



# Walking in Peace for Lent

Set up an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions and a World Mission Rosary, that can be obtained from the Missionary Childhood Office.

**Leader:** Saint Irenaeus tells us, “The Lord wants us to make our offering(s) in all sincerity and freedom from sin. Jesus declared this when He said, ‘Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.’ ”

Let us pause for a moment to think about how we can reconcile with those people with whom we may be in conflict and walk with them in Christ’s peace this Lent.

## Pause for silent reflection

**Reader 1:** God’s word teaches us how to treat each other with love, respect, and mercy. As we enter into the Lenten season, let us begin anew to live in peace as missionary disciples.

**Reader 2:**

**(Romans 12: 9-18)**

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks Be to God.**

## Pause for silent reflection

**Reader 1:** In our world, there are many places where children are in desperate need of Christ’s peace. We

pray that we may be a sign of His love and peace by helping to send missionaries to those in most need.

**Reader 2:** Our response is:

**Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Peru**, some of whom depend on missionaries for a daily meal eaten in peace so that they can receive proper nutrition, we pray:

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 2:** For the children of **Cameroon**, some of whom depend on missionaries for education so that they may grow to bring peace to their own country, we pray:

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Afghanistan**, some of whom depend on missionaries to learn about Jesus, so that they may bring peace to their world, we pray:

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 2:** For the children of the **Kiribati**, some of whom depend on missionaries for medical care so that they can live healthy, peaceful lives, we pray:

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** For the children of **Albania**, who depend on missionaries for after school care programs so that they live in peaceful security, we pray:

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Leader:** Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers and show us the way to peace and reconciliation in this world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**Closing Song: Prayer of St. Francis**