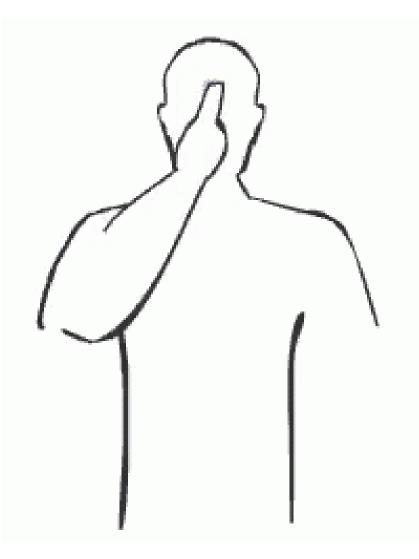
We start each Sacred Time with the sign of the cross.



<u>Sign of the cross:</u> In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- This prayer is calling to mind God who is the Father, Son and Spirit.
- We are reminding ourselves to remember God in our thoughts, in our hearts and in the work we do.
- The actions make a cross to remind us about Jesus.
- The sign of the cross marks that this is a special time.

Let us make the sign of the cross together.

Season: Ordinary Time Liturgical Colour: Green

<u>Sacred Time Theme</u>: Peace

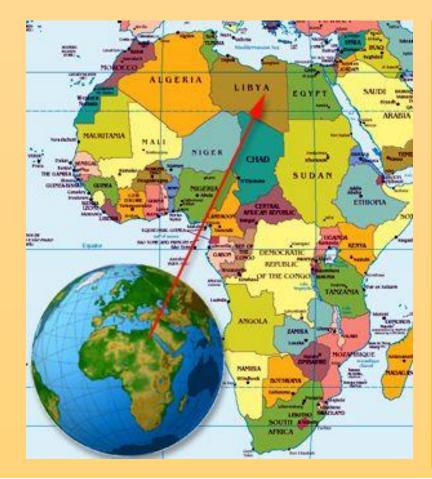


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'Jesus answered, "I tell you, forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times'



Day 1: Prayers for Libya and Morocco You may have seen in the new that Libya has suffered some devastating floods.



Libya is North Africa.

Civil war there ended in 2020 after 6 years.

Storm Daniel hit the country a week a go and caused two large dams of water to collapse.

It is thought that 11,000 people have died, thousands are still missing and hundreds of thousands have lost their homes.

Day 1: Prayers for Libya and Morocco Also, Morocco has suffered a large earthquake.



Morocco is North Africa too.

An Earthquake of 6.8 magnitude hit on the 8th September with large aftershocks on the 13th.

Nearly 3,000 people have been killed and thousands are missing. 300,000 people have been affected by the disaster.

Day 1: Prayers for Libya and Morocco

Let us prayer for the communities that have been affected by these disasters.

Dear Lord.

Please help the people suffering in Libya and Morocco. Help those who are sick, the families that grieve and the people who are left without the necessitates. Be close to them and give them comfort.

Be with the charities, agencies and emergency workers who have rushed to their aid. Give them the strength and courage that they need to help those affected by these disasters.

Amen.



This week's Gospel story talks about forgiveness.

• What does forgiveness mean?



Day 2: Word of the Week

Forgiveness - literally means, 'to let go'

What are we letting go of when we forgive?
Why is forgiveness good and healthy?
What does forgiveness have to do with this week's theme of peace?



Day 2: Word of the Week

This week's reading says:

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times".

What is Jesus' message here?
Is it always easy to do?

Let us pray...

Dear Lord,

Help us forgive others that have done wrong to us, so that can let go of any unhealthy grudges or anger. Help remove any obstacles that hold us back from leading our lives in all its fullness.

Amen.



Day 3: International Day of Peace 2023 Thursday 21st September in International Day of Peace. This is a day to remember all those affected by conflict and a reminder that we all need to work for peace in our world. Watch this clip about the UN Peace bell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_2on5BEGDMI



The Peace bell is traditionally rang on the 21st September – International Day for Peace.

It rings out to move everyone into thinking about and remembering peace.

Let us pray...

Dear Lord,



Please help to bring peace to our world. Work through the hearts of the world leaders to bring a stop to all conflict. Help all people to show forgiveness and love rather than hatred and anger.

Amen.



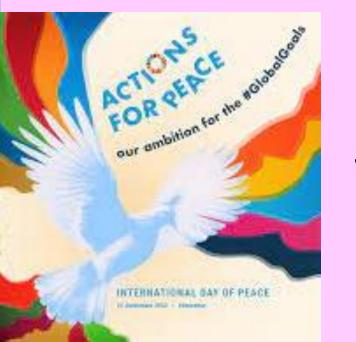
Day 4: International Day of Peace 2023 The theme of this year's International Day of Peace is 'Actions for Peace'. This theme reminds us that peace starts with us!

We will never have peace in the world unless we all learn to live at peace and in peace with those around us.



Day 4: International Day of Peace 2023 Peace starts with you!

On the dove write a promise about how <u>you</u> can live peacefully or promote peace.



Or

Write a prayer for peace.

