

Prayer for Justice and Peace - July 14th 2017

Evening Prayer

Bhajan

Introduction: Vatican II in *Gaudium et Spes* says: "Peace is rightly and appropriately called the enterprise of Justice." Peace can only come about when we learn to treat each other as brothers and sisters and recognise our shared vocation as children of God. The Liturgy of today invited us to "Be on our guard." We are called to be clever as snakes and innocent as doves. Let us concentrate on these words 'clever' and 'innocence' for our reflection today in the evening prayer. 'Cleverness' stands for justice and 'innocence' for peace. We are living in a world which is fast moving, becoming more digital and at the same time very corrupt in deviating from the true values that Christ has taught us. This demands us to become more clever, prudent, competent and revolutionary. On the other hand we see many innocent lives being destroyed, marriages broken, conflicts in families, struggles to build personal and community relationship. This demands of us innocence, true reconciliation and peace. During this evening prayer let us pray for the gift of cleverness and innocence

Hymn: Q 10 from 'With Joyful lips

Psalms of the day but with introduction for each Psalm and Canticle

1st Psalm: Psalm 114 is a Thanksgiving Psalm of an individual person. The person is grateful to God because the Lord has listened to his /her prayer and not allowed the person to stumble. Let us also thank the Lord for the many times God has heard our prayer and allowed us to walk in His presence though there were many stumbling blocks

2nd Psalm: Psalm 120 is a Confident Psalm of the individual person. Whenever we go through difficulties, misunderstandings, misjudgement, only the Lord can help us and guard us from evil. So Let us lift up our eyes to the Lord who is our guard and shade and sing this Psalm. Let us also pray for all those who innocently suffer

Canticle: This canticle from the Book of Revelation is a hymn of adoration because it explains that the ways of the Lord are just and true. Let us praise the Lord of Justice and Truth in this canticle

Scripture Reading: Let us pray for the divine wisdom as we listen to the Scripture Reading. This divine wisdom is enfolded with 'cleverness' and 'innocence.' – From the Office of the Day

Short Responsory: Q 20, refrain and verses 3,4 OR From the Office (sing the response if possible)

Magnificat Antiphon: From the office or T8 from 'With Joyful Lips

Shared Intercessions: Come Lord Jesus, grant us the gift of Cleverness and Innocence

From the Office with the above response and after, You are welcome to add the following
:intensions

We pray for people who are working for Justice and peace in the world, in the congregation (7
and in our communities that they may have the gift of cleverness and innocence to do this
...mission whole heartedly. Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for ourselves that having possessed these gifts of cleverness and innocence; we (8
may use them for the good of the community and for the people entrusted to our care in our
...mission. Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all the Camillian Fathers, brothers and sisters who are working diligently (9
risking their lives to comfort those who are fighting for their life against dreadful diseases
that they may be guarded and guided in their life. Let us pray to the Lord.... Come Lord
Jesus, grant them the gift of Cleverness and Innocence

‘Let us join our hands together and sing ‘The Our Father

:Concluding Prayer

O God of true democracy, of justice and love, our hope is in you. We pray for our country,
.its leaders, the people and our environment

Grant that we all take up the challenge of building a just nation, the poor being its very
.foundation, and that we may be responsible for our earth and cosmos

Like Jesus of the Gospel, fill our hearts with your Spirit to be fully human by affirming the
.dignity of all as we wish to live out our ministry of Justice and Peace

Guide us with cleverness and innocence to bring your justice and peace into our parishes
.and our work places, to our families and communities. Be with each of us

Gift us with openness, a listening heart and courage to act justly and peacefully, to love
.....tenderly and walk humbly with You our God. We ask this through Jesus Christ

.Amen

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