



# Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation

St. Paul's Chapel  
A chapel of Trinity Church,  
an Episcopal parish  
in the City of New York

Welcome

Tolling of the Chapel Bell

*The four sets of five peals is the Fire Department tribute to a fallen comrade.*

Silence

Litany of Reconciliation

*Since 1959 this litany has been recited every Friday at noon before the Altar of Reconciliation in the sanctuary of the old Coventry Cathedral (Coventry, UK).*

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race,  
class from class,  
**O God, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is  
not their own,  
**O God, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the labors of men and women and lays  
waste the Earth,  
**O God, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**O God, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee,  
**O God, forgive.**

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children,  
**O God, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in you,  
**O God, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God  
in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

## Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

—from *The Book of Common Prayer*

*or this*

## Prayer for the Community of the Cross of Nails

Almighty God,

You have committed to us the ministry of reconciliation of your son, Jesus Christ; give us the confidence in your power to forgive, as your son forgave us from the Cross. Enable us to be witnesses of your forgiveness at work and where we live. Unite us in a sacred fellowship to heal the hostilities we see, and give us the grace to love one another, rejoicing in this life together. Amen.

—adapted from *A Prayer for the Community of the Cross of Nails*

## Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*You are invited to share a handshake, embrace or smile with others throughout the Chapel, offering words such as "Peace," "God's Peace," "The Peace of the Lord," "Peace be with you," etc.*

## A Thanksgiving

O God, who created all peoples in your image,  
We thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Alternate Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation

*from The Book of Common Prayer*

## **For the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Peace Among the Nations**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Ministry of St. Paul's Chapel

After the attack on September 11, 2001, which led to the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center, St. Paul's Chapel served as a place of rest and refuge for recovery workers at the WTC site. For eight months, hundreds of volunteers worked 12-hour shifts around the clock, serving meals, making beds, counseling and praying with fire fighters, construction workers, police and others. Massage therapists, chiropractors, podiatrists and musicians also tended to their needs. Today, St. Paul's Chapel continues as a vital branch of the Trinity Church Parish. Ministries include daily Prayers for Peace and Sunday Eucharistic services, Monday Concerts at One, collaborations with community partners and ongoing support of urban ministry programs. For more information about us, visit [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).

## The Community of the Cross of Nails

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is a world-wide community of individuals and groups, who share a commitment to a practical vision of reconciliation and a genuine intention to live a disciplined Christian life. It springs directly from the united efforts of the community of Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England, since the loss of the old Cathedral under attack from the air in 1940, throughout the period of destruction and the incitement to bitterness which followed World War II.

On September 11, 2005, St. Paul's Chapel became a CCN center, recognized for playing a crucial and unique role in the ensuing work of spiritual healing and reconciliation for both the residents of New York and for the nearly one million people from around the world who visit each year. For information on CCN and its centers of reconciliation around the world, visit [crossofnails.org](http://crossofnails.org).

# be part of a community *for a world of good*

Trinity Wall Street is a historical Episcopal parish in Lower Manhattan that includes both Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel. We invite you for daily worship services, fellowship, education programs for all ages, concerts and arts events, volunteer and mission opportunities, and more. All are welcome!

## **Trinity Church**

- Part of New York City since 1697
- Burial site of Alexander Hamilton
- Home of the renowned Trinity Choir

## **St. Paul's Chapel**

- Survivor of the Great Fire of 1776
- Host to George Washington on his inaugural day
- Home to September 11 rescue workers

For more information visit [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org)

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Trinity Church**

Broadway at Wall Street

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9am and 11:15am ☐

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer 8:15am  
Eucharist 12:05pm, Evening Prayer 5:15pm

On Thursdays in All Saints' Chapel –  
Contemplative Prayer at 8:30am, Laying on  
of Hands for Healing following the 12:05pm  
Eucharist, and Evensong at 5:15pm.

### **St. Paul's Chapel**

Broadway and Fulton Street

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8am and 10am  
Daily: Prayers for Peace 12:30pm

### ☐ **Worship on the Web**

Sunday's 11:15am service is webcast live  
from Trinity Church at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org)

The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee, *Vicar*



Jesus said. . .

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be known as the Children of God.  
But I say to you that hear, love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you  
pray for those who abuse you.  
To those that strike you on the cheek,  
offer the other one also,  
and from those who take away your cloak,  
do not withhold your coat as well.  
Give to everyone who begs from you,  
and of those who take away your goods,  
do not ask for them again.  
And as you wish that others would do to you,  
do so to them.

—Matthew 5:9, 44, 39b-42; 7:12



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