

## **NOVEMBER: Virtue of Peace**

### **Week 1 Morning Prayer for Peace**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

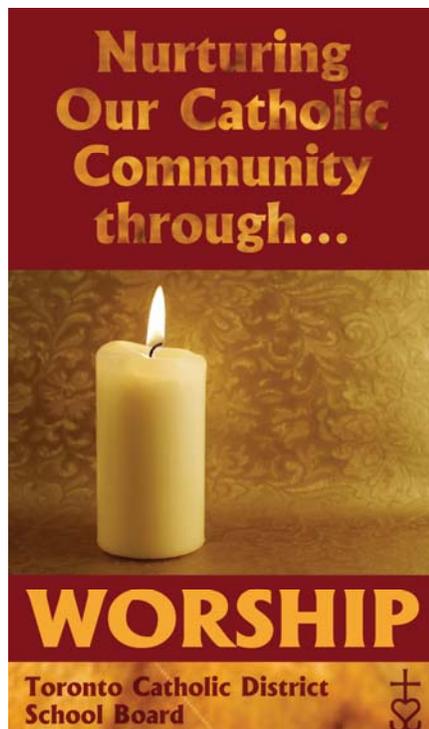
The Virtue of the Month for November is Peace. We instinctively recognize the importance of this virtue for ourselves, our families, our societies, and the future of our planet. We know how quick and easy it is for peace to be lost, and how hard and difficult it is to regain. We know that peace can be uneasy. We know that peace can be fragile. We know that peace can hide oppression. We know we can experience peace in the midst of conflict. We know that in the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus praised peace-makers as children of God. When we launch peace initiatives we mirror God's mind and will.

That our approach to conflict will be governed by Jesus' attitude to peacemaking. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

For those places in the world which are currently experiencing war at first hand. We pray to You, Lord. (Response...)

Let us pray an Our Father together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## Week 2 Morning Prayer for Peace

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As we approach Remembrance Day we call to mind all those who have lost their lives in the conflict of war. As Christians we place our emphasis on the gospel call to peace. May our school, local community and neighbourhood, country and world be overwhelmed with the blessings that peace can bring. On this day of remembrance, let our focus be on how to truly be followers of peaceful ways, conflict resolution, and creators of safe spaces for all.

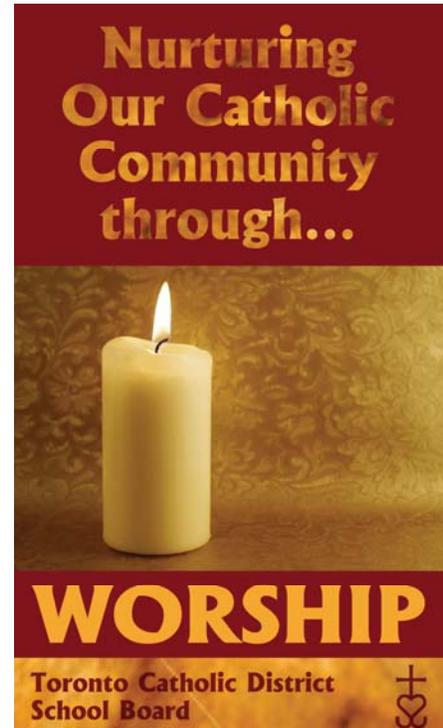
For all those who have lost their lives in war. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

For all people of goodwill – that they will choose the path of peace and dialogue over the path of violence and destruction. We pray to You, Lord. (Response...)

For prophets of peace - traditional and contemporary women and men who have spoken truth to power. We pray to You, Lord. (Response...)

Let us pray a Hail Mary together.

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### **Week 3 Morning Prayer for Peace**

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In the era since the Second World War our Church leaders and the leaders of the United Nations have striven mightily to bring about a more peaceful world. Some would argue that their efforts are evidence of the triumph of hope over experience. Nevertheless the restlessness of the prophets and the saints down through the ages witnesses to the voice of God and the cry of the poor calling us to embrace the gospel of peace, despite the phenomenal difficulty of the task. It is easy to let loose the weapon of war or the violent word, but our faith tells us the path to peace lies in the way of the Cross and the joy of the Resurrection.

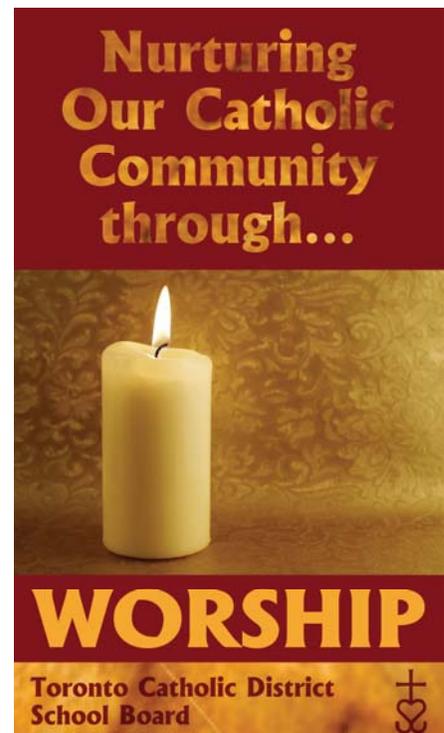
That each one of us will choose the path of peace-making in our families, in our workplaces, in our schools, and on our streets. We pray to You, Lord.

(Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

For conversion of heart for those who have chosen a path of violence. We pray to You, Lord. (Response...)

Let us pray a Glory Be together.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## Week 4 Morning Prayer for Peace

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Our faith tradition calls out to us each day to sow the seeds of peace. Each day can bring its share of trouble, but with a heart of love trouble can be contained and perhaps overcome; with a heart of forgiveness, bad feelings can be softened; with a heart of faith, trust in oneself and in humanity can be rekindled; with a heart of hope, clouds of depression can be lifted; with a heart of light, we find ourselves able to see beyond our present troubles, and with a heart of joy, we know that present sadness can never rule for ever.

In thanksgiving for St Francis and all the prophets, poets, saints and leaders who inspire us to be people of peace. We pray to You, Lord. (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

For growth in imagination and in leadership as we confront those issues that cause violence. We pray to You, Lord. (Response...)

Let us pray together the Prayer of St Francis.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon:  
where there is doubt, faith ;  
where there is despair, hope  
where there is darkness, light  
where there is sadness, joy  
O divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

