

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
COMMEMORATION OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH AND
PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY**

*Permission has been granted by Archbishop Schnurr to use
texts from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions:
For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (30) (white vestments).*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn/Sign of the Cross/Greeting

Introduction

In these or similar words:

**Presider: Fifteen years ago, we gathered on the
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
mourning the tragic loss of life only a few
days earlier on 9/11.
Today's Gospel of the lost sheep and
prodigal son
provided the lens of forgiveness and mercy
on that Sunday when we were seeking
words of hope and answers to quell our
fears.**

**Forgiveness and mercy must always be in
our hearts.**

**Even as terrorism and violence
continues to afflict our world and nation,
we must not give in to anger and bitterness.**

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**And so, we must continue to pray for peace
and an end to violence.**

**May we open our hearts to the mercy of
God,
so that we can be God's mercy in our homes,
work-places, and in the world.**

Penitential Act

**Presider: Let us pause to ask God's mercy for the ways in
which we have not sown peace and forgiveness
in our own lives. Therefore, let us acknowledge
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries.**

*Pause for a moment of silence.
Invocations are on the next page.*

**Deacon: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to God
and to one another. Lord, have mercy.
*Lord, have mercy.***

**Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who
seeks out the lost and protects the innocent.
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.***

**Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in
darkness. Lord, have mercy.
*Lord, have mercy.***

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us...

Gloria

Sung

Collect

*May be taken from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions:
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Taken from the readings for the
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C).
Lectionary #132*

Universal Prayer

(Choose five or six of the following petitions.)

Presider: **Let us pray to our God whose mercy never ends and who always hears our plea.**

Deacon: For Church leaders: may they be credible witnesses of the forgiveness and mercy of God, especially in times of division and unrest. We pray to the Lord.

For leaders of nations: may they address complex and difficult problems with compassion, peace, justice, and concern for human rights. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are called to give witness to the faith in places of terror and persecution: may the joy of the gospel fill them in difficult times and may Christ, the Good Shepherd be their strength and hope. We pray to the Lord.

For victims of violence and their families: may they find comfort in our continued efforts to work for peace and justice in our cities and in nations throughout the world. We pray to the Lord.

For those who attack the innocent, oppress the weak, and impoverish the helpless: may the Spirit of righteousness convert their hearts and minds to ways of justice and respect of life. We pray to the Lord.

For ourselves: may we have the grace to overcome hatred and intolerance, and may our hearts be continually open to the love and mercy of God. We pray to the Lord.

If the prayer for vocations is used to conclude the intercessions, then the following intercession is to be omitted.

For those who are discerning a vocation in service to the Church: may the Church be strengthened to give witness to the gospel by faithful priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers. We pray to the Lord.

For those who serve their community in the military, the police, and as firefighters: may they be safe, and may their words and actions always promote the safety and dignity of others. We pray to the Lord.

For those who have given their lives to protect us in military service and as police and firefighters; for those whose lives have been cut short by violence; and for those who have died this day: may they join all the saints at God's eternal table of mercy, we pray to the Lord.

**Presider: Lord God,
You show us the way of forgiveness and
mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We ask you to hear our petitions and
help us to be agents of peace and
reconciliation
in our world and in our communities.
Transform our attitudes, words and actions
that by our very lives we might proclaim the
message of your love to all we meet.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Prayer for Vocations may conclude the intercessions.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Offerings

*May be taken from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions:
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Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II *or* Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs III

Prayer after Communion

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CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People: 4 or 10