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## Let Us Have Peace in the World

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There are actually several crises in the world today that could escalate into a big war unless we deal with them in a peaceful and intelligent manner. The truth of the matter is that humanity has been living in tension since the beginning of creation. It is a battle between Good and evil. Therefore, we need to find ways to deal with the present world crises before they escalate to a point of no return.

I don't know if the leaders of the world will be able to resolve all of the issues that are facing Israel and Palestine before we end up in the largest conflict ever. May I suggest that our first response to this crisis would be praying for Israel, Palestine, America, Russian, England and all the nations near Jerusalem. The Palestinians and Israelis fight over having the largest territory and that conflict will not be ending any time soon. They have been in conflict for several millenniums and it wouldn't be easy for our present generation of leaders to bring solutions to the Palestine-Israel conflict. It is not only human conflict. It is also a spiritual battle between the forces of evil and God's people. In addition, other nations are already in alliance with one of these two nations in this conflict. No matter what side you are supporting of the two nations, I plead with you to pray for both of them.

Another crisis affecting humanity is the crisis of Covid-19. There are countries that have neglected to deal with this issue since the beginning of the pandemic and the numbers of infected people are growing rapidly. There are also not enough vaccinations for everyone in the world yet. However, because we do business with many nations, health issues are in the eyes of the authorities as people begin to travel more freely from one nation to another again. With this in mind, praying to God for the nations of the world is something we are asking all Christians to do.

The third issue we are calling our brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for is "The Great Commission" of the church. In the middle of all these crises, God is calling us to proclaim the good news of salvation. Over the years there have been many other crises in the world, but the church of our Lord Jesus Christ has always learned how to deal with each new crisis. Like the nation of Israel, over the centuries the church has faced persecution murder, crucifixion, incarceration and ostracism. The commission to spread the good news has still always remained our most import task, so please pray for people to continue to be brought to salvation.

You can probably add to this list of reasons why we are in need of prayers, but let me affirm for you that peace is better than war and life better than death! We all know that Jesus is called the Prince of Peace, so as the day of the Lord is drawing near, pray for peace in the entire world and pray for one another, too, just as I pray for each of you.  
Have a blessed summer.  
In Christ,

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