

Peace amid ... October



Call to Prayer "Peace is worth far more than anything..."

(Coste, St. Vincent, Letters and Conferences, vol. 3, #1199, p. 612-13, 1650)

Leader: O God, come to our assistance

ALL: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth (Use optional text.) by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to
be. With God as our Fa-ther, broth - ers
(optional text) We are

all are we; Let me walk with my broth - er in
fam - i - ly. Let us walk with each oth - er

per - fect har - mo - ny. Let peace be - gin with me, let
this be the mo - ment now. With ev - 'ry step I take, let
this be my sol - emn vow: To take each mo - ment and live each
mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and

1 let it be - gin with me. Final let it be - gin with me.

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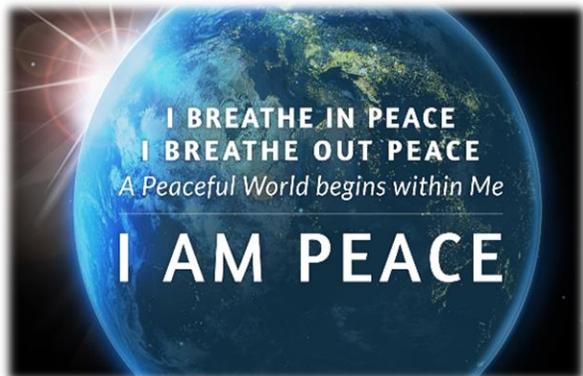
does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work.
It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm of heart.

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Readings: Messages from St. Vincent (Read by three people with a slight pause in-between.)

- + "... true peace was often one of the first graces Our Lord used to give when He was on earth!" (Coste, vol 9, #23, p.188, January 1646)
- + "...practice patience and strive to preserve peace of mind amid worry..." (Coste, vol 9, #43, p.393, April 1650)
- + "Respect and gentleness foster peace. Where there is peace, God abides. Works done in a spirit of gentleness and peace are much more pleasing to God and He [is] glorified by the good example the neighbor receives from them." (Coste, vol 9, #27, p.207, August 1646)



Response (Pray together, please.) **I am Peace, surrounded by Peace, secure in Peace. Peace protects me. Peace supports me. Peace is in me. Peace is mine. All is well. Peace to all beings. Peace among all beings. Peace from all beings. I am steeped in Peace, absorbed in Peace in the streets, at home, in my ministry, sharing Peaceful thoughts, Peaceful words, Peaceful acts. I am PEACE!**

(adapted from a Buddhist meditation)

Reflection and Sharing (Take a few moments of reflective silence, then share as time permits.)

What gives me peace? How are such moments a reflection of God's love for me?

Prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots (Pray together, please.)

O Mary, Mother of compassion, cast your eyes upon us and see the snarl of knots that exists in our world. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of knots in the lives of us, God's children, we entrust into your hands the chains that hold your people in fear and bondage. We believe that in you there is no knot that cannot be undone and retied into a bow. Powerful Mother, by your intercessory power with Jesus, our Liberator, take into your hands today these knots that bind our hearts, relationships, families, local, national, international and church communities. *(Pause and name aloud areas in need of prayer.)* Undo, for the glory of God and the benefit of your people, the threat of hate, violence, terror, warfare, death and destruction. Undo these tangled circumstances and make smooth and peaceful the communications and negotiations that will quiet fears and build trust and cooperation among all of us. Hear this plea on behalf of your people and provide, through God's care, hope, justice, peace for all.



Mary, Undoer of Knots and Tier of Bows, pray for us. Amen. (adapted from prayer of Pope Francis)

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Prayer Texts

John 14: 27 "Peace I leave with you... Do not let your hearts be troubled..." New International Version (NIV)

Colossians 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful!" (NIV)

