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The Church Prays for World Peace

One of the wonderful things about the Church is that it ties deeds to prayer. We are urged to imitate Christ's holiness, act as peacemakers, and work for justice. But we are also told that we need to pray for peace and justice. Prayer is both a spiritual grounding for our actions and, through a network of prayer, a worldwide connection to the rest of our faith community.

ACTIVITY

Catholic Press There are many Catholic-oriented periodicals. They are easily obtained from your local bookstore, library, or parish. Bring one home and read about what others in the Church community are doing.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

For many, trying to get everyone up and out to church is a source of tension. Try to add some pleasant elements to the experience.

On the Web

www.blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Blessed Mother Teresa
(1910–1997)

Teresa was born in Europe. She knew that God wanted her to serve him in a special way. She joined a religious order and was sent to India. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in India. The order provides food for the needy, operates hospitals, schools, youth centers, orphanages, and shelters for the sick and dying.



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Dear God in Heaven, help us to see Jesus in the poor, the sick, and the needy as Blessed Mother Teresa did. Guide us as we find our own ways to work for peace and justice. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Money Jesus said, “Pay to Caesar what is due to Caesar,” referring to the Roman coins used by traders in the Holy land. Some coins were used during the first century. By the 20s and 30s A.D., coins were widely used for trading. Jewish coins were decorated with plants or symbols because images of people were forbidden by Jewish law. The most popular coin was the Roman *denarius*, which portrayed the Roman emperor. Tax collectors like Zacchaeus accepted this coin as revenue for the Roman Empire.

Read about Zacchaeus’ encounter with Jesus in Luke 9:1–10.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Memory

Remembering A writer, author, and teacher, Elie Wiesel consistently focuses on the concept of memory as a means to promote worldwide justice and peace. The 1986 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Wiesel teaches that if humanity remembers past injustices such as the Holocaust, then it is less prone to repeating the same evil. “Remembering is a noble and necessary act,” he said in 1986. “No commandment figures so frequently... in the Bible. There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we [forget] to protest... Mankind must remember that peace is not God’s gift to his creatures, it is our gift to each other.”