

CMM Peace Hope & Justice Candle – Good Friday 2024

As Holy Week services started across the country on Wednesday, a hail of bullets killed 5 people and injured 5 others at a home in Imizamo Yetu in Hout Bay

All indications are that it is yet another round of killings associated with gang warfare

Victims of a cycle of violence. Killing for territorial dominance, revenge killing, and the cycle continues

As we contemplate the killing of Jesus of Nazareth, we reflect on the things that begin the cycle of violence, whether in Hout Bay, Ocean View, Lavender Hill, Hanover Park, Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia

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But on Sunday we will be reminded that the cycle of violence can be broken, by the power of the Holy Spirit

CANDLE LIGHT

Let us pray:

O Lord, as we recall your violent, painful death on the cross, we weep with the loved ones of those who lose family members in violent deaths every day

Whether it's the cycle of violence between gangs, religious groups, nations or angry individuals, we know that you can relate

When we recall the cycle of violence that tore our country apart, we know that what seems like a miracle can break the cycle

Lord, we pray for a miracle to break the cycle of violence between

- Gangs on the Cape Flats, needing to belong, exercise power
- Taxi associations fighting for territorial dominance
- Israel/ Hamas/ Palestinian Authority fighting a decades long battle, sparked by the Oct 7 attack
- Russia/ Ukraine/ ISIS fighting for control
- Every warring party across our continent and the globe ...

We cling to the hope of the resurrection ...

We pray for the courage to break the cycle of violence and addiction in our own lives

By the power of the Holy Spirit

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

We pray the Prayer for Africa and the world:

GOD BLESS AFRICA & THE WORLD

GUARD OUR CHILDREN

GUIDE OUR LEADERS

AND GIVE US PEACE, AMEN