

Our Gospel Value this week is Peace

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Our Virtue this week is Faith



We gather together to love,
value and respect each other
within our Catholic family, to
nurture each individual's
talents and skills as Jesus
taught us.

*Everyone matters and is loved
by God.*

Peace be with you
and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word
... **speak to us your truth**



Jesus Christ God's love
revealed
... **dwell among us**



Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**

We Say Sorry

You call us to love one another
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You make us all children of God
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You invite us all to call God our
Father
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Today we hear about how
Jesus appeared to the
disciples and shared peace
with them.

Let's think some more
about peace today...

God of peace, watch over
those who face violence in their
daily lives. Help us to be
forgiving and to do what we
can to bring peace to others.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord,

Amen

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord,
He's the Lord of all my heart.**

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**He's the way, he's the truth,
he's the life.**

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We listen to the word

Gospel according to John 20:19-31

May the words of Jesus be

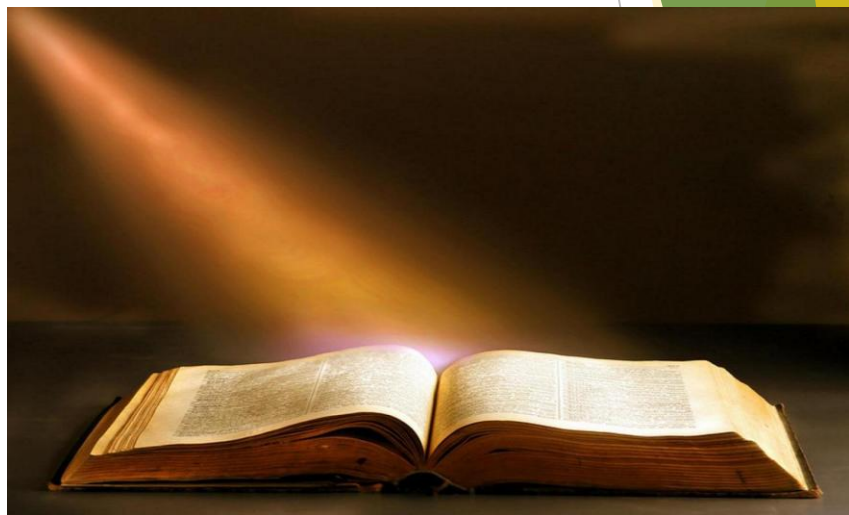
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In my heart

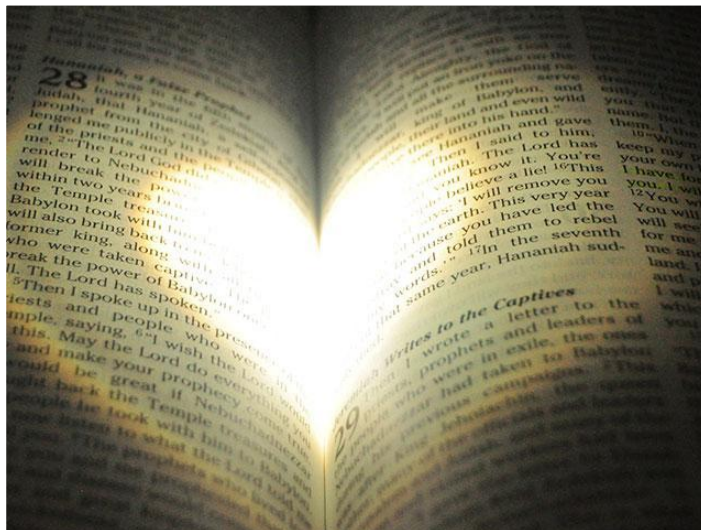
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



**Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord,
He's the Lord of all my heart.**

We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



The disciples are frightened and lonely and so they have locked themselves away.

Who suddenly appears in the room?

Jesus says: “Peace be with you.”

How did the disciples feel when they heard this? Why?



The disciples were filled with joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and was with them again.

Thomas wasn't there with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appeared. He refused to believe Jesus had been there until he saw for himself.



