

Prayer for Peace in St. Simeon

Or alternatively:

* **The Peace Prayer from St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy 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, joy.

O Lord, 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;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

* **Opportunity to light a candle at the candleholder for personal prayer**

* **Our Father** (The Lord's Prayer)

* **Blessing**

* **Song 3** Taize: Dona nobis pacem (Bring us Peace)

* **Tea Talk**

Prayer for Peace in the Refugee church St. Simeon

The Prayer for Peace (Friedensgebet) always takes place on the second Wednesday of the month. Preceding the prayer is a presentation of information regarding one country, from which people are leaving on their way to Europe. It is presented by a consultant or from others who have either worked in that country, often visited there, or lived there and can speak authentically and share pictures. The goal is not to give an extensive description of the country but rather to give a feeling, a taste, of that particular country - to enable and kindle our empathy for the people who are leaving from there. After the prayer, there may be an opportunity to have discussions over a cup of tea.

Through the assistance of an English, Arabic, or French speaker, portions of the liturgy are alternatively spoken in a second language. The selected songs are simple, non-Trinitarian songs from the Taize tradition.

Prayer for Peace in the Refugee church



* Welcome

* Information about the situation in the country

Everyone is welcome to pray with us.
Together we will be united to pray for peace.
Today we light a candle for ...[COUNTRY].
„The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”
(John 1:5)
(candle lighting)

* Song 1 Taize: Da pacem cordium (Give Peace)

* Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Da pacem/ or Hallelujah

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
et I will be confident.

Da pacem/ or Hallelujah

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

Da pacem/ or Hallelujah

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

Amen

* Song 2 Taize: Laudate omnes gentes (Sing Praises all you People)

* Reading Matthew 5:3-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

* Silence (about 5 minutes)

* A Coventry Prayer

ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

The hatred, which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
God, forgive.
The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
God, forgive.
The greed, which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
God, forgive.
Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
God, forgive.
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
God, forgive.
The lust, which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
God, forgive.
The pride, which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
God, forgive.

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDER HEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS
GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.

Amen