

Novena for Peace in Iraq September 12 to 21.

Novena prayer for peace in our world - especially Iraq. Prepared by Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese, following Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops call for prayer.

Opening Prayer for Peace

Lord, the plight of Iraq is deep
and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening.
Peace is the foundation of life.
Grant the people of Iraq peace and stability
that will enable them to live with one another
with dignity and joy.
Spare their lives and grant them patience
and courage to continue their witness of Christian values
with trust and hope.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



(Prayer of Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Sako of Iraq, adapted by Archbishop Costelloe of Perth.)

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Ø Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Iraq, especially those who have been forced to flee their homes and live as refugees. We pray for those who have been unable to escape.



Response - Christ is our peace and through him we implore peace for the entire world.

Ø Let us pray for all the innocent people in the war torn countries of the Middle East, who suffer at the hands of the few who seek power.

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Ø Let us pray for those nations who have the courage to protest against the crimes of war and to welcome into their own countries those seeking refuge.

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Ø Let us pray that the power of God's love will transform lives by changing hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness and war into peace.

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Ø Let us pray for the children of Iraq, Syria and the Middle East, of Pakistan and the Ukraine, of South Sudan and Africa.

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Leader : Christ is our peace and through him may we help build 'one family of brothers and sisters in our diverse societies' acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with our God.' We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Sr Ann Laidlaw dc)

...From Pope Francis

Ø I ask the International community to protect all those suffering violence in Iraq.

Response - God the Father please answer our prayer.

Ø Violence is not conquered by violence. Lord send us the gift of peace. Pray for peace.

Response - God the Father please answer our prayer.

Ø The news coming from Iraq pains me. Lord, teach us to live in solidarity with all those who suffer.

Response - God the Father please answer our prayer.

Ø I appeal to all families: when you say your prayers, remember all those forced from their homes in Iraq.

Response - God the Father please answer our prayer.

PAUSE FOR OUR OWN PRIVATE INTENTIONS

Closing - Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your 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, Divine Master, 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 that we are born again to eternal life.

AMEN

Please say this prayer in your family and community each day from – September 12th to September 21.

