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Rationale:

“One Minute for Peace” was launched by the International Forum of Catholic Action (IFCA), by the Italian Catholic Action and the Argentinian Catholic Action, by the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations (WUCWO), and by others for the first time on June 6, 2014, at 1 p.m. in support of the “Invocation for Peace Meeting,” promoted by Pope Francis, together with the President of Israel (Simon Peres), the President of the Palestinian Authority (Maḥmūd ‘Abbās – Abu Mazen), and the Patriarch of Constantinople (Bartholomew I), in the Vatican Gardens, on the 8th June.

Every year on the 8th of June we celebrate the “One Minute Prayer for PEACE “. This year, June 8, 2024, marks the 10th anniversary of the historic meeting between Pope Francis and the Presidents Shimon Peres of Israel and Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine, held in the Vatican in 2014.

Since then, the International Catholic Action Forum has recommended joining Pope Francis’ appeal for the “One Minute for Peace” initiative at 1 p.m.

We propose that every Association invite all members, friends of other associations, confessions, religions, and all people of goodwill from all over the world, wherever they are, to stop, bow their heads, and pray at work, at school, at university, in the neighborhood, in the family, with friends, in front of the parish. Even priests at this time are invited to come out of the Churches into the streets and pray for peace with the people. If two or three join in, that's better!

Let us involve people and spread this initiative so that we may count on an ever-growing number of MINUTES FOR PEACE worldwide.



I. Introductory Rite:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Presider: May the Lord turn his face toward us and guide our feet into the way of peace, now and forever.

All: And also with you.

II. Prayer of Invocation

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness and joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

All: Amen

IV. Reading of the Word of God. ((Jn. 14:25-27)

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. John.

- 25 "I have told you this while I am with you
26 The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my
name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I
told you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world
gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or
afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

V. Intercessions

Presider: Let us pray with one mind, heart, and spirit that we may fulfill the Lord's desire that all be one, as he and the Father are one. For every petition, we shall say:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer homelessness as a result of the turmoil in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, and Gaza may know the comfort of the Holy Spirit in their suffering, we pray...

That leader of nations that are in turmoil may follow the leadership of Pope Francis and value the process toward peace, we pray...

For those who are especially at risk in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Gaza, and Myanmar will not lose hope, and all of our brothers and sisters who experience war and terrorism will remain strong and patient for peace, we pray.

That our Country's tension with China, over the West Philippine Sea will be settled in peaceful resolutions, we pray.

For those who encourage conflict and have turned away from the Gospel values and those who disregard Jesus's teaching, we pray.

For our brothers and sisters worldwide raising families amid war and political conflict, we pray.

For the peace that heals all wounds, for peace that guarantees safety, for peace that lives in our hearts and homes, we pray.

We pray that our prayers for peace will rise like incense and that all people will know hope and safety in their lives; we pray.

That all who are persecuted for their religious beliefs will be comforted in their struggles, and that Christians who know adversity because of their faith will be blessed with hope, we pray...

For those affected by the conflict and uncertainty and those frustrated in their hopes for living peaceful lives, we pray...

For all those whose lives are deeply affected by the lack of peace – in the different parts of the world-- that the Holy Spirit will send leaders who are instruments of peace and justice, we pray...

For those who are treated unjustly and without compassion, that the conflict and aggression they experience will have a quick and peaceful resolution, we pray...

For international peace and in our own country, that all people will value the absence of conflict and the presence of God who provides hope, we pray...

Presider: Holy God, give us the desire and the courage to live in love and unity in imitation of the Trinity: the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VI Concluding Prayer:

Presider:

Let us pray.

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried many times and over many years to resolve our conflicts with our powers and the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced? How much blood has been shed? How many lives have been shattered? How many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace, and guide our steps toward peace. Open our eyes and hearts, and give us the courage to say, "Never again war!" "With war, everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created and called us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep the flame of hope alive within us so that with patience and perseverance, we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way, may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds so that the word that always brings us together will be "brother," and our way of life will always be that of Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

All: Amen.

VII. Final Blessing

Presider:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May he look upon you with kindness and give you his peace.

All: Amen

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