

An Advent Prayer For Reace

Given the recent events in our world, the plea "Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!"

holds profound significance now more than ever.

We pray for global peace- to end violence against Earth and vulnerable communities.

May we serve as instruments of the Word-made-flesh, who dwelt among us, and may we embody hope, peace, joy, and love in our world.

As the following song* affirms, "we can still be your way of compassion," may it be so for us, RNDMs, and for all people of goodwill that we may REJOICE in the fullness of God!

This advent reflection features the artwork of RNDM sisters as visual meditations on our selected themes.

You may use this booklet as companion to your advent wreath ritual.

Lead us, indeed, Immanu-el! Let the light of your peace shine.

Have a meaningful advent.

^{*}You may use the song for your advent wreath ritual.



WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Text: Refrain Upanishads, Satish Kumar; verses, Marty Haugen
Tune: Marty Haugen
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Refrain:

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.

Verse:

Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns,
Still now your people die, earth's sons and daughters.
Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,
Come and teach us your way of compassion.

Verse:

So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives, Longing for love to break into their darkness. Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace, Come and teach us your way of compassion.

Verse:

Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth, Let us begin to grow into your people. We can be love, we can bring peace, We can still be your way of compassion.



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Chant when lighting the candle:

O <u>Hope</u>, light our way now... O <u>Hope</u>, lead us on... [Peace...Joy...Love...]

Chant by: Weeyaa Villanueva RNDM [PHI]

First Sunday of Advent Lead us from despair to hope





O Hope, light our way now... O Hope, lead us on...

Color one candle purple.

"Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved." Psalm 80:7

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[Mark 13:28-31]

God of Hope,

Guide us from the depths of despair to the embrace of hope. Infuse our hearts with courage and faith, that we may find solace in the promise of a brighter dawn. May the light of hope illumine our path.



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