

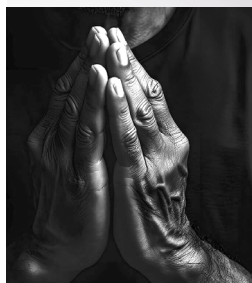
# dona nobis pacem

“No more war, war never again. It is peace, peace which must guide the destinies of peoples”

Pope Paul VI to the United Nations, October 4, 1965

Let us PRAY, PLEAD, ASK, BEG, KNOCK, MAKE PEACE on earth today!

## Pray with your body



## Listen ... sing along

“Song of Comfort” by Yo Yo Ma, Cello — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaBRMlrBxd8>

“Dona Nobis Pacem” by Julie Gaulke — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fhJ6XrZ4jg>

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYz14jEoaeU>

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

## Ponder these words

“Civilian victims are not collateral damage but men and women, with names and surnames, who lose their lives. They are children who are orphaned and deprived of their future. They are individuals who suffer from hunger, thirst and cold, or are mutilated by the power of modern explosives. Were we to be able to look each of them in the eye, call them by name, and learn something of their personal history, we would see war for what it is: nothing other than an immense tragedy, a useless slaughter, one that offends the dignity of every person on this planet .... **Our world is witnessing a growing number of conflicts that are slowly turning what I have often called a third world war fought piecemeal into a genuine global conflict ...**” Pope Francis, January 8, 2024

## Let us pray

**Loving God of peace, hear our prayer!**

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... **Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace. Guide our steps in the way of peace.** Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: **“Never again war!”; “With war everything is lost”.** Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Renew our hearts and minds so that the word that always brings us together is “sister/brother” and our way of life will always be that of **Shalam, Peace, Salaam! Amen**



# 10 CONFLICTS TO WATCH in 2024

. . . Gaza, Wider Middle East War, Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Ethiopia, The Sahel, Haiti, Armenia-Azerbaijan, US-China . . .

“Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love,” St. Francis of Assisi



**Pray with  
your eyes**