Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Service

On the first Friday of October, students of Catholic schools from around the world gather in spirit together to pray before the exposition of the Holy Eucharist for world peace. We can use this opportunity as a wonderful way to help our students see that we as the Body of Christ have a role in peace making through prayer and action.

In order for this prayer service to be done well, please notify your pastor or chaplain to prepare for exposition in church at a time appropriate for students to meaningfully participate. The prayer service can be used totally or in part based on the needs and creativity of your school. If you choose not to participate in a prayer before the Eucharist, please find a way to pray as a school on the first Friday in October to be united to students praying around the world for peace.

Order of Service

Gathering and Exposition

(Stand)

Song: Appropriate Eucharistic Hymn

(Kneel)

Minister: (After the Eucharistic bread is placed in the monstrance and set on the altar, the presider begins the prayer service.)

Minister: Let us begin our prayer, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Minister: Jesus, we gather here in your presence to share the joy we have in your love for us. We celebrate this time of prayer together as a sign of the love we have for you. We thank you for the gift of your life shared with us in your Eucharistic Presence – A living sign of your ongoing action in our lives and in our world. We take this time now to thank you to praise you to worship you to show our love for you and to pray that your Presence here will bring peace to us and to our world.

We bring this prayer to you, God, Who lives in us forever.

ALL: Amen.
Liturgical Reflections

Liturgy of the Word

(Sit)
Reading: Micah 4: 1 – 5

Response: Psalm 122 “Let Us Go Rejoicing” (sung)
(adapted by Michael Joncas, ©1987, GIA Publications) or other

(Stand)
Gospel: John 6: 1 – 15

(Sit)
Reflection: (Presider or designee presents the reflection on the readings. Emphasize Old Testament call to unity and peace and Jesus’ call to serve others.)

Silent Meditation: (Guide students in a silent meditation by asking them to think about the question: How does God invite me to become a person of peace? You may want to use a mantra such as, “You give me peace, my God.” Or “Make me an instrument of your peace.” The mantra may be repeated a number of times as you lead the students into silence. After a time, you may want to ask the students what came to their minds. This is most easily done in a small group setting.

(Stand)
Song: Any appropriate song to lead to next part of the prayer service.

Prayers for World Peace

(Kneel)
Minister: O God,
we want our world to be a place where peace can be found anywhere.
We know that you are the center of our peace.
We pray that your peace will be spread everywhere,
in our families
in our schools
in our neighborhoods
in our cities.
We pray to you, O Holy One.

ALL: God we ask you to hear our prayer.

Minister: O God,
we pray for people who do not experience peace,
in war torn countries
in religious strife
in unsafe homes and neighborhoods.
We pray to you, O Loving One.

ALL: God, we ask you to hear our prayer.

Minister: O God, We pray for our Holy Father Francis and religious leaders everywhere to promote the peace which is at the heart of every religion. We pray to you, O Peaceful One.

ALL: God, we ask you to hear our prayer.

Minister: O God, We pray for governments and nations to work for peace for all people by eliminating weapons of war and destruction by treating people with dignity by working for peaceful solutions to problems of poverty, hunger, joblessness and illiteracy. We pray to you, O Loving One.

ALL: God, we ask you to hear our prayer.

Minister: O God, We pray for ourselves that we may live in peace by centering our daily living on peace by responding nonviolently to problems by respecting others by being good stewards of your creation. We pray to you, O Compassionate One.

ALL: God, We ask you to hear our prayer.

(Sit) Silent Prayer: (After the Litany for World Peace, invite the assembly to sit quietly before the Eucharist and simply “rest” in the presence of God. Guide the assembly to rest their hands on their laps and to look at the Blessed Sacrament or simply close their eyes. Invite everyone to take in the silence and peace. After an appropriate period of time, the presider closes this time with a spontaneous prayer of gratitude.)

(Stand) Prayer of St. Francis: (ALL) (Prayed by all and led by the presider.)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I many not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Our Father:  
(Sung or recited)

Sign of Peace:  
(The presider invites the assembly to greet one another with the sign of peace as a sign of the peace we extend to the whole world.)

Closing Prayer  
(Stand)

Minister:  
God of love,  
We thank you for this time before your  
gracious presence in the Eucharist.  
We praise you for your holiness.  
We bless you for your care for us.  
We adore you in the Eucharist and in the temple of our hearts.  
We ask that the peace you give to us here in this place  
be shared among us in our classrooms, our homes,  
our neighborhoods and our world.  
Please help us to know that you are with us always –  
that you are present in our world.  
Please help us to serve you by serving those who most need our  
help and our compassion.  
We offer this prayer in gratitude for your abundant blessings  
made evident to us in Jesus your Son and our brother.

ALL:  
Amen.

Closing Song:  
As appropriate

(All leave quietly by bowing or double genuflection before the Eucharist present in the monstrance and  
if there is no closing benediction.

Benediction  
(Follow Rite of Benediction)