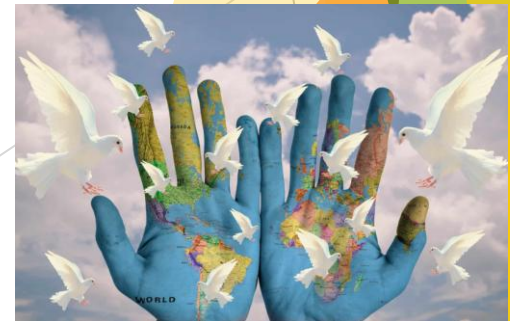
We all have times when we can be a bit like Thomas. When we find it hard to believe in God and his love for us. Times when we are not really sure if God really is here with us.

But God is always with us, even though we can't see him.

Peace can mean different things to different people.



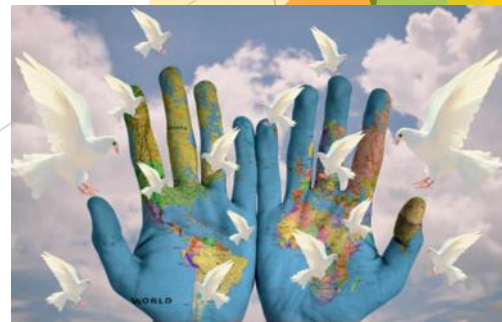
CAFOD asked some children around the world what peace meant to them, here are some of their answers:



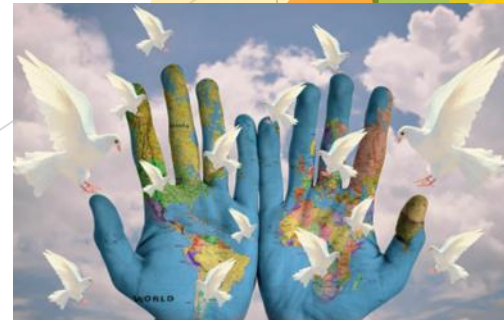
Lucky in Kenya said, “Peace is very important and it makes us be united.”

Sebastian who lives in Colombia said that “peace is forgiveness”. He also thinks that “peace is very beautiful”.

Yulia in Ukraine said: “My dream is to have peace over our heads.”

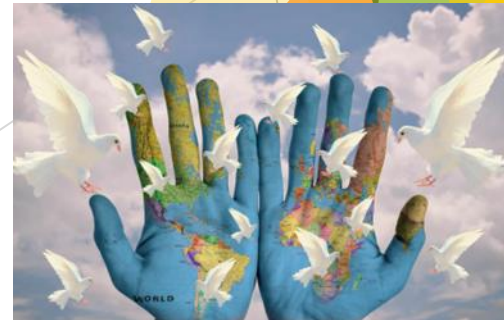


What does peace mean to you?

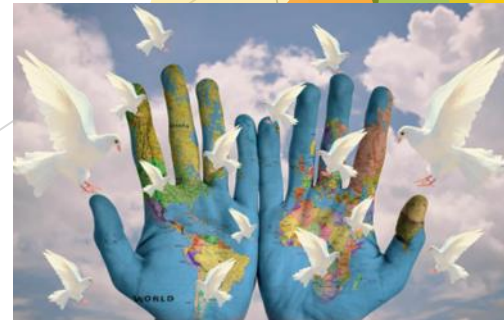


There are many places in the world right now where there is conflict and war. Millions of people have had to leave their homes. Many have fled to other nearby countries.

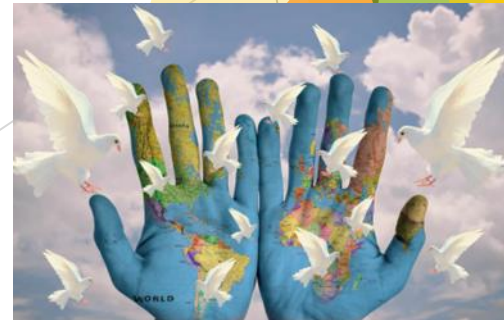
CAFOD is part of a family of Catholic charities around the world called Caritas. When an emergency happens, Caritas is already there.



For instance, CAFOD has been helping Caritas to reach communities in Ukraine since the war broke out three years ago. They have been giving out food baskets and drinking water, offering hot meals and healthcare services to those in need.

