

Confronting the Reality of War

Cardinal Maida of Detroit Speaks on Outbreak of War

Detroit's archbishop, Cardinal Adam Maida, will ask parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit to consider opening their church buildings Thursday for quiet prayer and/or a brief service to pray for the military, their families, victims of the war, our country and our world. On the outbreak of war, the cardinal issued the following statement late Wednesday evening.

“As we confront the reality of war, let Scripture be our guide: *Blessed are the peacemakers*. God bless and animate our leaders as we pray for peace and a speedy resolution to the conflict in Iraq. We worry about the millions of innocent lives that are jeopardized whenever there is a war and we pray for our own American troops who are in harm's way. We also need to be ready to work and pray for peace and justice throughout the Middle East. Within this season of Lent, prayer and fasting together are a very powerful source of intercession. Given that this is the year of the rosary, I encourage Catholics — in their homes and in their parishes — to recite the rosary for peace.”

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