

Community Life

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Care for Our Common Home

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CC: National Executive (for information)
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ENCL: Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

It is with great excitement that the League celebrates the first annual National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land. Encourage your diocesan counterparts to invite members to circle September 21st (also the International Day of Peace) on their calendar. With the current unrest in the Middle East and the devastation that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon, prayers for peace are greatly needed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members might not be able to celebrate the day of prayer as a council activity. Please ask your diocesan counterparts to share with members the following suggestions for celebrating the day of prayer as a League.

- Speak to their spiritual advisor to see if members could meet together as a council in the church or church basement. Masses have started up with social distancing and masks required.
- If meeting in a public place is not an option, one member could offer her home for a meeting, and invite one or two members to join her. Many members have started to create contact bubbles in their communities.
- If unable to celebrate with members, family may be invited to participate, or a member could participate as an individual—Jesus is always present.
- Arrange for a leader to guide the prayer.
- Begin the day of prayer by lighting a candle, and praising God through the song, “Peace is Flowing like a River.”
- Proceed with saying the Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land (a copy is attached). Meditate after each statement. If possible, take turns in reading.
- After the prayer is complete, do a scripture reading from the *Word of God*. A discussion of the reading could follow.
- End the service by praising God for the good things He has given.

These are only suggestions for members to celebrate in prayer for their Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and Middle East. Encourage members to share their activities and how they celebrated. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to give you strength and wisdom as you continue to work for the people of His Son, Jesus Christ.

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