Lord, Grant us peace, teach us peace. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother."

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.

-Pope Francis