic Conference. Also includes 10 suggestions of conscience and the Prayer of St. Francis. (Item No. 529-305)

Just Peace, Compiled by Mary Fritz, SSJ, edited by Robert Keeler

Just Peace is a collection of nine essays that move away from the debate on the "just war" theory and closer toward the question of how to build a just peace. Scholars, theologians, and activists address the conditions under which violence arises, the progress in church teaching on war and nonviolence, the theology of peacemaking, and guidelines for cultivating peace. (525-452)

Action Resources

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