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St. Augustine

**INVITATION TO PRAYER AND FASTING AT THESE MOMENTS OF GREAT CRISIS OF THE
PRECIOUS GIFT OF PEACE IN THE WORLD**

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Dear Family:

"For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh." (Ephesians 2:14)

The peace of the world is going through a difficult crisis. Christ, who is our peace, has sent His Mother for more than a century, to remind us that the precious gift of peace, a fruit of his Redeeming Sacrifice, a fruit of His Pierced Heart, is also our immense task. Authentic peace can only be achieved with prayer, with fasting and penance, with choices of life that cultivate and promote among people, families, societies and nations, a culture of peace, solidarity, justice, and profound respect for the dignity of each human person. *Peace is a precious gift! Nevertheless, it is extremely fragile for it has been entrusted to our care.* It is our task- a task entrusted to each human person- to build peace with great responsibility and care. And we must pray so that the actions of men do not destroy it, do not put it in danger. To risk peace is always to put human life, in every sense, in danger. War does not only destroy homes, buildings, cities and nations, but first of all, and worse than anything, it ends or destroys the lives of many men and women, children, youth, and elderly...

Our Lady has been sent so many, so many times, by Our Lord, to ask us to pray for peace... to fast for peace, to pray the Holy Rosary for peace, to place on the ground the weapons of pride, envy, arrogance, competitiveness, enmity and of a narcissistic vision of life, to be able to build the Kingdom of peace, the Kingdom of God, for which Her Son paid such a high price: the Cross! Pray; Adore My Son; Fast, Sacrifice yourselves; Pray the Holy Rosary; Live the Gospel; Consecrate yourselves to my Immaculate Heart; build a new civilization of love and solidarity; a culture of generous donation and service... Build communities of love, of peace, of service... Build solid families; work for peace and sincere communion... Conversion, offering your sufferings and difficulties, walking the path of the Beatitudes...*all these are calls of Our Mother, who with great maternal concern, asks us to return to the Heart of Christ, the source of every peace, the reason of our existence, the origin and goal of our life...* Christ is our peace! He is the only Path for salvation and the full realization of humanity...He is the Truth that must illumine our steps and orient our life choices. He is the Life, which is given to us in abundance so that we make of our existence a gift of love to others and thus build a better world, worthy of the human person.

Today, with great concern, we unite ourselves to the heart of the Holy Father, who as Father and universal Shepherd, cries out for peace in all the countries of the Middle East, principally in Syria and Egypt, nations where, simply by watching the news, we can contemplate with profound sorrow the massive destruction of lives. Our Christian brothers and sisters and their respective churches experience a difficult and fierce persecution in these countries. Other countries, even in our own American Continent, are in critical situations of persecution or of social instability, corruption, breakdown of moral values, of every objective truth that orients our life...and a devaluation of the gift of life, causing violence and war in so many and various forms.

*The peace of the world is in crisis! Many forces controlled by the enemy of humanity, Satan, are moving in many sectors of the world to keep creating and even to unleash the spirit of war in greater proportions. It is time to sow our seed in this great battle for peace. Each and every one of us must respond with seriousness and constancy to the calls of Our Mother. It is for this reason, *that I invite all of you, to offer many Rosaries for peace and that together we fast on Fridays to protect the world from every war and to attain the invaluable gift of peace, a gift that requires the conversion of hearts, the return of humanity to the One who is our peace. There is only peace in God... Peace is only built with God, only through His Gospel is a culture of peace formed. Only by making choices of solidarity, of fraternal charity, of concern for those brothers and sisters who suffer, will we reveal the face of peace.**

*It is also our great challenge, in addition to praying and fasting, to build a culture of peace. I invite everyone to pray and ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to show us the most luminous path to be witnesses and instruments of peace in a world without peace. In the hands of Our Lady, *may all of us be missionaries of peace, builders of a more authentically peaceful society, a fruit of hearts that live the spirit of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Mt 5:9)**

Let us build peace, with prayer, with fasting, and good works! May we be Missionaries of the areopagus of peace!

In the Heart of Christ who is our peace and in the Heart of His Mother, the bearer of peace,

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