

Daily Prayer for Peace

5 June 2025

Poland

Gathering in Silence

Call to Prayer (9 chimes)

Lighting of Candle

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this sacred space where you are invited to “Become a people of the Temple—those who see violence but proclaim peace, who feel conflict yet extend the hand of reconciliation, who encounter broken spirits and find pathways for healing.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:2a

Today in our prayers we remember the people of Poland. Poland, officially the Republic of Poland, is a country in Central Europe. It extends from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Sudetes and Carpathian Mountains in the south, bordered by Lithuania and Russia to the northeast, Belarus and Ukraine to the east, Slovakia and the Czech Republic to the south, and Germany to the west. The territory is characterized by a varied landscape, diverse ecosystems, and temperate climate. Poland is among the founding members of the United Nations.

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:17-19 NRSV

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

Prayer for Peace

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Creator of Life and Author of Peace,

We offer up this prayer for peace, seeking earnestly for peace within our hearts, peace within our relationships, peace within our communities, and peace within our world.

Thank you, O God, for the great gift of peace you have given us in the life of Jesus and the abiding comfort of your Spirit. We pause at this moment to remember your words, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.” Calm our hearts. Let us breathe in the peace you intend for our lives and consider our need for peace in daily living.

As we meditate upon peace, we are also aware of injustice in our world, our communities, and our homes. Forgive us, O God, when we ignore injustice or silently contribute to inequality by receiving rewards based on privilege. Grant us the wisdom to live our lives as stewards of peace.

Help us to discover more deeply what Jesus taught us about the basileia tou theou, the kingdom of God. Help us to find ways to work together to build the peaceable realm of God by becoming a people of the Temple, a temple that is dedicated to peace, reconciliation, and healing of the spirit. Indeed, help us to share the peace of Jesus Christ freely and joyfully.

We are so thankful for this moment each day, when our prayers ascend to you, when we consider the needs in our world, and our needs within. Bless each of us with that calm reassurance of your peaceful presence even now, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

"Ubi Caritas et Amor," CCS 152/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 then, enlarging life's circle, move outward to include those we know and love, to strangers and enemies, to the entire world, and to all of creation.

Please join with me in today's prayer and meditation; quiet your breathing and embrace God's eternal grace as you become aware of your own responses to the guided prayers of the people.

[Pause]

God, you are the still point of the circle within which all creation is found. I yearn to connect with your spirit of peace and experience the companionship of your presence in this moment. May I abide in the center of creation's circle with you?

[Pause]

Creator of horizons, help us draw the circle wider to include those I know and love, and even those I struggle to understand and accept. Fill this circle with the gifts of forgiveness, mercy, compassion, and peace. Give us the desire to include all whose paths cross ours into a place where acceptance is offered freely. Draw our circle wider.

[Pause]

Giver of dreams, let the peace we've dreamed of expand to embrace all your children. We remember all nations, including Poland, the country we pray for today. Within this circle may we see the other as brother and sister, and act as mutual stewards of one another. You call us to live without borders that exclude. Help us to draw the circle wider still.

[Pause]

God of all living things, your world longs to be whole and in harmony. The dream of shalom includes caregiving for the water, earth, air and all that has life in one great family. You created us with interdependencies. Give us

mutual respect and tender care for all. Let this be our song: Nothing on your created Earth stands alone, but lives in shalom with all other living things. Draw the circle wide open.

[Pause]

Architect of life and peace, may we be blessed by your vision of shalom this day. May our minds, hearts, and spirits be wide enough for all to find a home. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, God's shalom. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Sending Forth

May blessings of peace

Be realized today

Through the Source, Savior, and Spirit.

Go in peace.