

## **Evening Prayer in a Time of War**

### **Hildegard of Bingen-O Ignis Spiriti Paracliti**

#### **Greeting:**

God of all creation, send forth your Spirit of Love and Peace.  
Fill the Earth with your compassion and love.  
Hasten the reign of your justice and mercy.  
Glory to you, Source of Life, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit....

**Antiphon:** May righteousness flourish and peace abound!

#### Psalm 72

Give leaders of nations your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness.  
May they judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
May they defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppression

May they be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
May righteousness flourish and peace abound,  
until the moon is no more.

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word and Holy Spirit.....

**Antiphon:** May righteousness flourish and peace abound!

**Reading:** (Romans 14:15-19) If your brother or sister is being injured by what you [do] you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you [do] cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kin-dom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

#### **Shared Reflection**

#### **Canticle of Mary** (Rhonda Bast RSM)

**Antiphon:** May righteousness flourish and peace abound!

My innermost being sings with joy  
when I see the wonders of creation ---  
the vastness of the ocean, its moods and power,  
the earth and all the creatures that live

and give praise to God who holds all in gracious care.

When I see the stars I cannot count  
and space I cannot comprehend  
or walk barefoot upon the earth  
and feel the ancient mystery of its forming,

I weep with my God for the pain that is ever before me,  
the loneliness and destruction  
humankind inflicts in careless ignorance  
or uncaring seeking of power and domination.  
I believe and hope in the enduring love of God  
who will not abandon what God has made and found good.

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word and Holy Spirit.....

**Antiphon:** May righteousness flourish and peace abound!

**Spontaneous Intercessions**

**Our Mother, Our Father....**

**Blessing:**

God of forgiveness, bless and protect us. Amen

God of peace comfort us. Amen

God of steadfast love shine forth in our lives. Amen