

PRAYER

God have mercy on us in the United States and throughout the world as we refuse to follow your command of peace.

Give your blessing to those who have died, their families, and to those who protect us through law enforcement. Lord Jesus, we weep with you.

Please use our prayers, hearts and hands to build peace in our families and in our world. Wherever in my heart there is a hint of violence and revenge, mercifully help me to a change of heart. Lord, let there be peace and let it begin with me. Amen.

Archbishop Aymond



Works of Mercy

CORPORAL

1. Feed the Hungry Mt 25:35
2. Give Drink to the Thirsty Mt 25:35
3. Clothe the Naked Mt 25:36
4. Shelter the Homeless Mt 25:35
5. Visit the Sick Mt 25:36
6. Visit the Imprisoned Mt 25:35
7. Bury the Dead Mt 25:40

SPIRITUAL

1. Instruct the Uninformed Mt 16:15
2. Counsel the Doubtful Jn 14:27
3. Admonish Sinners Lk 15:7
4. Bear Wrongs Patiently Lk 6:27
5. Forgive Offenses Mt 6:12
6. Comfort the Sorrowful Mt 11:28
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead Jn 17:24

***No one person can do everything,
but everyone can do something.***

**CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT
and
VIOLENCE**



CHURCH TEACHING on VIOLENCE

Catechism 2302, 2304

By recalling the commandment, 'You shall not kill,' our Lord asked for peace of heart and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral. Anger is a desire for revenge. To desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit, but it is praiseworthy to impose restitution to correct vices and maintain justice.

If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin.

Respect for and development of human life require peace. Peace is not merely the absence of war. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is the tranquility of order.



CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Taken from the U.S. Bishops' Document on the Death Penalty:

The purpose of punishment is not for vengeance but for the correction of the guilty party and the defense of public order and safety. No sin or crime is a barrier to God's immense and merciful love, and as God's people, we are called to follow His example of forgiveness and redemption.

The death penalty is considered inadmissible in the Catholic Church because it is seen as an attack on the inviolability of the person.

More effective systems of detention have been developed in the modern world, which ensure the protection of citizens while still allowing the possibility of redemption for the guilty.

The Catholic Church opposes the use of the death penalty and advocates for any possible non-lethal means of defense against unjust aggressors.

**why do we
KILL PEOPLE who KILL PEOPLE
to show that
KILLING PEOPLE IS WRONG
??????????**



RESOURCES and IDEAS

Learn, educate others, and donate time, treasure, and/or talent for an organization working with victims or perpetrators of violence, or efforts to prevent violence.

USCCB: **Two Feet of Love in Action**
uscbb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Two-Feet-of-Love-in-Action-2-page-handout.pdf

nolacatholic.org/capital-punishment

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

ccano.org/social-justice-programs

- **Cornerstone Builders**

Serves all who have been impacted by incarceration. Re-entry Services focuses on reducing recidivism rates & works with men & women at-risk for re-offending.

- **Workforce Development**

Connects the unemployed with job resources, educational opportunities, & training programs

ATTEND the annual Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence in St. Louis Cathedral

crimesurvivorsnola.org/support-groups

ASK a LOCAL LIBRARY to showcase alternatives to violence to resolve conflicts

Creating a Culture of Encounter

wearesaltandlight.org/reach-out-together/building-relationships-creating-culture-encounter-through-one-ones

PRAY a ROSARY for those who have been harmed or lost their lives due to violence

Practice patience and generosity of spirit.