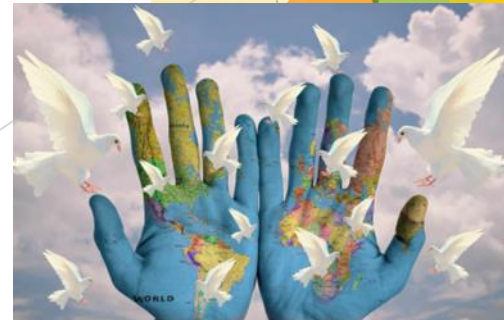


Maria, Stephan and their four children had to flee the fighting and found shelter in a village on the other side of country. They couldn't afford the firewood that they needed to keep warm in the cold, snowy winter. But they were able to ask for and get help from Caritas.

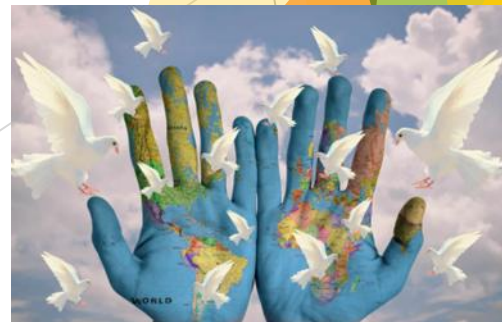


Let us remember in our prayers this week everyone who is affected by war, and all the people who are working to support them. We pray that God will give them courage, strength and hope at this difficult time.

We also pray for world leaders to make the right decisions which will help to bring peace.



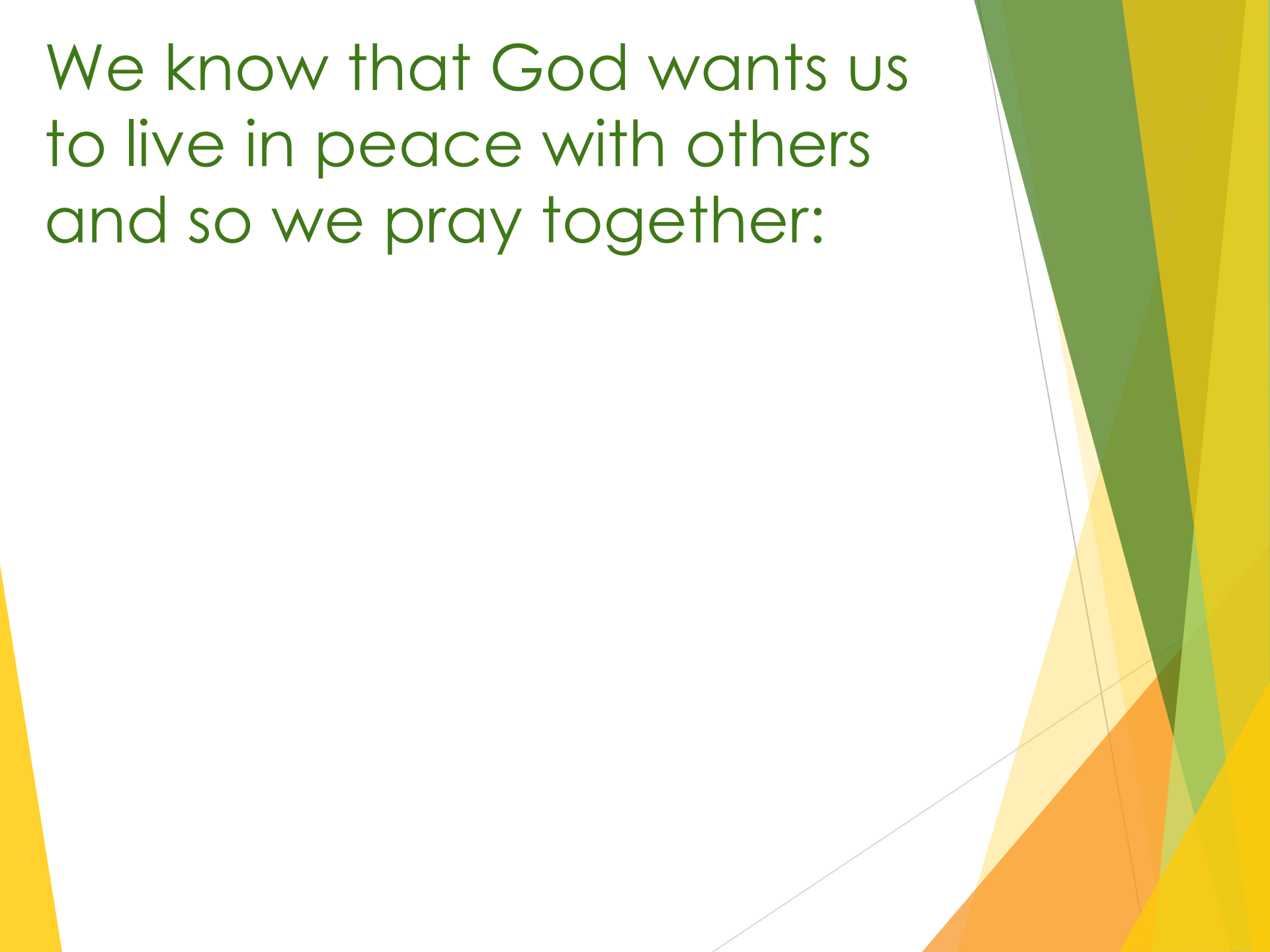
We can try to share peace in our lives. We can try to make things right when we have argued with a friend or family member. We can try to talk to people calmly when something upsets us or makes us angry, rather than shouting or stamping or being violent. We can stand up for what is right and help others who need some extra support.



