



Guided Prayer

(Written for Peace with Justice Sunday 2014. Revised for 2019. Peace with Justice Sunday is June 16)

In our prayers this day we thank the Lord for our blessings:

Lord, we live in a world in desperate need of your peace and justice. On this Sunday let us pray for:

- Our Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria who live with violence every day. We remember especially the school girls kidnapped in 2014 and all other kidnapped by Boko Haram. We also remember the thousands who have been forced from their homes by the violence.
- The people of Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Ukraine, Congo, South Sudan, Central American countries, and other places where people are living with violence.
- People affected by shootings in schools, work places, and random shootings. There are daily shootings and weekly gun massacres in the U.S.
- Women and children facing physical and economic violence every day.
- All people forced from their homes because of violence.
- People and nations who see no ways to solve problems without violence.
- People trapped by the violence of poverty, especially children who go to bed hungry.

We remember those who are on our hearts today:

- The sick; facing surgery; recovering; awaiting tests
- Those who mourn
- Those who are alone

Oh Lord, Hear our prayers. Forgive us when our selfishness or pride or greed makes us contributors to violence in the world through the choices we make. Open our hearts and our minds to your leading so that we may be part of the peaceful end to conflict rather than part of the problems that make it worse. Make us instruments of your peace. Open our eyes to the plight of so many of our brothers and sisters who live with violence. Open our eyes to see the infinite possibilities living out your love for all people can bring!

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