

Liturgical Resources: World Day of Peace

January 1

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Presider:

With Mary, the Mother of God and the Queen of Peace,
we bring our prayers before God.

Deacon/Cantor/Reader:

For the Church, inspired by Mary's example, called to be peacemakers, we pray to the Lord...

For leaders of cities, states, and nations, called to bring about a just society in the image of God's reign, we pray to the Lord...

For an end to war and violence, we pray to the Lord...

For the poor and needy, and all who care for them, we pray to the Lord...

For all of us gathered on this New Year's Day, committed to a new year of grace and peace in our communities, we pray to the Lord...

For all who have died, at peace in the arms of God, we pray to the Lord...

Presider: (*if the Vocations Prayer is not prayed now*)

God of eternal love and light,
hear our prayers today for peace and goodwill on earth.
Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother,
grant us what we need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.