

Dominican Month of Peace

New Year's Day Rosary

THE CLOSING OF THE DOMINICAN MONTH FOR PEACE 2021 – VENEZUELA

We offer this moment of prayer in the mysteries of the Rosary, asking Jesus for his peace and justice for all peoples, especially for Venezuela.

In a moment of silence we ask the Lord's forgiveness for:

- Our attitudes of injustice and those that have not built peace in our home, in our places of study and employment, in our communities, in our country and in humanity.
- We apologize for the little care we give to creation and the environment, not welcoming it with a spirit of evangelical poverty that invites us to be grateful, to value and care for goods and to be in solidarity with those most in need.
- Also because of our indifference to those who suffer and live the cross of social injustice and to the world that is exhausted and extinguished, before our passive gaze.

(A short time of silence)

First mystery: The incarnation of the Son of God.

In the first mystery, we have in mind the poorest and most excluded from society, so many families who suffer the hard time of being pushed into poverty, by structures of social injustice, where there seems to be no space for sharing, May we all experience an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth and from fraternity; may He be our hope for a life in justice.

Second mystery: The visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Saint Elizabeth.

In the second mystery, we have in mind all the people who are condemned and persecuted through injustice. As we welcome Jesus of Nazareth and his message into our lives, let us hasten the step to serve the brothers in the fight for justice.

Third mystery: The birth of the Son of God in Bethlehem.

In the third mystery, we have in mind the people who are subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment and torture, in environments that range from the home to the structures of power and governments. May God with us strengthen us in respect for others, in caring for their rights and freedom.

Fourth Mystery: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

In the fourth mystery, we have in mind so many people who live difficult situations, of suffering, in which they discover themselves in an opaque life, without hope such as:

- In illness, especially due to COVID 19, without vital resources, which are denied due to injustice.
- Migrants and displaced for forced reasons.
- Who must cope with the lack of vital services such as water, electricity, transportation services, communication services, among others.
- The dismembered and scattered homes, which bear the weight of loneliness and the absence of loved ones.
- Children and young people forced to drop out of school and university.
- The peoples that suffer the weight of totalitarian and corrupt governments that have taken power to use it and not to serve the citizens.
- The peoples who suffer the cruelty and irrationality of war.

May God give us the grace to recognize in Him the way and the light to live from being children of a Father who loves us in brotherly love, light and life for humanity.

Fifth mystery: The child Jesus lost and found in the temple

In the fifth mystery we have in mind all those who give their lives out of love in the service of others, in the promotion and defense of human rights, in the construction of justice, peace and the care of the environment.

We especially pray for Justice and Peace of the Order of Preachers. To ask for this is to ask for fidelity to the vocation of each brother and of our Religious Order. We pray to the Lord for the moments in which we can lose the horizon over our Dominican life and vocation, so that the grace of his love finds us and encourages us on the path of manifesting among us the Kingdom of God, which is a Kingdom of love and justice. May the OP Justice and Peace projects be guided by the Grace of the Holy Spirit and promoted by each community.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Virgin of the Rosary, mother of preachers, we come to you, to pray for all peoples we especially remember Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Ukraine and Venezuela. Help us build a grounded world in justice, freedom and peace, in which we all live love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.