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# Sample Bulletin Announcements and General Intercessions

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## **Sample Bulletin Announcement:**

Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion marking the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945 with prayers and solidarity. Find [background information](#) to share with your community at [uscgb.org/nuclear](https://uscgb.org/nuclear). Let us pray and act for peace in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, but especially in Japan.

## **Sample Bulletin Announcement:**

On August 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, we mark the solemn anniversary of the use of nuclear weapons in Japan. Nuclear weapons still pose a threat to our world. We are called to pray for peace and take action in solidarity with our brothers and sisters globally. The Catholic Church in Japan observes “Ten Days of Prayer for Peace” each year at this time. Let us pray, in the words of Pope Francis, “for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternity” ([Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park, Nagasaki, November 24, 2019](#)).

## **Sample General Intercessions:**

- For the people of Japan and the United States as we remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki, that we may be united in upholding human rights and peace in our world, we pray to the Lord . . .
- For the Church, that we may witness to Christ's love by practicing charity and actively working for justice and peace throughout the world, we pray to the Lord . . .
- For world leaders, that they might find ways to bring an end to wars, violence, and nuclear threats, and work to promote the peace and development for all nations, we pray to the Lord . . .

## **Prayers for Peace:**

- [Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace](#)
- [Prayer for End to Nuclear Weapons](#)

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