



A Prayer for Peace

*L*ord God of peace, hear our prayer!

*W*e have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.

*H*ow many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

*N*ow, Lord, come to our aid!
Grant us peace, teach us peace;
guide our steps in the way of peace.

*O*pen our eyes and our hearts and give us
the courage to say: "Never again war!";
"With war everything is lost".
Impart in our hearts the courage to take
concrete steps to achieve peace!

*L*ord, God of Abraham,
God of the Prophets, God of Love,
you created us and you call us to live as
brothers and sisters.

*G*ive us the strength daily to be instruments
of peace; enable us to see everyone who
crosses our path as our brother or sister.

*M*ake us sensitive to the plea of our citizens
who entreat us to turn our weapons of war
into implements of peace,
our trepidation into confident trust,
and our quarrelling into forgiveness.



*K*eeP alive within us the flame of hope,
so that with patience and perseverance
we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.
In this way may peace triumph at last,
and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war"
be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.
Renew our hearts and minds,
so that the words which always brings us together
will be "brother, sister",
and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Síocháin, Vakacegu etc.

*G*od, you are present in the whole universe.
and in the smallest of your creatures,
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live.
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.



Pope Francis,

*"Do pray that Justice may be accomplished in Peace,
and that Truth may prevail."*

Mary Aikenhead 29th June



The white poppy and dove are just two symbols of Peace.