

Prayer for UN Peacekeepers Day 24th May 2017

Almighty, all-merciful God,
through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies.

We pray for the United Nations Organisation, who seek to actively promote peace, assist healing from conflict and provide education towards new future for our children.

We pray, the work of Peacekeepers around the world, so that all nations working collectively may flourish in harmony with a common vision: peace, sustainability, protection and love for all peoples, especially the most vulnerable and most exploited.

In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ.

Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace,

Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.

Giving thanks for the United Nations Organisation and rejoicing in all the good that has been achieved to this day; let us remember now, with respect and gratitude, all those faithful UN Peacekeepers who gave their lives for the ways of peace.

We remember the soldiers, the police, the medical staff and all civilian agents who have died serving as Peacekeepers on United Nations duties.

Lord God, we ask these prayers spoken and the ones of our hearts this day this through your life-giving spirit and love and blessing of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.