In silence, pray for each other -
that God will be with all of us.



We know that God wants us
to live in peace with others
and so we pray together:



We pray for world leaders:
that they may do all that they
can to bring peace to all
people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are
afraid because of violence
and conflict: that they may
know peace and safety.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all people
who are working to build
peace in their
communities: that they
may find strength to
carry on, even in the
hardest times.

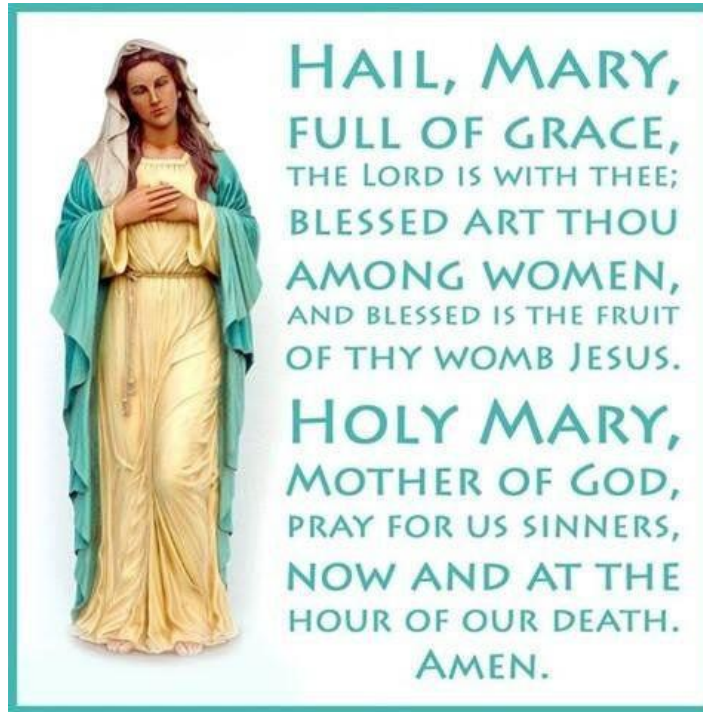
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Hear our prayer

We pray for our school,
parish, families and
friends: that we may
share peace with those
who are close to us and
with others around the
world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions.

We ask our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together ...



God of light, help us to bring peace to those who face violence, war and conflict, so that all your children around the world may know hope and happiness.

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will
you follow
Jesus this
week?

In the week ahead let's try to ...

- ▶ pray and work for peace in our world
- ▶ share peace in our lives
- ▶ make things right when we have argued with a friend or family member.
- ▶ talk to people calmly when something upsets us or makes us angry, rather than shouting or stamping or being violent.
- ▶ stand up for what is right and help others who need some extra support.

Jesus, I offer my day to you
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Let us go in
peace

Thanks be to God

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