

A Liturgy for Peace this Lent

Opening prayer

Prince of Peace,
We often find ourselves in the wilderness
Discouraged, afraid and tired.
Give us the Grace and the courage to pursue your
Kingdom,
To bring those who are isolated and oppressed into
the light.
To bring peace to the nations, and to those we
meet.

Amen.

Taize Chant: The Kingdom of God is Justice and
Peace.

<http://www.taize.fr/spip.php?page=chant&song=499&lang=en>

Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

Prayers of waiting

In this season of Lent, we anticipate your coming in
Glory at Easter, your kingdom of peace and justice
and your reign of truth and love.

At Easter, you brought us the promise of new life in
you

**May we be people of that new life, bringing light
and compassion.**

At Easter, you brought us forgiveness and
reconciliation

**May we be people of mercy, bringing hope and
redemption.**

In the wilderness, you resisted the temptation for
power and self-interest.

**May we be people of service, who resist the
temptation for power and worldly gain.**

On Good Friday, you suffered and died to defeat
death for your children.

**May we live and struggle to bring peace and
freedom to our brothers and sisters.**

In this time of waiting and reflection, have mercy
on us Lord and inspire us to greater love, greater
wisdom and greater courage.

Amen

A time of confession

*In the traditional Church calendar, Lent is a time of
self-examination and repentance. During a short
silence, invite people to write down something that
has been troubling them, a habit they want to break
or a pain they have been carrying and to burn it in a
central candle.*

God, our Father and our Mother, has forgiven us
and believes that we are good. The Lord has mercy
on the hearts of his sons and daughters. We are
loved, forgiven and filled with Grace. **Amen.**

Taize Chant: Kyrie Eleison 10

<http://www.taize.fr/spip.php?page=chant&song=364&lang=en>

Readings: Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 24:29-35

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for those suffering in unrest and violence
this Lent. For those who feel unsafe and
unprotected. For those who are surrounded by
murder and fear, for whom the sound of bullets or

drones or the marching of occupying soldiers is an
everyday noise.

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

We remember those women, 1 in 3, who will be
beaten or raped in their lifetimes. Who will have
violence committed against them, who will be
assaulted as children, or by a partner, a soldier or a
stranger.

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

We pray for our leaders and for all those in
positions of power. May they be motivated by
compassion and holiness and not by greed and
power. We pray for wisdom and patience, for
humility and cooperation.

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

A time of silence for our own prayers.

The Lord's Prayer...

Taize Chant: Wyslawiajcie Pana

<http://www.taize.fr/spip.php?page=chant&song=513&lang=en>

Closing Prayers

May Lent bring us wisdom and courage, strength
and zeal. May we be bringers of peace and workers
in the Kingdom of God. **Amen.**

