

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS



Pope Francis with the Patriarchs of the Eastern Catholic Churches

What is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians enables Eastern and Western Christians to come together in prayer during Easter. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome.

When is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The next Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on 14 May 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India.

What can your parish do to promote the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

You can help to make the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians resonate by:

- ♦ including the intention of Eastern Christians in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass (prayer below)
- ♦ engaging your friends and family by using the social media posts provided

A day of communion through prayer

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we invite you to recite the following bidding prayer for Eastern Christians:

“...the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church...the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition...”

Pope St John Paul II in his pastoral letter *Oriente Lumen*

Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. May the Christians in those lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

(long prayer at: <https://facecharity.org/resources/prayers-and-reflections/face-prayer-for-eastern-christians>)

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SUPPORTING EASTERN CHRISTIANS

How you can participate

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, please join us in prayer with Eastern Christians at Mass during the bidding prayers.

If you wish to support them through our projects under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches, please donate by:

- ◆ giving to the optional collection at Sunday Mass
- ◆ giving online at www.facecharity.org/act-of-giving/
- ◆ texting **DAYOFPRAYER** to **70450** to donate £10 (*Texts cost £10 donation plus 1 standard rate message)
- ◆ writing a cheque made out to **FACE** and posting it to: FACE CHARITY, Judge Sykes Frixou, York House, 23 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6YF



To join our monthly prayer group, please visit: www.facecharity.org/prayergroup/

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS FOR USE ON SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023



Twitter text:

Today is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

Facebook: [@FaceCharity_UK](https://www.facebook.com/FaceCharity_UK)

Hashtags: [#PrayForEasternChristians](https://twitter.com/PrayForEasternChristians) / [#dop23](https://twitter.com/dop23)



Facebook/WhatsApp text:

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For more information: www.facecharity.org



FACE devotes itself exclusively to supporting Eastern Christians through projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, so that they may remain in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread.

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