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# WUCWO Day of Prayer

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## **Introduction**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The reading speaks of justice and peace going hand in hand, a message that is expressed in today's gospel where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son, Jesus, King and Bearer of peace to the whole world. The peace that Jesus brings is not what the world today gives but peace attained through the cross through the purifying action of the Holy Spirit. It is a cross that we have to carry to help the marginalized, the victims of violence, and those suffering from inhuman conditions due to apathy and insensitivity of the world. But peace attained through this is the only kind that last, the only peace that is redeeming, ennobling, and transforming.

**MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
QUEEN OF PEACE**

*From the Daily Roman Missal*

**INTRODUCTION RITES**

**ENTRANCE SONG:**

Joined together as Christ's people, we open the celebration by raising our voices in praise of God who is present among us. Please join in singing the Entrance hymn:

*(song to be chosen by the country)*

**GREETING:**

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father be with you.

*\*If the Presider is a Bishop, this should be: Peace be with you.*

People: And also with you.

**PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Priest: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us the Father's forgiveness for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: *Lord have mercy.*

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.

Christ have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord have mercy.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**GLORIA**

**OPENING PRAYER** – Let us Pray.

Lord God, you sent your only Son to bring peace to our world. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mary, ever virgin, hear our earnest prayer: grant that our times maybe tranquil, so that we may live in peace as one family united in love for one another. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READINGS** –(Isaiah 9:1-3; 5-6)

The people who walk in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You made their gladness greater; you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For there is a child born for us, as son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the Throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes makes secure in justice and integrity.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 85:9-14**

***R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.***

I will hear of what the Lord God has to say,

A voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people and his friend.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in out land.

***R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.***

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embrace.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and the justice look down from heaven.

***R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.***

The Lord will make us proper  
And our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
And peace shall follow his steps.

***R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.***

**ALLELUIA** (Luke 1:28)

*Alleluia, Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.  
Alleluia*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin Mary betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "**Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!**" But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever; and his kingdom there will be no end.**"

But Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?**"

And the angel said to her reply, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.**"

"**And behold Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.**" Mary said: "**Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.**" Then the angel departed from her.

Priest :       The Gospel of the Lord.  
People :       Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **HOMILY PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*We believe in one God'  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the father  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true from true God,  
begotten, no made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all thing were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.*

*For sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again*

*in the fulfillment of the Scriptures,  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the death,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believed in the Holy Spirit, the Lord. The giver of life,  
who proceeds from the father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead'  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Following the example of Mary, Queen of Peace, we praise and thank the Father, as we petition Him in the name of his Son, to pour out upon us the gift of his spirit of peace. Let our response be: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our Holy Father and all who minister in the Church that like Mary, they may receive the grace to live the gospel of peace which they preach. For this we pray,  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

That by giving Mary a place of honor in our lives, our homes may be blessed with the joy and peace of Christ. For this we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

With Mary as our model, we pray that we become witnesses, messengers, and teachers of peace in relations between individuals and generations, in the family, in social and political life of nations particularly in situations of conflict.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we become instruments of God's peace in healing divisions, discriminations, prejudices and bigotry in our community. For this we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

As women of faith working for peace, we pray for strength and wisdom to uphold the rights and dignity of women and children. For this we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

As women of faith working for peace, we strive to strengthen our families through the sanctity of marriage and by being a strong advocate for the preservation of life. For this we pray. **R Lord, graciously hear us.**

As women of faith working for peace we work for a sustainable environment in great peril due to man's greed and apathy for God's creation. For all these we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

That through us, those who are suffering in their old age may experience the loving care of Jesus and Mary in their hour of need and loneliness. For this we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our friends and relatives who have died, that having reached their journey's end, they may repose in the love of Jesus and his mother, Mary. For this we pray.  
**R Lord, graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the message of peace that Mary brings to our troubled world. Take pity on our restless hearts and troubled minds and grant us the peace and love of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFT

Lord we lovingly venerate our Blessed Virgin Mary, ever virgin, as Queen of peace, we offer you this sacrifice of reconciliation; be pleased with, with our offering and grant us your gifts of unity and peace.

### PREFACE

Father, all power and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks as we honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we proclaim with fitting praise and the greatness of your name.

She is your lowly handmaid, receiving your word from the angel Gabriel and conceiving in her virginal womb the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

She is the faithful Mother, standing fearless beside the cross as her Son sheds his blood for our salvation and reconciles all things to himself in peace. She is the disciple of Christ and daughter of peace, joining in prayer with the apostles as she awaits your promised Gift, the Spirit of unity and peace, of love and joy. Now, with the saints and all the angels we praise you for ever.

### ACCLAMATION

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.*

#### PRAYER

Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*Lord by your cross and the resurrection you have set us free, you are the savior of the world.*

#### COMMUNION RITES

##### **LORD'S PRAYER**

##### **DOXOLOGY**

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, for and forever.

##### **BREAKING THE BREAD**

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

##### **COMMUNION**

*Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.*

##### **COMMUNION SONG**

##### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, on this memorial of our Lady, queen of peace, fill us with the spirit of love, so that Christ left with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Proposed songs after the Eucharistic Celebration*

*Our Lady of Fatima*

*Let there be peace on earth*

*Peace*