

Good Friday 2026

“Peace I bequeath to you

My own peace I give you

A peace which the world cannot give”

The secular, the popular notion of the meaning of peace is the absence of violence

This can be given, and yet our faith demands more.

Peace can be understood as a mood, a feeling of settled contentment

This can be given, and yet again our faith leads on to more.

When all is well

When there is food on the table

And none are ill

This is a blessed peace

Yet this has not the urgency and depth of Roman Catholic faith

The peace which we share with Christ

Has not the idyllic escape from the troubles of life

The peace we share with Christ

Redeems even the most painful crucifixion that we experience in life

When am I closest to my loving God?

When do I call upon the peace that the world cannot give

When is the transformation of my existence most profound

Strangely it is when I share in the crucifixion

When I cry out to God

Why have you abandoned me?

When I feel the pain and I am not in control

When it is all too real

It is then that the transformation of the Holy Spirit can re-create me.

Thus I move on
Perhaps emotionally scared
Perhaps still hurting
Perhaps still yearning for a retreat from life

I move on

I move on

Agustin of Hippo said
Make me a saint but not yet

Profound wisdom

When your parents
Your child died
A time of crucifying love
You moved on

When a relationship
Concluded with bitterness
And pain
A time of crucifying love
You move on

When faced with your own death
The fear
The uncertainty
A time of crucifying love
You move on

We turn to each other so naively in the celebration of the mass

and proclaim peace be with you

On this Good Friday

I pray that you have the gift of peace

That violence stays away from your life

That you are content with what you have and are

That are times of blessed peace

However on this Good Friday I pray that you have the peace of Christ

However on this Good Friday I pray also that there is danger in your life

That you take the risk of living

That you expose your vulnerability in trust

That you feel the pain

And participate in the crucifixion of Christ

Thus our life will be transformed

Where is the place of a person of faith

It is in the struggle

Make me a saint Lord

But not yet.