

As we remember our theme, ***Pathways to Peace***, on our day of fasting and prayer on Monday, May 11, 2015, we remember Pope Francis describing Mary as the “Queen of Peace.”

“How many families, how many communities – even parishes – are at war? We are all called to reignite in our hearts a spark of hope, which must be translated into concrete works of peace: You don’t get along with that person? Make peace. In your home? Make peace. In the community? Make peace. At work? Make peace.”

We ask Mary, our tender mother, to point the whole world to the sure path of love and peace.”



Response: Pray for us.



Holy Mary
Mother of God
Mother of our redemption
Mother of a lost child
Mother of comfort and understanding
Mother who shares our joys
Mother who endures our sorrows
Mother whose heart was pierced by a sword
Mother most merciful
Woman responsive to God's word
Woman willing to believe the impossible
Woman who rejoices in her lowliness
Woman with an undivided heart
Woman of perfect freedom
Woman wrapped in mystery
Woman moved by the Spirit
Woman champion of the poor and lowly
Woman graced by a husband's love
Woman widowed by a husband's death
Woman at the cross
Woman patient and waiting
Woman clothed with the sun
Queen of the fullness of times
Queen of integrity
Queen of all our heart's treasure
Queen of our destiny
Queen of peace

Let us pray: With Mary, Queen of Peace, as our guide, we advocate for justice and peace in places where we see exploitation, oppression and every form of injustice. Through study and active involvement we can be part of the process for social change. We can build bridges that unite us in leading the world away from wars and violence into a world of peace and justice.

May peace rule in our hearts.