

Daily Prayer for Peace

1 June 2025

Malawi

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 [that] calls the entire church to become a sanctuary of Christ’s peace, where people from all nations, ethnicities, and life circumstances can be gathered into a spiritual home without dividing walls.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:8c

Today in our prayers we remember the people of Malawi. Malawi, officially the Republic of Malawi, is a landlocked country in Southeastern Africa. It is bordered by Zambia to the west, Tanzania to the north and northeast, and Mozambique to the east, south, and southwest. Malawi is a unitary presidential republic under the leadership of President Lazarus Chakwera. The current constitution was put into place on 18 May 1995.

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9-10, 14, 16 NRSV

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Prayer for Peace

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O Lord Jesus Christ, precious son of God;
I bow my head before you as your love transcends your holiness in my heart.
I hear your voice, my face is searching for you.
I am thirsty for you my Lord;
I am thirsty for your peace.
O Lord you said you’ll give me the living water.
I want to find you.
Where are you, my Lord?
O Lord you said, “I came to save that which was lost.”
What was lost?

I want to find you; my heart seeks you O Lord.

What is your will for me?

Holy spirit direct me, guide me, and teach me in Jesus, name. Amen.

Hymn

"Fanana," Community of Christ Sings 596/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 begin with individuals and groups, then move out from this Temple of peace to include the human family and the planet.

Within all aspects of our lives and our world exist situations and conditions that need the healing touch of the Holy. Will you join with me to listen to the voice that speaks peace to each of us from beyond the farthest hills, from the infinite heavens above, and the vast seas below?

[Pause]

Listen to the voice that invites you to surrender your fears and frustrations, anger, and anxieties, and to await with an open heart the peace that only Christ can bring. Allow the one who seeks only the best for you to offer the comfort you seek.

[Pause]

Listen to the voice that whispers the invitation to reconciliation with those whose lives, words, decisions, or actions have wounded you. May you find space in your heart for healing to occur in your relationships with brothers and sisters, as well as your enemies.

[Pause]

Listen to the voice that calls all into unity and oneness. We remember all nations, including Malawi, the country we pray for today. May we be attuned to hear the cries for mercy, forgiveness and generosity. Listen to the one who reminds us that in the welfare of another resides our own well-being.

[Pause]

Listen to the voice that echoes across the eons of time and yet speaks anew in this moment. The Earth shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of our greed and conflicts. Listen to creation which struggles to provide life to the seas, the hills, and the heavens above.

[Pause]

May the one who spoke calm to the storm and stilled the waves with a word, bring peace to us and through us. May we be among those whose lives whisper, shout, and proclaim peace to those far and near for the sake of God's shalom. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Sending Forth

Be witnesses of hope,

Shed tears for injustice, and

Make a difference in the world.

Go in peace.