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22 August: Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace

Pope Leo XIV made this request at the end of his General Audience on Wednesday, 20 August. For the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he asks that we all go to our Lady's intercession, beseeching her for an end to the war in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all countries in conflict.

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At the end of his catechesis on August 20th, part of the series "Jesus Christ, Our Hope," Pope Leo XIV called on all Christians to observe this Friday, August 22nd, a day of prayer and fasting for world peace and for those suffering from the ravages of war:

“Next Friday, August 22, we will celebrate the memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the Mother of believers here on earth and is also invoked as Queen of Peace.

“As our world continues to be wounded by wars in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and many other regions of the world, I invite all the faithful to devote the day of August 22 to fasting and prayer, imploring the Lord to grant us peace and justice, and to dry the tears of those who are suffering as a result of the ongoing armed conflicts.

“May Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede so that nations may find the path to peace.”

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