

# *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

## *A Prayer for Peace*

*Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.*

### *Opening Prayer (together)*

O God,  
    lead us from death to life,  
    from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
    from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love,  
    from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts,  
    our world, our universe. Amen.

### *First Reading*

*(Matthew 5: 1 – 12)*

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowd, he went up on the mountainside. After he sat down his disciples sat around him, and he began to teach them. How blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs. Blest too are the sorrowing: they shall be consoled. Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness: they shall have their fill. Blest are they who show mercy: mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the single-hearted: they shall see God. Happy are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Happy are those persecuted for justice sake: the reign of God is theirs. Happy are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

### *Response*

Let your mercy be on us, O God,  
As we place our trust in You.

***Second Reading*** (Pope John Paul II, World Day of Peace Address, December 8, 2001)

No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness: this is the message I wish to say to believers and unbelievers alike, to all men and women of good will who are concerned for the good of the human family and for its future.

No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness: This is what I wish to say to those responsible for the future of the human community, entreating them to be guided in their weighty and difficult decisions by the light of man's true good, always with a view to the common good.

No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness: I shall not tire of repeating this warning to those who, for one reason or another, nourish feelings of hatred, a desire for revenge or the will to destroy.

On this World Day of Peace, may a more intense prayer rise from the hearts of all believers for the victims of terrorism, for their families so tragically stricken, for all the peoples who continue to be hurt and convulsed by terrorism and war. May the light of prayer extend even to those who gravely offend God and man by these pitiless acts, that they may look into their hearts, see the evil of what they do, abandon all violent intentions and seek forgiveness. In these troubled times, may the whole human family find true and lasting peace, born of the marriage of justice and mercy.

***Quiet Reflection***

***The Divine Praises***

*Blest be God.*

*Blest be his holy name.*

*Blest be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.*

*Blest be the name of Jesus.*

*Blest be his most sacred heart.*

*Blest be his most precious blood.*

*Blest be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.*

*Blest be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.*

*Blest be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.*

*Blest be her holy and immaculate conception.*

*Blest be her glorious assumption.*

*Blest be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.*

*Blest be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.*

*Blest be God in his angels and in his saints.*

**Praise Song:**

***O God Beyond All Praising***

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today,  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send:  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word.  
We honor and adore you our great and Mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring.  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king.  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still.  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

***Closing Prayer***

**All:** I will continue, O my God, to do all my actions for the love of you.  
**Leader:** Saint John Baptist de La Salle,  
**All:** pray for us!  
**Leader:** Live, Jesus, in our hearts,  
**All:** forever!