

Opening Prayer Service
Saturday, May 31, 2014
A.G. Baillie Memorial School—1:15 p.m.
Rosary for Peace

Introduction (Ann Myers): WUCWO has asked for prayers for Pope Francis from all member organizations. Since peace is a recurring theme in the Pope’s talks we will recite the rosary for the Pope’s intentions over the next days and do so with a focus on peace.

Peace is more than the mere absence of conflict as the Bible and Pope Francis constantly remind us. Peace is a noun; that is it names a thing. However, peace is always linked to verbs to action. We are called to pray for peace, to make peace that Christ gives. Both Scripture and Pope Francis note the intrinsic relationship between peace and justice that without justice there can be no lasting peace.

As we pray the decades of the rosary let us meditate on Scripture and on the words of Pope Francis. Let us begin with song as it has been said that when we sing we pray twice and what better hymn than the *Prayer of St. Francis*. Verse 1 and refrain only.

Leader: Debbie Samson: Sign of the Cross, Apostle Creed, Our Father, Three Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer.

1st Decade

Leader: Carol Pottie: Our Father, Scripture **1**, 4 Hail Marys, Scripture **2**, 4 Hail Marys, Pope **3**, 2 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer.

Scripture 1. Shirley Campbell: I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord — for he proclaims peace, to his people and to his faithful ones, and to those who put in him their hope. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. (Psalm 85:9, 11)

Scripture 2. Ann McGray: “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another.”

Pope Francis: 3. Theresa Duann: “Fraternity is an essential human quality, for we are relational beings. A lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace. We should remember that fraternity is generally first learned in the family, thanks above all to the responsible and complementary roles of each of its members, particularly the father and the mother. The family is the wellspring of all fraternity, and as such it is the foundation and the first pathway to peace, since, by its vocation, it is meant to spread its love to the world around it.” (*Fraternity: the Foundation and Pathway to Peace, January 2014*)

2nd Decade

Leader: Ann Bradbury: Our Father, Scripture 1, 4 Hail Marys, Scripture 2, 4 Hail Marys, Pope 3, 2 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer.

Scripture 1. Joline Belliveau: “Turn from evil and do good; seek peace, and follow it. The Lord has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. (Psalm 34:15-16)

Scripture 2. Toosje Van de Sande: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

Pope Francis 3. Mary MacDonald: “Give up the way of arms and go out to meet the other in dialogue, pardon and reconciliation in order to rebuild justice, trust and hope around you.

Verse 1 “Peace is flowing like a River”

Spiritual Program

Saturday, May 31, 2014

A.G. Baillie Memorial School— 4:00 p.m.

Sing Verse 2: Prayer of Saint Francis

3rd Decade

Leader: Claire Marchand: Our Father, Scripture 1, 4 Hail Marys, Scripture 2, Pope 3, 2 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima prayer.

Scripture 1. Carol Pottie: “For a child is born to us, a son is given us, authority rests upon his shoulders; he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.” (Isaiah 9:5-6)

Scripture 2. Sandra O’Connell: “Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them “Peace be with you”. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20: 19-21)

Pope Francis: 3. Peggy MacNeil: “The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ; all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! ‘Father, the atheists?’ Even the atheists. Everyone! And this blood makes us

children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good, and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter: we need that so much. We must meet one another doing good.”

4th Decade

Leader: Joline Belliveau: Our Father, Scripture 1, 4 Hail Marys, Scripture 2, 4 Hail Marys, Pope 3, 2 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer.

Scripture 1. Glenda Carson: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings glad tidings; announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, “Your God is King!” (Isaiah 52:7)

Scripture 2. Toosje Van de Sande: “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, what is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:6-9)

Pope Francis 3. Debbie Samson: “We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”

Close: Sing Dona Nobis Pacem.

Spiritual Program
Sunday, June 1, 2014
A.G. Baillie Memorial School— 9:00 a.m.
Rosary for Peace

Hymn: Peace is Flowing like a River (all three verses)

5th Decade

Leader: Joan Bona: Our Father, Scripture **1**, 4 Hail Marys, Scripture **2**, 4 Hail Marys, Pope **3**, 2 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer.

Scripture 1. Ann MacGray.: “May the Lord give strength to his people; may the Lord bless his people with peace!” (Psalm 29:11)

Scripture 2. Mary MacDonald: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

Pope Francis: 3. Fr. Doug: “If then, we consider peace as *opus solidaritatis*, we cannot fail to acknowledge that fraternity as its principal foundation. Peace, John Paul II affirmed, is an indivisible good. Either it is the good of all or it is the good of none. It can be truly attained and enjoyed, as the highest quality of life and a more human and sustainable development, only if all are guided by solidarity a “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good”. This means not being guided by a “desire for profit” or a “thirst for power”. What is needed is the willingness to “lose ourselves” for the sake of others rather than exploiting them, and to “serve them” instead of oppressing them for our own advantage. “The ‘other’ - whether a person, people or nations—[is to be seen] not just as some kind of instrument with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our ‘neighbour’, a ‘helper’. (*Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathway to Peace*, January 2014)

Leader: Ann Myers: 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 vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile , show us the most gracious fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

Response (All): That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Closing Blessing: “May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, help us to understand and live every day the fraternity that springs from the heart of her Son, so as to bring peace to each person on this our beloved earth.” **Blessing.**

Sing hymn Prayer of St. Francis—all verses.