Prayers for Peace

**O Risen Christ,**
You breathe your Holy Spirit on us
and you tell us: ‘Peace be yours’.
Opening ourselves to your peace -
letting it penetrate the harsh and
rocky ground of our hearts -
means preparing ourselves to be
bearers of reconciliation
wherever you may place us.
But you know that at times
we are at a loss.
So come and lead us
to wait in silence,
to let a ray of hope shine forth
in our world.

Brother Roger, Taizé

**Give me a heart of poverty,**
able to love and open up and
give myself to others.
Give me a heart of patience,
able to love and live in hope.
Give me a heart of peacefulness,
able to love and sow peace in the
world.
Give me a heart of justice,
able to love and measure myself by
the standard of justice.
Give me a heart of mercifulness,
able to love and understand and
forgive others.
Give me a heart of sensitivity,
able to love and weep without
being discouraged.
Give me a heart of purity,
able to love and see God in everyone.
Give me a heart of strength,
able to love and be faithful unto death.
Give me a heart touched by the Gospel,
able to love.

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**Pax Christi Daily Prayer**
Thank you loving God
for the gift of life,
for this wonderful world which
we all share,
for the joy of love and friendship,
for the challenge of helping to build
your kingdom.
Strengthen
my determination to work for a world
of peace and justice,
my conviction that, whatever our
nationality or race,
we are all global citizens,
one in Christ;
my courage to challenge the
powerful with the values of the Gospel,
my commitment to find nonviolent
ways of resolving conflict—personal, local,
national and international,
my efforts to forgive injuries and to love
those I find it hard to love.
Teach me
to share the gifts you have given me,
to speak out for the victims of injustice
who have no voice,
to reject the violence which runs
through much of our world today.
Holy Spirit of God,
renew my hope for a world free from the
cruelty and evil of war, so that we may
all come to share in God’s peace and
justice.

**Blessed are you peacemakers**
who say no to war as a means
to peace.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who offer hope and healing.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who care and comfort.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who help find answers.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who welcome, encourage, and
inspire.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who see the good in others.
Blessed are you peacemakers
who never give up.
Fr Paul Milanowski (adapted)

**Make me an instrument of your peace**
Where there is hatred, let me
sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.

**Where there is doubt, faith.**
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

**Help me to find my role in**
building a path to peace. Teach
me to ask the question ‘who is
my sister, who is my brother?’
with the same love and passion
as Jesus. Give me the courage
to speak up and act for my
sisters and brothers whose lives
are broken by violence.

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