

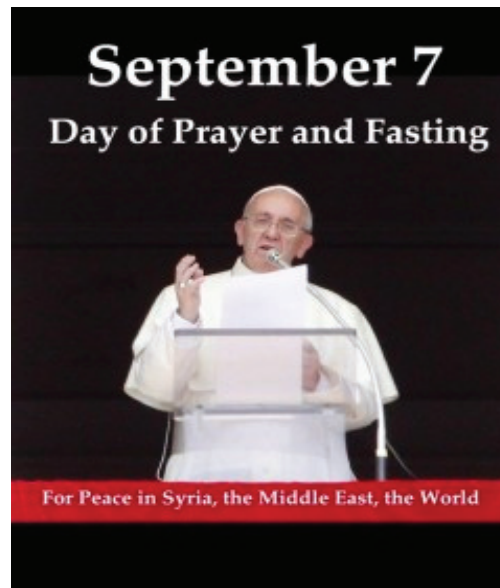


# E-BERCHMANS

## POPE DECLARES A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

### Pope Francis tweet:

Faith is not something decorative or for show. To have faith means to put Christ truly at the centre of our lives... How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake.



Saturday, September 7, noon till 5 pm; Fast throughout the day  
Prayer service in the Cathedral 12-4pm

Beginning at Noon: Adoration, including recitation of the Rosary, litanies and other prayers for Peace  
Confessions at 3:00; Benediction 3:50pm  
Mass at 4:00, celebrated by Bishop Duca

### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN SYRIA

God of Compassion,  
Hear the cries of the people of Syria,  
Bring healing to those suffering from the violence,  
Bring comfort to those mourning the dead,  
Strengthen Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees,  
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,  
And protect those committed to peace.  
God of Hope,  
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies,  
Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria,  
And give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
Prince of Peace and Light of the World,  
Amen



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**Come for some or all of the prayer time!**