

## Prayers for Peace

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For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference, so that our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, we pray...

For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language, or culture, we pray...

For the wisdom to receive the stories and experiences of those different from ourselves and to respond with respect, we pray...

For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior, we pray...

For our faith community, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our worship, our ministries, and our leaders, we pray...

For the courage to have difficult conversations about racism, and for a better appreciation of how our words and actions—or even our silence—can impact our communities, we pray...

For the strength and courage to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors, we pray...

For the protection of all police, fire fighters, first responders, and the military who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety; for fair and just policing that will promote peace and wellbeing in all our neighborhoods, we pray...

For our public officials, that they will strive to work for fair education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for employment for all, we pray...

For our parish, that we may cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds, we pray...



Mindfulness  
Love  
**Peace**  
Faith  
Healing  
Forgiveness  
Reflection  
Kindness  
Hope  
Mercy



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## Garden Rosary

### Praying the Rosary for Peace in Our Community

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### An Invitation to Prayer

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The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Diocese of San Diego has designated the first Sunday of October as “Rosaries for Peace” Sunday, and encourages us to pray a special Rosary for Peace in Our Community.

In this spirit, the Parish’s Art and Environment Committee has created a Garden Rosary, a *Path for Peace* in the North Garden for our faith community to use to pray the Rosary for Peace.

Of course, the Path may be used to pray the traditional Rosary as well.

This October, take time to pray the Rosary, take time to walk the Path, take time to pray for peace.



## Praying the Rosary for Peace

*The Path begins at the Cross in the North Garden.*

1. At the Cross, make the **Sign of the Cross** and pray the **Apostles' Creed**.
2. At the first yucca plant, pray the **Our Father**.
3. At each paver stone, pray the **Hail Mary** and, after the third paver stone, one **Glory Be**.
4. At each yucca plant, lift up one **Prayer for Peace** (or your own) and pray the **Our Father**.
5. At each paver stone, pray a **Hail Mary** and, after the tenth paver stone, one **Glory Be**.
6. At the Statue of Mary, pray the **Hail, Holy Queen**, and make the **Sign of the Cross**.

## The Prayers of the Rosary

**Sign of the Cross** — In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Apostles' Creed** — I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life ever lasting. Amen.

**Our Father** — Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary** — Hail Mary, full of grace. The 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.

**Glory Be** — Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Hail Holy Queen** — Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

