



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

The crisis in the Ukraine, still in our prayers, as well as all the other forgotten conflicts that are dramatically unfolding in remote areas of the world, demonstrates once again that war is still seen as a possible way to resolve disputes, misunderstandings and power struggles.

Yet in the aftermath of the Second World War, in the preamble to the Charter of the United Nations Organization, there was a commitment to "save future generations from the scourge of war, which twice in the course of this generation has brought unspeakable afflictions to humanity".

Unfortunately, since that time, there have been many internal conflicts within nations, regional wars and invasions. Meanwhile, war has taken on new, more sophisticated features, becoming technological, economic, and cyber. There seems to be no end to the various forms of evil. But our hope is that good will always triumph.

For this reason, in the monthly appointment on the 27th we will turn to God to ask him to **convert** the hearts and minds of those who continue to perpetuate and fuel the violence of all forms of **conflict**, and at the same time to encourage national and supranational authorities to work effectively to promote dialogue and maintain peace.

**May the Lord give you peace**

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