



A Call to Prayer for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts!”

With these words in his *Urbi et Orbi* message on Easter, 5th April 2026, Pope Leo XIV has called for prayer for peace at the vigil of the feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 11. The Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia will join the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV and turn to God with renewed trust at the Vigil of Divine Mercy.

Therefore, I invite all the faithful in the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia to unite spiritually with the Holy Father in this moment of prayer. Those Parishes where it is possible, are requested to organize Eucharistic adoration, or solemn vespers. The faithful who are not able to join the Parish Church, are requested to pray in groups or families, the Holy Rosary or any suitable form of prayer or follow the live streaming from Saint Peter’s Basilica through the Vatican channel and join the Holy Father in prayer for peace.

As we prepare for the feast of Divine Mercy, which is the culmination of the Octave of Easter, I wish to remind you once again that the final word in human history will never be violence, but mercy and peace.

Let us entrust our Country, the entire Middle East region and the whole world to the mercy of God and pray that the peace of Christ may reach every heart.

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