



PRAYERS FOR PEACE FOR PORTLAND

The Archbishop encourages all pastors to lead a Rosary on Saturday 17th October at 11:00am to pray for peace in our communities. He will lead the Rosary in downtown Portland at the North Park Blocks, this event will be livestreamed. Pastors are asked to gather in our parishes at 11:00am and lead the faithful in the Rosary, those who cannot attend are asked to pray the Rosary at home in prayerful solidarity with the Archbishop and the faithful of the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop will use the following intercessions for each of the Joyful mysteries, pastors are encouraged to follow these petitions adapted for their own parish/circumstances.

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE ANNUNCIATION

The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: “Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and name him Jesus. He will be a great man and will be called the Son of the Most High.”

Mary, your son is the Prince of Peace, through your intercession, may He bring peace to our cities and our communities, may His peace reign in our hearts.

THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE VISITATION

Elizabeth said to Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” “For behold when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy.”

Mary, at this meeting with your cousin you reveal to the world your role in salvation. We recall the words of the psalmist: “Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. Truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven.” Mary beg your Son to grant us the spirit of Justice and Peace.

THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE NATIVITY

And the Angel said to them “Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for you is born this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord.” And the host of Angels praising God said: “Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

Mary, you pondered all these things in your heart. Please intercede for us with your Son, may He be pleased with us and give us that peace promised at His birth.

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE PRESENTATION

Simeon said to the Blessed Virgin Mary: “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel...and a sword will pierce through your own soul also.”

Mary, you understood the sorrowful path that you would walk with your Son. Hear us in our time of need. Seek for us, Mercy, Peace, Justice and all good things.

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY – THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening and asking questions....And he went down with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his Mother kept all these things in her heart.”

Mary, your heart is full of the love of your Son, beg Him to fill our hearts with the same love, and that the Peace of Christ may rule in our hearts.