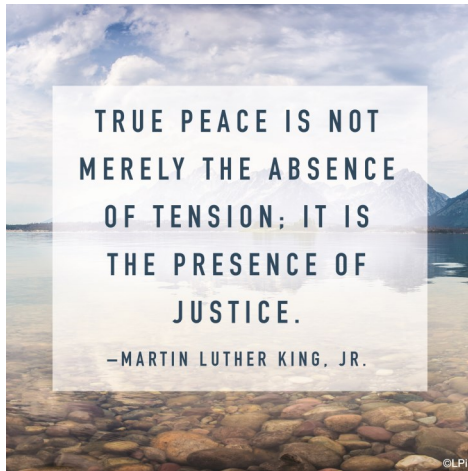


Leader: From groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

People: *O Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to guide all world leaders,  
especially those involved  
in the present military attacks  
in the Middle East.  
*Please* guide them to do *Your Will*  
in every decision and action they take.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!



*Silent Reflection*

Benediction—Page 103, hymn #26 Tantum Ergo verse 5  
(Latin followed by same verse in English)

Divine Praises— found on the inside back cover of our hymnals.

Closing Hymn #480 Let There Be Peace on Earth

## *St. Mary's of the Lake St. Benedict's*



*Holy Hour for Peace  
In the Middle East  
and Across the World  
March 1, 2026*

*After Father processes in and genuflects, he will go to the Tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament. When he genuflects at the Tabernacle, please kneel. When he begins to incense the Blessed Sacrament please join in singing #677 O Salutaris (O Saving Victim, in Latin followed by same verse in English)*

We begin at 3:00 pm because it is the Hour of Divine Mercy. It is the hour at which Jesus died for us.

*“It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last” (Luke 23:44-46).*

Knowing the mercy of God can save us, we now offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

*All make the Sign of the Cross*

### **The Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2309**

“The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time:

- the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
- there must be serious prospects of success;
- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the "just war" doctrine.

The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good.”

### **Litany for Peace**

Our response is “O Lord, deliver us.”

Leader: From the curse of war and the human sin that causes war,

People: ***O Lord, deliver us.***

Leader: From national vanity that poses as patriotism, and from improper boasting and self-worship,

People: ***O Lord, deliver us.***

Leader: From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations and religions,

People: ***O Lord, deliver us.***

While we have a right to defend ourselves, we need to understand there are limits.

### **Jesus' Teaching on Retaliation**

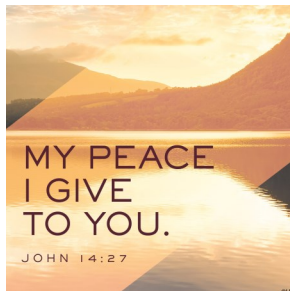
*“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on [your] right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow” (Matthew 5:38-42).*

*Silent Reflection*

### **Jesus' Call to Love Our Enemies**

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:43-48).*

*Silent Reflection*



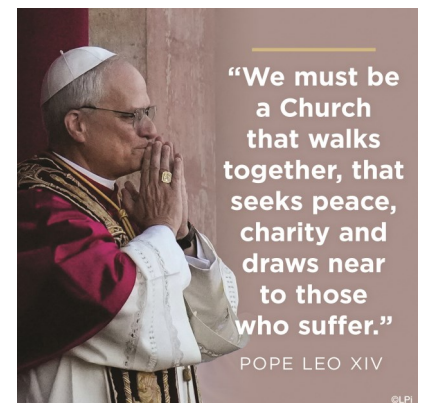
### **The Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed are thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.



*Then, using the Rosary beads for each decade, on the Our Father beads:*

Leader: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of your dearly beloved Son.  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.

*Then, on the Hail Mary beads:*

Leader: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion

People: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

*Say the following three times.*

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Now, we listen to passages from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

### **Jesus' Teaching on Anger**

*"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny" (Matthew 5:21-26).*

### *Silent Reflection*

