

Prayer for Congo Peace Vigil December 30, 2022

Priest:

Let now bring to the Lord our petitions

Reader

1. Heavenly Father, we implore you for all those who have no regard for human life, who abuse and kill innocent people, especially in the longstanding conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo,
May your Spirit touch their hearts to work for freedom, justice, and truth;
we pray to the LORD

Response: hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the leaders of all nations, for your Spirit to grant them the gift of discipline and discernment, courage and compassion to care for their people, *We pray to the LORD.*

Response: hear our prayer

3. For all the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless in the Democratic Republic of Congo, That in all their trials, they may not doubt the love and presence of God in their lives. *We pray to the LORD*

Response: hear our prayer

4. Almighty God, with the power and vision of faith, we already anticipate a DRC liberated from violence, a new nation where greed will no longer lead leaders to commit injustice, nor bring suffering to innocent civilians,
We pray to the LORD

Response: hear our prayer

5. For all of us gathered here, that we may be faithful witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. dispel from our hearts whatever might threaten peace. Enlighten our rulers so that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace,
We pray to the LORD

Response: hear our prayer

Priest:

Heavenly Father, grant our prayers for all who strive for peace and justice. Help us, who today understand the human cost of the war in DR Congo, to endeavour for a better tomorrow, and, as we commend to you, many lives lost in the conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence, through Christ our Lord. *We pray to the LORD*