

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN IGBO LAND AND NIGERIA

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
our refuge and our strength,
we thank You for the gift of life and for Your loving care over our people.

With humble and repentant hearts, we ask You to forgive our sins, heal our divisions, renew our hearts, and lead us in the ways of justice, reconciliation and peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Good Shepherd, look with compassion upon Igbo Land and our beloved nation, Nigeria. Protect us from kidnapping, terrorism, armed robbery, violence, bloodshed and every work of evil. Preserve our lives and property, and keep us safe in our homes, on our roads, on our farms, in our schools, at our markets, and in our places of work.

Bless our President, Governors, legislators, judges, traditional rulers and all who exercise authority. Grant them wisdom, integrity and a sincere commitment to justice and the common good.

Strengthen our Armed Forces, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, the Department of State Services, vigilante groups and all who work for the safety of our people. Protect them and guide them in the service of truth, justice and peace.

Console families who mourn, heal the wounded, strengthen those who live in fear, and restore hope to all who are discouraged.

Touch the hearts of kidnappers, terrorists, armed robbers and all who promote violence. Lead them to sincere repentance, conversion and a new life in Your grace.

Holy Spirit, renew the face of our land. Remove from us every spirit of hatred, division, violence, corruption and injustice. Fill us with faith, hope and love, that together we may build a society rooted in truth, justice and lasting peace.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, St. Michael the Archangel, and all the Saints, grant that Igbo Land and Nigeria may live in security, harmony and prosperity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.