

HEALING PRAYER

Saint Francis Peace Through Justice Ministry

Let us begin this meeting in prayer by opening our minds and hearts to the presence of God within us and among us, giving thanks as Jesus so often did during his ministry here on earth.

Compassionate and Loving God,

We are thankful for your presence here as we gather in this sacred time and space. We are thankful for each other, for ourselves, and for the many gifts you have given us individually and communally. We thank you for the gift of our diverse experiences and perspectives, and for the gift of our unity in our desire to follow you and to serve you in others.

We ask for your wisdom and guidance as we seek healing of the hurts and divisions that have arisen among us. Teach us to love one another as Christ loves us and to show each other the kindness that can only come from knowing your son Jesus. Grant us the ability to walk in each other's shoes, to be merciful as you are merciful, to forgive and to be forgiven. Open our eyes so we can see your goodness in our brothers and sisters. Open our ears so we can hear your voice and our minds so we can understand what we hear. Fill our hearts with your love and our spirits with your grace. Give us the strength to follow your guidance and your will for us. Help us extend the loving kindness we are practicing to those we serve as our ministry regroups and makes plans to put Catholic Social Teaching into action in our community. May we do all things with great love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Intercessions

For our world, our country, our church, and our ministry:

~May our faith in the love You have for us be expressed in our love for one another. In faith we pray...

~May Your love and truth heal all that divides us. Help us recognize what unites us as we work together for the common good. In hope we pray...

~May Your Holy Spirit guide us, heal us and use us to bring Your love to a hurting world. In love we pray...

~Personal Intentions:

Response: God of Love, Hear Our Prayer