



International Ecumenical Peace Convocation

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Prayer for peace – Sunday, 22 May 2011

God of peace and possibility, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier:

We approach you to ask once again for your mercy, forgiveness and a fresh start.

We ask you to help us give peace a chance, in this world.

We want to give peace a chance, yet we have already missed so many opportunities.

We have sabotaged so many initiatives; instead of overcoming evil with good, we have stood by while good was overpowered.

Forgive us, Lord.

Dona nobis pacem: Give us peace, we pray.

Just as we claim your forgiveness, we also claim this moment in the name of peace.

We accept anew our responsibility as peacemakers and creators of justice.

We give thanks for the Decade to Overcome Violence, for its work in raising our awareness and our yearning for peace. And yet, we admit that there is much more required if we are truly to give peace a chance.

Dona nobis pacem: Give us peace, we pray.

By the moving of your Spirit, commit our hearts and minds to peace, and help us dedicate our lives to becoming the starting-points of peace. "Let this be the moment, now."

Help us cooperate with you, giving peace a chance, creating a world where peace may be our ethos and our essence.

Give us peace, we pray. Grant us wisdom and courage to seize the initiative: wisdom to discern the things that make for peace, and courage to be faithful and obedient to you.

Dona nobis pacem: Give us peace, we pray.

God of peace and possibility, make us instruments of your peace

at the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation and in all places

so that we may fulfill your will, and so that we may give peace a chance.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Prayer from the Caribbean