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With P A R E N T S

Peace

Ask anyone, "If you had one wish for the world, what would it be?" Nine times out of ten, the response will be, "Peace." Everyone seems to want peace for our world.

Pope Paul VI once said something that we can use as a good follow-up to those people who give that response. He said, "If you want peace, work for justice."

We can't just wish for peace. We have to work for peace. We have to work toward justice.

Peace is a legacy that all parents would like to pass on to their children. One way of making that legacy come true is to work for justice and teach children the ways of justice.

If you want

PEACE

work for Justice. Pope Paul VI

Live Simply

Mother Elizabeth Seton, the first American-born woman to be canonized a saint, gave us a "way of justice" to teach our children.

She once said, "Live simply, that others might simply live."

There are many ways that Christian families of today can practice living simply. The gifts of God's creation are not only gifts given to us in this country at this time. They are gifts to all of God's children, to all people all over the world. The gifts of the earth are also meant for all those of future generations to have and to enjoy.

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Prayer of St. Clement

**O God, make us
children of quietness
and heirs of peace.**

Family Peace-Making

- Discuss what disturbs the peace in your home.
- List ways that each family member can help your home become a peaceful place.
- Have a family discussion describing a peace maker. Pick characteristics that can help you become a peace maker at home.
- Learn to resolve conflicts peacefully.
- Pray for peace in your home.

Some Suggestions for Families

- Use resources wisely. Watch your use of water, light, gas, and electricity.
- Re-cycle aluminum cans, glass and any other items that can be reused and/or made into other things.
- Eat simple family meals. Use left-overs creatively.
- Give outgrown clothes to those in need.
- Share the food that you have with those who are less fortunate.
- Fight pollution.

**Peace
to this house.**

Luke 10: 5