



Church of the Home

Prayers of Peace

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*Gather at a table with
a symbol of peace
(such as a gift from a
friend) next to a
candle. Take turns in
reading these prayers.
Make the sign of the
cross*

As we light a candle we remember that the earliest Christians gathered as church in their homes. They prayed together and cared for each other in peace. They took comfort when they remembered that Jesus promised: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20).

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ☩

Peace at Home

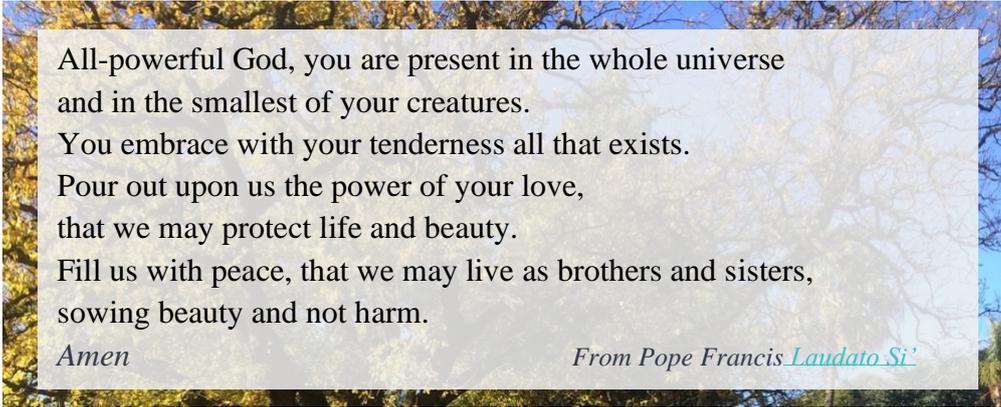
Peace is not found, it is made. Pope Francis describes how peace is built through spreading friendship and kind words. He calls it “sowing,” like planting little pieces of kindness here and there. Peace requires us to be creative and sensitive, and to not undo our work through gossip or neglect. Growing peace can be hard work!

*You might like to
discuss together what
things your family does
to grow peace*

Jesus gave his own peace to people whenever he was close to them: he would say “go in peace,” “peace be with you,” “I leave you my peace.”

If we are friends with Jesus then his peace joins with ours to make it grow like beautiful flowers.

Prayer of Peace



All-powerful God, 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,
sowing beauty and not harm.

Amen

From Pope Francis [Laudato Si'](#)

Peace in the Bible

Jesus meets people and shows them that God loves them. This is "Good News" and it brings peace

A great crowd of people went out to meet Jesus because they had heard that he could heal. They were not happy or comfortable rich people. They were poor, worried and afraid – they needed to know that God loved them. Jesus healed and fed them.

This is what he said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of
God.

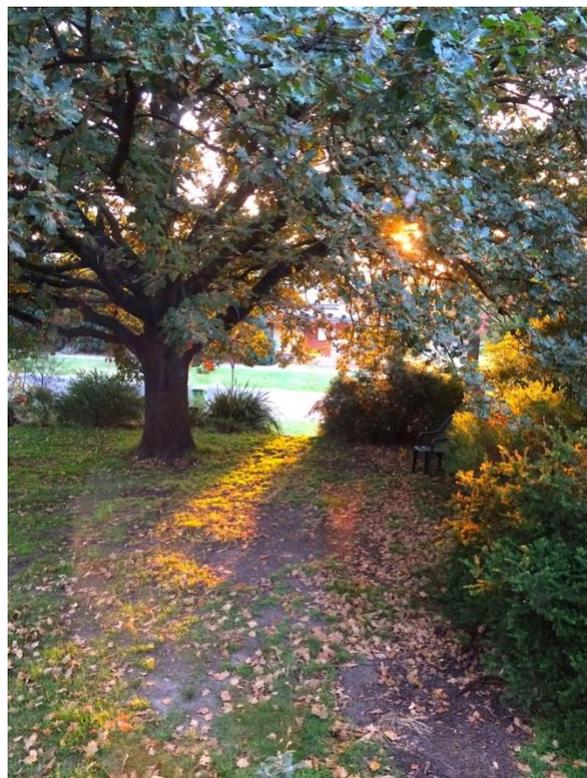
Blessed are you who are
hungry now, for you will be
filled.

Blessed are you who weep
now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people
hate you, and when they
exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the
Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for
joy, for surely your reward is
great in heaven; for that is
what their ancestors did to the
prophets.

Luke 6:20-23



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. ☩

Further reading & resources

Saint Brigid's parish ["Living Faith"](#) webpage

Daily Mass on Demand [CathNews YouTube Channel](#)

The Redemptorists of Oceania have a prayer app called ["Bread 4 Today"](#)

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne [website](#) has news, info, reflections