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Moment to  
Pray for  
Peace!



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- **The World Council of Churches (WCC) has announced a world-wide campaign for 70 days of prayer to end the 70-year Korean War.** While the war that divided the country was actively fought between 1950 and 1953, it has not ended. There was no peace treaty, only an armistice and the people remain divided. The 70 days of prayers will be March 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. Pray for peace and reunification.
- **Those facing persecution for their moral stands, defense of the rule of law, or defense of the common good.**
- **Those facing the coronavirus** – those sick and those trying to stop it. At least 27 countries have now reported cases.
- **Syrian Refugees.** Since December 900,000 people, mostly women and children, have fled their homes in freezing conditions. Some children have frozen to death. The war there is now 9 years old. The Syrian government with Russia's help, is bombing civilians relentlessly. Neighboring countries are refusing to take more refugees so the people are homeless with nowhere to go.

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