



LIGHT A CANDLE for hope and peace in Syria

In response to the on-going suffering of the Christian community in Syria, including recent attacks and kidnappings, Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarch, Gregorios III of Damascus has asked believers around the world to join him in prayer for peace in Syria and the Middle East.

He suggests that whether in our homes, our workplaces, our communities or our parishes, we light a candle every evening and recite the prayer below:

Will you join us in prayer?

Lord Jesus Christ,

who appeared to Paul your apostle, in the sky above Damascus and who appeared to Ananias in his house;

Just as you gave them your love, power and peace, so we ask you, at their intercession, to save Syria from every evil.

We beseech you, through the intercession of your Mother, Mary ever-Virgin, to whom you never refused grace, to give us and your brothers and sisters in Syria the ability to help bring peace to this land, which you made the starting point of your light and love to the whole world.

May it become once more a land of peace, love, fellowship and stability and be a beacon to the entire world.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Syria

St Paul, Pray for all Christians in the Middle East

Amen