

A Meditation for Peace

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The foremost mission of Pax Christi is the creation of a culture of peace in every sense. Peace has an interior dimension as well as an exterior one: it is therefore difficult to acquire without the help of God. Prayer is the manner by which we ask from God what we seek. It follows then that builders of peace will give an important place to prayer to achieve the hoped-for results in all they undertake for peace.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace; it is only he who can give peace. Without him we can do nothing (John 15:5). In feeding the multitude, in easing the sick and in raising the dead, he becomes a model of charity and sharing. His conversation with the Samaritan woman remains for us an inescapable reference point in the search for peace for all people. The child needs his mother, the paralysed those who care for her, the blind his guide. We too need God's graces through prayer to succeed in our apostolate through Pax Christi.

Our prayer must be supported by faith, for without faith it is impossible to approach God (Heb 11:6). Our prayer must be sincere, for it is one who honours God and does the divine will who will be heard (John 10:31). It must be humble, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Finally, we must persevere in prayer in order to receive the solutions that we seek (Rom 12:12), knowing that nothing is impossible to God and that what seems difficult to us is easy for God.