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EASTER 2022 MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified is risen. Alleluia!

Vigil of Easter
April 16, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Kyoto Diocese,

Happy Easter!

Congratulations to our new sisters and brothers who will receive the grace of baptism this Easter. Welcome to the Kyoto Diocese Family.

Easter celebrates life, but unfortunately war in Ukraine goes on and life continues to be taken away. Pope Francis is concerned about Ukraine's crisis and continues to seek peace. Let us join him in praying that through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the peace of God will be brought to this earth, and especially that peace and security may return to the land of Ukraine as soon as possible.

For peace in Ukraine

God, the source of life, we pray that the war in Ukraine and conflicts around the world will end.

May all life be protected from slaughter and destruction by force.

May those in charge of politics build peace through dialogue.

Protect the Ukrainian people who are caught up in war and agonizing insecurity.

Give eternal rest to all those who have died of conflict and violence around the world.

Give comfort and hope to their bereaved families and friends.

Almighty, eternal God,

You lift up the lowly and cast down the mighty,

You watch over the abandoned who cry to you.

Change the hearts of those who plot evil; bring true peace.

May aid and comfort be given to all victims of war and violence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray to Jesus Christ, the Lord risen and with us, for patience, hope, health, and safety as we Protect All Life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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