Praying for Peace in Colombia

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Lord Jesus Christ, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love.
Where there is injury, let us offer pardon. Where there is discord, let us build peace. O divine
Lord, you taught us to persist in establishing justice and truth as firm and lasting foundations of peace.
Lord, you offer us peace as a gift and peace as a responsibility that we must realize with your help.
Give us the grace to reach out for peace, to have attitudes of peace, that our words may be
words of peace, and our works be works of peace. Then may we build the peace that we and our nations
need.

Monsenor Pedro Rubiano Saenz
Cardinal of Colombia and Archbishop of Bogota
“Prayer Without Borders,” Catholic Relief Services, 2004

Prayers of Petition

Compassionate God, we pray for the more than 67% of population in Colombia who live below the
poverty line. Open our eyes to see the widening gap between the wealthy and the poor in our world, and
teach us to let go of things and ways of living that separate us from others. We pray, too, for the land
and people of Colombia and all others whose lives are destroyed by war and drugs and arms trafficking.
Help us all to change our violent ways of solving social problems.

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