

Day of prayer for peace

Wednesday January 26th

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Dearest Sisters!

I think we are all aware of the serious situation which is putting peace in grave danger in the beloved Nation of Ukraine.

After today's Angelus prayer, Sunday January 23, with a concern and pain that could be heard in his voice, Pope Francis said:

*"I am following with concern the increase of tensions that threaten to inflict a new blow to the peace in Ukraine, and call into question the security of the European continent, with wider repercussions. I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of good will, that they may raise prayers to God Almighty, that every political action and initiative may serve human brotherhood, rather than partisan interests. Those who pursue their own interests, to the detriment of others, disregard their human vocation, as we were all created as brothers and sisters. For this reason, and with concern, given the current tensions, **I propose that next Wednesday, January 26, be a day of prayer for peace.**"*

For several years now, the LMSCs have had a beautiful and fruitful presence in Ukraine among the poorest homeless and among children and single mothers, in the city of Kharkiv, about 40 km from the border with Russia, and 480 km from Kiev, the Capital, places where the conflict is becoming very serious, as it was also on other occasions in the recent past.



As the Pope said, the situation not only *"threatens to inflict a new blow to the peace in Ukraine"*, but also *"calls into question the security of the European continent"*.

I would like therefore to invite all the communities of the LMSC and all the people who are close to us and to our houses to welcome this proposal of Pope Francis:

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Therefore, it would be a beautiful thing to unite all of us, personally and as communities, on this day responding to the Pope, asking for peace for Ukraine and for the whole world, with the creativity that each one will be able to put into action.

May the Lord move the hearts of those who hold the destiny of Nations in their hands, so that they may be moved by true interest in the person, in justice, in freedom and in respect. May the Holy Spirit purify all that leads us to hatred, division, domination over others and may peace be a reality in our world.

Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us!

I embrace you fraternally in the Lord and we are united in prayer on Wednesday 26.

Fraternally,

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Superior general

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