



‘Prayer for peace’ By Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa

Pre-reading vocabulary slideshow activity

Words: Peace, reconcile, dignity, justice, freedom

Activity: Define each term and provide examples. Use scenarios or role-play to illustrate concepts like reconciliation and dignity.

This slideshow overview will guide students through the vocabulary learning process while providing engaging visuals and interactive scenarios to enhance their understanding.

- **Slide 1: Title slide**

Title: Pre-reading vocabulary

Subtitle: Exploring important words

Image: Colourful background with images of peace symbols (doves, olive branches, etc.)

- **Slide 2: Introduction to vocabulary**

Title: Why do we learn new words?

Text: ‘Learning new words helps us understand important ideas about kindness, fairness, and peace.’

Image: Cartoon characters discussing or reading together

- **Slide 3: Word #1 Peace**

Title: Peace

Definition: ‘A feeling of calm and harmony, free from conflict.’

Example: ‘Peace is when we play nicely together.’

Scenario: ‘What do you feel like when you are in a peaceful place?’

Image: Children playing peacefully or a serene landscape

- **Slide 4: Word #2 Reconcile**

Title: Reconcile

Definition: ‘To make up after a disagreement and become friends again.’

Example: ‘Two friends say sorry after arguing.’

Scenario/role-play: ‘Let’s pretend we had a disagreement. How can we reconcile?’

Image: Two children shaking hands or hugging

- **Slide 5: Word #3 Dignity**

Title: Dignity

Definition: ‘Treating everyone with respect and valuing them as important.’

Example: ‘We show dignity when we listen to others.’

Scenario: ‘How can we show dignity to someone who is sad?’

Image: A group of children helping or listening to a friend



- **Slide 6: Word #4 Justice**

Title: Justice

Definition: 'Fairness and making sure everyone gets what they need.'

Example: 'Justice is when everyone has a turn to play.'

Scenario: 'What can we do to make sure everyone is treated fairly?'

Image: A scale symbolising fairness

- **Slide 7: Word #5 Freedom**

Title: Freedom

Definition: 'The ability to make choices and express ourselves.'

Example: 'Freedom is being able to choose what game to play.'

Scenario: 'How does it feel to have the freedom to decide things for yourself?'

Image: Children playing freely or a bird flying

- **Slide 8: Activity overview**

Title: Let's explore these words!

Text: 'Now we will discuss these words more, share our thoughts, and role-play to understand them better!'

Image: Children participating in a fun group activity

- **Slide 9: Closing discussion**

Title: Why are these words important?

Text: 'Let's talk about how these words help us create a better world together.'

Image: A circle of children with their hands in the centre, symbolising teamwork and unity



Prayer for peace

By Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

*Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all mankind,
Who in the cross of your Son
and through the gift of his own life,
at great cost you wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that he may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.
Almighty and eternal God,
in your hands are the hopes of men
and the rights of every people:
Assist with your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and lasting peace
in our region
and throughout the earth.
Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world. Amen.*



Slide show overview to support reading of the prayer

Here's a slideshow overview for the reading activity focused on understanding Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa's 'Prayer for Peace.'

- **Slide 1: Title slide**
 Title: Reading activity: Understanding the Prayer for Peace
 Subtitle: Exploring Cardinal Pizzaballa's message
 Image: Peaceful imagery, such as doves or a serene landscape
- **Slide 2: Activity objective**
 Title: Objective of today's activity
 Text: 'To understand the meaning of Cardinal Pizzaballa's 'Prayer for Peace''
 Image: Children reading together or engaged in discussion
- **Slide 3: Introduction to the prayer**
 Title: What is the Prayer for Peace?
 Text: 'A special prayer asking God for peace, kindness, and understanding among people.'
 Image: An image of a candle or prayerful hands
- **Slide 4: Reading the prayer**
 Title: Let's read together!
 Instructions: 'We will read sections of the prayer aloud. Listen carefully and think about what each part means.'
 Image: A book open to a prayer page or a reading group
- **Slide 5: Section 1 – Addressing God**
 Text: 'Lord our God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Father of all mankind . . .'
 Explanation: 'This part shows that we are talking to God and recognising him as our Creator.'
 Image: A calming image of nature or a light shining down
- **Slide 6: Section 2 – The gift of the Holy Spirit**
 Text: 'Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit . . .'
 Explanation: 'We are asking for help to fill our hearts with peace and to remove feelings of anger.'
 Image: A dove or flame representing the Holy Spirit
- **Slide 7: Section 3 – Understanding dignity**
 Text: ' . . . to understand the irrepressible dignity of every human person . . .'
 Explanation: 'This means we should respect and value every person.'
 Image: Diverse children holding hands or smiling together
- **Slide 8: Section 4 – Seeking justice and peace**
 Text: ' . . . for a peaceful and reconciled world in truth and justice, in love and freedom.'
 Explanation: 'We pray for a world where everyone can live together peacefully and fairly.'
 Image: A globe or peace symbol



- **Slide 9: Section 5 – Prayer for leaders**

Text: 'Assist with your wisdom those who govern us . . .'

Explanation: 'We ask God to help leaders be kind and care for everyone, especially those in need.'

Image: An image of leaders discussing or helping others

- **Slide 10: Final section – a call for peace**

Text: 'Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace . . .'

Explanation: 'We ask Mary to pray for peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land.'

Image: A peaceful image of Mary or a serene landscape

- **Slide 11: Rephrasing activity**

Title: Let's rephrase together!

Instructions: 'Now, let's choose parts of the prayer and rephrase them in our own words.'

Discussion prompt: 'What do you think this part means? How would you say it differently?'

Image: Children discussing or writing

- **Slide 12: Closing reflection**

Title: Why is peace important?

Text: 'Let's share what we've learned about peace and how we can be peacemakers in our lives.'

Image: Children with their hands in a circle, symbolising unity