



May weapons be silenced, let us heed the cry for peace (Pope Francis)!

**Worldwide Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace
Friday, October 27, 2023**

At the General Audience in Saint Peter's Square on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Pope Francis called for a *day of fasting and prayer, a day of penance* for the intention of peace in the world, especially in Israel and Palestine. The Holy Father reminds us that "so many war fronts are already open in the world." So, our prayer for peace includes every part of the world as well, including Ukraine.

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**11:30 AM in the Basilica
Holy Rosary**

Let us turn to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, for her heavenly help to bring peace to the world.

**12:05 PM in the Basilica
Holy Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice**

**Archbishop Nelson J. Perez
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Celebrant and Homilist**

**Archbishop Borys Gudziak
Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Concelebrant**

All are welcome!

Archbishop Perez exhorts the clergy and the lay faithful throughout the Archdiocese to observe this Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace. All parishes, religious communities and institutions throughout the Archdiocese are asked to announce this Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace beginning this Sunday, October 22, 2023, with local plans for its observance, especially with the praying of the Holy Rosary and the celebration of Holy Mass.