

## **INTERNATIONAL LASALLIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**"He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?"**

**Micah 6:8**



### **Presence of God**

**You, Lord, are in our midst, and we are called by Your name;  
therefore do not abandon us, Lord, our God.  
Glory and praise to You Source of All Being, Eternal Word  
and Spirit most holy.**

### **Prayer**

**We pray to You,  
Lord God of Life and of those who Hope!  
Listen to our prayer for the whole world,  
for peace among all peoples,  
for prosperity in all lands.  
We pray to You that evil may be overcome,  
and that all wars may end.  
We pray to You especially for the members  
of our Lasallian Family  
who suffer from war, injustice and intolerance,  
and for the children  
and young people  
who are poor and neglected.  
Lord, give us Your peace!**

**Amen.**

### **Scripture**

**Galatians 5:22-26**

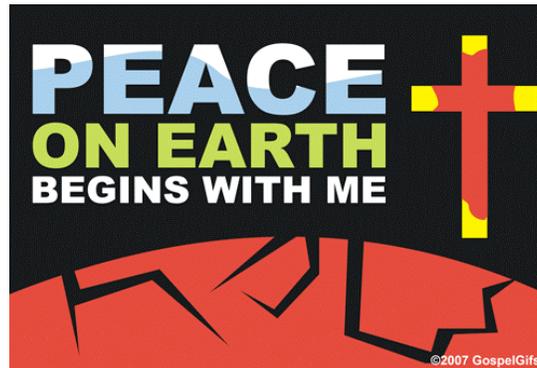
**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things and those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another or envying one another.**

## Reflection

The message of the Scripture reading is not primarily about the fruits, but it is about the Vine that gives them life. It is about the Spirit coming into our lives and our communities and filling us so full with the love of God that we act toward one another in ways that give glory to the God Who promises that He will never leave us.

In the midst of war and famine, violence and division, we pray for unity and for a spiritual renewal of people of all nations, of the earth and of the world. It is not a time to grow weary, but a time to be open to the Spirit moving in our midst. We have no less than the Lord of history praying for us that we might be ONE even as Father, Son and Holy Spirit are perfectly One, so that the world might see us, our joy, our patience, our long-suffering, our peace, our love and our hungry, hurting and war-weary world just might believe. Such an outpouring of faith would surely transform our chaos into community.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation.



## Intercessions

"...In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God..."

Response: **LORD, HELP US PUT OUR FAITH IN ACTION.**

For all church leaders, that they will continue to proclaim Christ's love and compassion for the poor and lead the Church in its work for charity and justice in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

For all men and women who have committed their lives to religious service, that their advocacy for justice will inspire and encourage us to grow in compassion and sensitivity to the needs of our brothers and sisters living in poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who labor against poverty in the United States and throughout the world that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

**For all who hunger and thirst for justice, will repair the breach between persons who are poor and those who are economically advantaged in ways that are pleasing and give glory to God, let us pray to the Lord.**

**For ourselves, that we gain wisdom and courage to advocate for just laws, policies and practices in our country and world, and to act in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need, let us pray to the Lord.**

**For our brothers and sisters who experience the impact of poverty every day in this country and throughout the world that we may work together to create thriving and compassionate communities, let us pray to the Lord.**

**For ourselves, that as disciples of Christ who are called to be leaven for the world we may grow in our commitment to respect the dignity of all human beings. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**For us, that we who are the people of God, will permit justice to have such a prominent role in our hearts that we will speak and act in ways that increase justice in this country and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.**

**For all people of Good Will whose blessings overflow will commit to using our resources in ways that allow our sisters and brothers who are living in poverty to be seen, heard, respected and loved, let us pray to the Lord.**

**For ourselves as members of the Body of Christ that we will respond more fully to the Gospel instruction to serve those in need, work for justice, and honor the dignity of all God's people both in our local community and throughout the world.**

**Whatever our concern, anxiety or fear, let us trust that God has us in His almighty care and will answer our prayer according to His great compassion. Therefore, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27)."**

**Our Father**

### **Hymn: Harvest of Justice**

#### **Refrain**

**May we find richness in the harvest of justice**

**Which Christ Jesus has ripened for us.**

**Bread for the journey, bread for the hungry,**

**All for the glory and praise of God.**

**Gather with patience for those who have nothing.**

**Leave them your riches, and you will receive.**

**Make room for the poor ones; make way for the stranger;**

**For I am the Lord, the Lord your God. Refrain**

**For to have mercy on those forgotten,  
This is My true law, this is My command;  
Clothe the naked, be home for the orphan,  
Be hope for the widow, and welcome the lost. Refrain**

**For to have little is to be in abundance.  
To give what remains, to give all we have  
Is to walk with the poor ones, and become the stranger,  
One with the Lord, the Lord our God. Refrain**

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### **Blessing**

**May we continually live in God's presence as we boldly proclaim the Gospel message. Amen.**

**May we be filled with faith and zeal in all of our endeavors. Amen.**

**May the spirit of Jesus always be alive in our hearts. Amen.**

**May God bless our coming and our going and all the works of our minds, hands and hearts. Amen.**

### **Prayer**

**Compassionate and loving God,  
You created the world for us all to share,  
a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect  
Your generosity.**

**Creator God,  
You gave us responsibility for the earth,  
a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,  
so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of Your creation.**

**God of peace and justice,  
You give us the capacity to change,  
to bring about a world  
that mirrors Your wisdom.**

**Create in us a desire to act in solidarity  
so that the pillars of injustice crumble,  
and those now crushed are set free.**

**Amen**

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