

March 16, 2022



PRAYER FOR PEACE... SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

WELCOME

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.
Psalm 46:10

(moment of silence)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27 (NRSV)

Pastor: Merciful and Loving God, we acknowledge our fear and profound grief when we see the humanitarian crisis and violence of war in Ukraine.

Our Ukrainian siblings cry out in fear for their lives, fear for the children, fear for their homes and for their futures.

Open us to be present and empathetic to their plight so that we might stand in solidarity with them and united in our opposition to the evil of tyranny and injustice.

We call upon you God to direct us toward the path of peace, recognizing the greatest power to overcome fear and despair rests in the power of your love through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we 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. Amen.**

Leader: Come let us go to the mountain of the LORD,
that we may walk the path of the Most High.

**All: That we may beat our swords into
ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Leader: We gather today in remembrance of all those
killed or harmed by gun violence in and whose homes and
livelihood has been lost in Ukraine.

(time of silence)

Leader: We are a world at war with ourselves, a people who have
forgotten who we are.

(time of silence)

**All: We gather today to remember that we are each a child of
God.**

**We gather to claim our belonging to each other and
our commitment to living the way of God's peace.**

Leader: Come let us go to the mountain of the LORD, that we may
walk the path of the Most High.

All: **That we may beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Leader: Neighbor shall not lift up gun against neighbor.
 Neither shall they learn violence any more.

(time of silence)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, Inspire us with the gift of shalom, the gift of wholeness and the promise of your presence.
 Give us wisdom to seek nonviolence as an answer to the violence of our lives and world.
 Give us courage to seek wholeness in a fractured and divided world, to find reconciliation rather than revenge, to abandon the instruments of violence and death and entrust our lives, our homes and our families to you.
 May your presence fill us and others with the thirst for unity, wholeness, and the desire to see all people valued as created in your image.
 May we and others receive your Shalom that we might be faithful instruments of your love.

All: **Amen**

*A time of quiet and invitation to light a candle.

Peace, Be Still

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.
The storm rages. Peace be still.

LENT/EASTER THANK OFFERING

Our Mid-Week Worship in Lent and our special Easter Sunday offering has been designated to support ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) .

Giving can be done:

Website, www.shephills.org/give , or
under Giving on onrealm.org , or
by check or cash. Please indicate Lent Offering.



MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

“We are each a thread in the tapestry of humanity”

SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Giver of Life, in the face of destruction, we long for restoration, and we trust that you hear our prayer and the cries of the people of Ukraine.

Reunite families, re-establish homes, revive economies, renew hope, and restore peace, we pray.

Grant us courage to walk alongside all who suffer violence in the world. May our prayers compel us to action on their behalf.

All: Amen.

For the Healing of the Nations

Verse 1

For the healing of the nations
Lord we pray with one accord

For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word

Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom
From despair Your world release
That redeemed from war and hatred
All may come and go in peace
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase

Verse 3

All that kills abundant living
Let it from the earth be banned
Pride of status race or schooling
Dogmas that obscure Your plan
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span

Verse 4

You Creator-God have written
Your great name on humankind
For our growing in Your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find

SENDING

Leader: Let us go in peace and pray for peace, as we love and serve
the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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A STUDY IN FORGIVENESS

10:30 a.m. | Library + on Zoom

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary