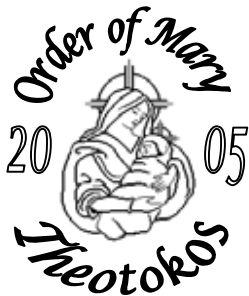


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## "Pray for Peace"

The Blessed Virgin Mary has many beautiful titles. One of the most beautiful is "Mary Queen of Peace." In this world of ours, nothing seems more needed now than peace. Peace among nations certainly, but also peace in families, and peace among individuals.

The death toll of both military and civilians with the continued insurgency in Iraq all cry out for peace. Over 2,500 American Soldiers have been killed. Over 40,000 Iraqi citizens have been killed. Over 17,000 US military have been injured with life altering injuries. Other nations have also suffered loses. And the beating of the drums of hatred and terror go on and on.

Given the mess that our world is in, only a divine intervention, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will lead people to a world dominated by peace and good will. Let us, as people dedicated to Mary the Theotokos, beg Mary to intercede with her Son, Jesus Christ, to again send forth his Spirit and renew the face of the earth. We are not asking for God's punishment for anyone, but God's mercy and enlightenment through his Holy Spirit on everyone. . *Mary, Queen of peace, pray for us.*

## From the Abbot

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the traditional training of monks and nuns, one of the main goals is to teach the *esprit de corps* of the order, that is, what is expected of the new candidate as a member of the order. As brothers and sisters who live in the world, we do not have the luxury of a period of indoctrination of what it means to be a member of the order and what are the expectations of a member. So, from time to time, I will talk about some expectations.

One of the important things that we must do is support the needs of other members of the order. "Communication" is the first way to do that. For example, when someone of us - including the Abbot - posts something on our egroup, we each need to respond so that minimally the person knows that we have read his/her message. A promise of prayer, or even a simple "Thank you" is enough to let the person know that the message has been received and read. +CTS

-Mark your Calendar-

**Important dates to put on your calendar:**

**Your Profession dates because you need to remember to request First and Final Profession documents from the Abbot.**

**ECC+USA 2006 Synod Will be held at St. Meinrad Abbey Retreat Center in Indiana on September 8, 9, and 10, 2006. All OMT members are invited to attend. Additional details later.**

## Q&A's from the Abbot

**Q.** What should I do if I am not living the Rule of the Order, not saying my daily prayers, or have just given up on the OMT?

**A.** There are really two answers to this question. No one is perfect, so sometimes we fail or just get behind on things that we really want to do. Jesus and Mary understand the way humans are because they both were human like us.

So, if you still want to be committed religious, but have just not done too well recently, "just pick yourself up and start again" [E-mail the Abbot for advice and encouragement.](#)

On the other hand, if you have decided you no longer want to be an OMT member, you should [just let the Abbot know](#) and he will release you from our commitment. You should be pleased with ourselves that you tried to reach a higher spiritual goal in your life through the OMT. But you also should recognize that there are other ways to follow God's plan for your life. Keep looking for a spiritual "system" that works for you. I'm sure God blesses you for seeking out your individual best way to serve him.

The Order of Mary Theotokos is a ministry of the Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA. Professed membership is open to all men and women of faith, married or single, regardless of their denominational affiliation.

## The Litany of Peace

The "Litany of Peace" which is part on the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+407), is still used in Orthodox Catholic Eucharistic liturgies. It is a beautiful set of petitions which we should consider including in our daily prayers. This could replace or be added to the Intercessions which are included as part of our Prayer for the Morning in our Magnificat Prayer Book.

The response to each petition is: [Lord, hear our prayer.](#)

**Leader:** Now, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For the peace of the whole world; for the well-being of the holy church of God, and for the union of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For this holy place and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and with true love of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For the President of our country, and for all public servants, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For this city, and for every city and land, and for all who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For the sick and suffering, and for the salvation of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For deliverance from wrath, affliction, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** For our own intentions and requests which we place before God in the privacy of our hearts, [pause to reflect on your intentions.], Let us pray to the Lord.

**L:** Help us, save us, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace. Lord, hear our prayer.

**L** For holy is our God, and unto Him do we ascribe glory, to the Father, + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always, and unto ages of ages. Amen.