



PRAYER FOR PEACE AND IN THE CONSECRATION
AND ENTRUSTMENT
OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Please stand)

For the Healing of the Nations



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From de - spair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; Pride of stat - us, race or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
All may come and go in peace. Show us how through
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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Tune: ST. THOMAS, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Wade, 1711-1786



GREETING

PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please sit)

READING 1 Peter 2, 20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand)

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,
call - ing us to life; Son of God who
leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!



GOSPEL Mark 10, 32-34, 42-45

HOMILY
(Please sit)

ACT OF REPENTANCE

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.

We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!



We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God’s peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.



Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold, your Mother” (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “fiat,” on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope,” water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

Prayer courtesy of the Holy See

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



RECESSIONAL

MARY, FIRST AMONG BELIEVERS

Delores Dufner, OSB

PLEADING SAVIOR

Christian Lyre, 1830



1. Mar - y, first a - mong be - liev - ers, trust - ing
2. Mar - y, first a - mong the ex - iles, seek - ing
3. Mar - y, first a - mong dis - ci - ples, lis - t'ning,
4. Mar - y, first a - mong the suf - f'ring, stand - ing
5. Mar - y, first a - mong the bless - ed, robed in



in the an - gel's word, you con - sent - ed and, con -
ref - uge in the night, you left home with spouse and
learn - ing from your Son, you held dear his words and
bowed be - neath the cross, you knew all the pain and
heav - en's beau - ty bright, you re - joice with saints and



ceiv - ing, brought to birth the Son of God.
In - fant, flee - ing Her - od's sword in fright.
ac - tions, pon - d'ring each, for - get - ting none.
an - guish of op - pres - sion, grief, and loss.
an - gels in your Son's re - splend - ent light.



Moth - er now of all be - liev - ers, give our
Moth - er now of all the ex - iles, give them
Moth - er now of all dis - ci - ples, help us
Moth - er now of all the suf - f'ring, may we
Moth - er now of all the bless - ed, make your



frag - ile faith in - crease; may we, trust - ing in God's
sleep with - out a - larm; give them cloth - ing, food, and
lis - ten day by day; o - pen to the Spir - it's
show Com - pas - sion's face; may the vic - tims of in -
pil - grim peo - ple strong; keep us faith - ful till we



prom - ise, doubts and use - less fears re - lease.
shel - ter; keep them safe and free from harm.
prompt - ing, help us fol - low Je - sus' way.
jus - tice know, through us, God's love and grace.
join you, prais - ing God in end - less song.

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