



## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

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Memorial of St Francis

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Pope Francis and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Cardinal Pizzaballa have urged the whole Church to join in prayer for peace in the Middle East on Monday 7 October, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Parishes, communities and individuals can decide how that might best be done. Masses on that day should include prayers for peace, using perhaps one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation, and the homily might speak of peace. Recitation of the Rosary would be an obvious option on the feast-day. Here is a prayer which might also be used:

God of all peace,  
who turn swords into ploughshares,  
we hold up to you the bloodshed of the Middle East,  
asking that you put an end to violence,  
silence the weapons of war  
and bring justice for all,  
so that cries of lament  
may turn to praise of your mercy.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Mary Queen of Peace,  
pray for us

Archbishop of Brisbane