

**I no longer pray for peace.**

On the edge of war, one foot already in,  
I no longer pray for peace: I pray for miracles.  
I pray that stone hearts will turn  
to tenderheartedness,  
and evil intentions will turn  
to mercifulness,  
and all soldiers already deployed  
will be snatched out of harm's way,  
and the whole world will be  
astounded onto its knees.  
I pray that all the "God talk"  
will take bones, and stand up and shed  
its cloak of faithlessness,  
and walk again in its powerful truth.  
I pray that the whole world might  
sit down together and share  
its bread and wine.  
Some say there is no hope,  
but then I've always applauded the holy fools  
who never seem to give up on  
the scandalousness of our faith:  
that we are loved by God .....  
that we can truly love one another.  
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**At War's End**

At war's end-**May peace again be found in hearts broken by loss of loved ones.**

At wars 'end-**May peace be found as displaced people refind their homeland.**

At wars 'end- **May a humble peace emerge in the hearts of aggressors.**

At wars 'end- **May peace though fragile at first, slowly emerge between the old foes from the ashes of war.**

Final words of thanks....

We believe in hope for we believe the sun will rise again.

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

**Hymn Christ be our light....**

## Prayer for Peace Moment

### Hymn I arise today

Greeting

**May peace reign where conflict exists.**

From St Paul to the Ephesians

Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. He brought this good news of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. The Word of the Lord.

The landscape of peace  
violated by war,  
all the beauty of creation  
scarred and scorched by human hand.  
Though being made in God's image,  
shattered to pieces  
in God's sight.  
Humanity's charge not to rest  
till our dignity's restored.

**Sunflower The National flower of Ukraine.**



The sunflower raises its head each day and faces the rising sun. Gifting  
its beauty to an appreciative eye. Fol-  
lows the sun as it makes its trajectory  
Across the sky. Petals open to receive the  
Energy and life the sun gifts it, as day's light  
fades, the sunflower patiently waits its noctur-  
nal sleep to begin its daily attentiveness to the  
sun's majesty.

We pray people of Ukraine may not  
Wilt through the clouds of war.  
That light may emerge, the light  
Of Christ's risen light. That faith restored  
They too might emerge to a new morning  
of freedom. Trusting the power of Christ's  
Light to see them through their new dawn.

**May peace reign where conflict exists**

*With our human hearts aching for  
what is happening in Ukraine,  
let us not forget wars  
in other parts of the world.  
Such as Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia ...  
I repeat: May weapons be silenced!  
God is with peacemakers.  
Not with those who use violence. PopeFrancis*

For those who are  
fleeing: **Sanctuary.**

For those who are  
staying: **Safety.**

For those who are  
fighting: **Peace.**

For those whose hearts  
are breaking **Comfort.,**

For those who see no  
future: **Hope.**

**May peace reign where conflict exists.**

**Hymn Make me a channel of your peace.**

**Let the ashes speak of our commitment.**

This, my dear, is the challenge  
of being alive:

To witness the injustice  
of this world,

And not allow it  
to consume our light.

*We have chosen to fast,  
not only with ashes but with actions,  
not in thoughts but in deeds.*

*Let the ashes speak of our commitment.*

*We will give up our abundance,  
to share our food with the hungry.*

*We will give up our comfort,  
to provide homes for the destitute.*

*We will give up our fashions,  
to see the naked clothed.  
We will share where others hoard,  
we will free where others oppress.  
We will heal where others harm.  
Let the ashes speak of our commitment.  
Then God's light will break out on us,  
God's healing will quickly appear.  
God will guide us always,  
we will be like watered gardens,  
repairers of broken walls,  
builders of sustainable cities.  
Let the ashes speak of our commitment  
to God's ways and God's purposes.  
A new world coming,  
At God's banquet table.*

**Silence**

**May peace reign where conflict exists**

**Hymn Peace is flowing like a river.....**

**Prayer of gratitude.**

If you can still weep at injustice- **You are enough**

If your eyes are dry but are moved to act-**You are enough**

If you can extend a hand to the hopeless-**You are enough**

If all you have is to give a tender thought-**You are enough**

If you will not abide by the exploitation of others-**You are enough**

If your soul feels the suffering of our sisters and brothers in poverty-**You are enough**

And if you can imagine a world made better one life at a time because you care-  
**You are enough**

**You are so much more than enough**

**May peace reign where conflict exists**

And together we will say the Prayer our Father taught us....

**Our Father who art in heaven, .....**