

Daily Prayer for Peace

30 May 2025

Iran

Gathering in Silence

Call to Prayer (9 chimes)

Lighting of Candle

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this time of prayer. The Temple which is “dedicated to the pursuit of peace. ...[and which] shall be for reconciliation and for healing of the spirit.” “You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 156:5a; 163:3a

Today, we remember the country of Iran, officially known as the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is also known as Persia. Iran is a country in West Asia. It borders Turkey to the northwest and Iraq to the west, Azerbaijan, Armenia, the Caspian Sea, and Turkmenistan to the north, Afghanistan to the east, Pakistan to the southeast, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf to the south. With a multi-ethnic population of about 86 million in an area of 1,648, 195 km, Iran ranks 17th globally in both geographic size and population. It is the sixth largest country entirely in Asia and one of the world's most mountainous countries. Officially an Islamic republic, Iran has a Muslim-majority population. The country is divided into five regions with 31 provinces. Tehran is the nation's capital, largest city, and financial center.

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Prayer for Peace

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Dear God,

Thank you for this beautiful world you've created and put us in. Thank you for our beautiful surroundings.

But sometimes we have mistreated our world with pollution, greed and sin. For this, we are deeply sorry. Please forgive us, Lord.

And with that, help us forgive others for their faults. Help us forgive and love each other, for that will bring peace. Bring us reconciliation, Lord.

Please bring peace to the whole world. Help each person to develop peace within themselves, and then share peace with all your creation.

We know that peace is not the opposite of war. Peace includes justice. Therefore, let us treat everyone fairly, for everyone has the same amount of God-given worth.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn

"Come Now O Prince of Peace," CCS 255/Conference Hymn Number TBD

Prayers of the People

As we enter a time of guided prayer, meditation, and musical reflection, you are invited to offer silent prayers or meditate during the moments of quiet. The Prayers of the People this day begin with ourselves and move outward, in rippling waves to those we know and love, to strangers and enemies, to the entire world, to all of creation. We begin by noticing our breathing. We breathe in spirit and exhale those things that separate us from you, O God. Breathe in. Breathe out.

Please enter into the silence with me as we pray for peace remembering God's promise to be with us and to work in us. Listen for the sound of the beloved's voice.

[Pause]

God of creation, in the beginning your breath moved over the waters and brought calm and peace to a chaotic world. Breathe into my being this day; bring respite to my frenzied soul. Refresh my frayed sense of self and bring alive my hope for peace through words and actions inspired by your spirit. Breathe on me, breath of God.

[Pause]

God of reconciliation, 2,000 years ago you breathed and the word became flesh among us, teaching us the way of forgiveness, mercy, compassion and peace. Breathe into our relationships this day; allow us to enflesh the teachings of your Son within our family, friends, neighbors, and even our encounters with those we do not yet know. Breathe on us, breath of God.

[Pause]

God of sacred community, your Holy Spirit seeks to blow through the discord, disruption, and disease of the world to bring healing and wholeness once again. We remember all nations, including Iran, the country we pray for today. Remind us that many of your children lack the basic needs of life, including freedom, space to grow, and love to support them. Breathe on your people, breath of God.

[Pause]

God of all, your planet is gasping for breath, heaving under the pressure and weight of unbridled consumption of resources and greed-driven destruction of your world. The Earth groans from forces of chaos that destroy what

we have been given as a gift for all creation. Awaken us to our responsibilities to heal and bring peace to our earthly home. Breathe once again over the waters, skies, land, and all that inhabit them, breath of God.

[Pause]

May the awareness of our own breathing connect us to you, O God, and to all that lives because you create it, love it, and call it good. In and through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Sending Forth

Be blessed this day with frustration at injustice.

To motivate us to work for peace.

Go in peace.