

Sample Bulletin Announcements and General Intercessions for 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



Sample Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, August 2, 2020:

Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion of the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945 with prayers and solidarity. Find [resources like a prayer card and background information](#) to share with your community at usccb.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 for Sunday, August 9, 2020:

This week we marked the solemn 75th anniversary of the use of nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 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](#)).

Responsorial Psalm for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2020 (Lectionary: 115)

Responsorial Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Sample General Intercessions for Sunday, August 2nd or 9th:

- 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 . . .



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