

A Prayer



Take a
Moment to
Pray for
Peace!

Come Jesus, come!
We long for the peace you offer,
when our lives do not go as we
planned,
when conflict invades our daily lives,
when we see the world we live in torn
apart by violence and war;
and we feel powerless
to accept,
to change,
to act,
to help.
Open our hearts to your presence,
and renew our spirits,
that we may be ready
to be instruments of your peace in the world.

This week pray for:

- **Today starts the season of Lent.** This 40-day season before Easter (not counting Sundays since all Sundays are little Easters), is a time for reflection on one's relationship with God, and of seeking a better understanding of God's will for our lives. Delve into God's word and prayer as you seek his guidance. Also be in prayer for all those who touch your life and who's lives you touch, those close to you and those who's names you will never know.
- Those who have been affected by the winter storms, flooding, or tornados in the last weeks.
- **Youth and young adults**, many of whom look to the church and see only an institution that is not making a difference in the world or is full of hypocrisy. Many of these young people are looking for ways to make a difference for good with their lives, but they do not see the church as a place to do so. How can the church change that?
- **Refugees and displaced people** who must face the cold of winter or the extreme heat of summer in a tent or makeshift shelter. . .

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