



## PLEASE, LET US PRAY FOR PEACE

**Francis asks for prayers for peace in the world and in the Holy Land, that “the difficulties resolve themselves in dialogue and negotiation and not with a mountain of dead.” The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network proposes a novena.**

Francis has asked the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network to organize a campaign of special prayer for peace in the world and in the Holy Land. “Let us pray – he says in a video made in Spanish and available with subtitles also in **English, French, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic and Hebrew** – that the difficulties resolve themselves in dialogue and negotiation and not with a mountain of dead on each side.”

In his request, Francis recalls, “We all feel the pain of the wars,” and that “there are two very near that force us to react: Ukraine and the Holy Land.” What is going on in the Holy Land, he adds, “is very painful.” In addition, he remarks, “the Palestinian people, the people of Israel” are “two fraternal peoples” and “have the right to peace, have the right to live in peace.”

This is not the first time that the Pope has made a call for peace. Not a week passes that he does not ask for prayers insistently for peace in war-torn Ukraine, or for so many other countries, as most recently for Sudan. And how many times has he denounced war and the conflicts that are born in the hearts of men and women and in fear? “Understand that terrorism and war never lead to a solution. War is a defeat. Every war is a defeat!” How often, on the contrary, in the midst of a divided and fragmented world, has Francis asked for the promotion of the values of peace, living together and the common good?

Today he invites us again to pray with ever more insistence for peace in the world and in the Holy Land. Francis asks us to pray for the grave situation in Palestine and in Israel, where very many persons have lost their lives. How often, with pain, has he asked that spaces be opened to guarantee humanitarian assistance and that the hostages be released?

On 17 October, he invited all believers to unite with the Church in the Holy Land and to dedicate the day to prayer and fasting, since “prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war.” As we now approach Advent, the hope of the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus, he again invites us to pray.

Besides publishing this video with its call for peace in the Holy Land, the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network proposes **a novena for peace in the world, and for the Holy Land, Palestine and Israel**. You will find it through Click To Pray, the official prayer app of the Pope, in which Francis has his own profile. In the app – free and downloadable on smartphones – as well as the website of Click To Pray, you can find the prayer texts that the Prayer Network made available for those who wish to unite themselves with the Holy Father in the Novena.



### **Where can the video be seen?**

YouTube channel of Click to Pray: <https://www.youtube.com/@clicktoprayapp>

### **Where can the Novena for Peace be downloaded?**

Novena for Peace on Click To Pray: <https://clicktopray.org/campaigns/902>

Novena for Peace Booklet:

EN: [https://issuu.com/popesprayernet/docs/novena - blessed are the peacemakers en](https://issuu.com/popesprayernet/docs/novena_-_blessed_are_the_peacemakers_en)

### **About the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**

*The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a Vatican foundation, with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action in response to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. These challenges are presented in the form of prayer intentions entrusted by the Pope to the entire Church. The foundation's mission is inscribed in the dynamic of the Heart of Jesus, a mission of compassion for the world. Founded in 1844 as the Apostleship of Prayer, it is present in 89 countries, and is made up of more than 22 million Catholics. It includes a youth branch, the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM). In December 2020, the Pope constituted this pontifical work as a Vatican Foundation and approved its new statutes. Its international director is Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ. For more information, visit: [www.popesprayer.va](http://www.popesprayer.va).*

### **Click To Pray**

*Click To Pray is the Pope's prayer app which helps us pray for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. Click To Pray is a digital community of prayer where you can share the intentions of the Holy Father and pray together with others. The community builds bridges between generations, where we all pray as one. The platform is available in seven languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, Italian, French, German and traditional Chinese. Click To Pray offers content updated on all major social media networks.*

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