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Hands to Reach Out

Dona nobis pacem.

Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (5:1-12a):

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Prayer (Franciscan Tradition)

Oh! Signore, fa' di me un istrumento della tua Pace:	*O Lord, make me an instrument of your Peace:*
Dove è odio, fa' ch'io porti l'Amore.	*where there is hatred, let me bring Love;*
Dove è offesa, ch'io porti il Perdono.	*where there is offense, let me bring Pardon;*
Dove è discordia, ch'io porti l'Unione.	*where there is discord, let me bring Union;*
Dove è dubbio, ch'io porti la Fede.	*where there is doubt, let me bring Faith;*
Dove è errore, ch'io porti la Verità.	*where there is error, let me bring Truth;*
Dove è disperazione, ch'io porti la Speranza.	*where there is despair, let me bring Hope;*
Dove è tristezza, ch'io porti la Gioia.	*where there is sadness, let me bring Joy;*
Dove sono le tenebre, ch'io porti la Luce.	*where there is darkness, let me bring Light.*
Oh! Maestro, fa' che io non cerchi tanto:	*O Master, grant that I may not so much seek*
Ad essere consolato, quanto a consolare.	*to be consoled as to console,*
Ad essere compreso, quanto a comprendere.	*to be understood as to understand,*
Ad essere amato, quanto ad amare,	*to be loved as to love;*
Poiché si è:	*for it is*
Dando, che si riceve:	*in giving that we receive,*
Perdonando che si è perdonati;	*in pardoning that we are pardoned,*
Morendo, che si risuscita a Vita Eterna.	*in dying that we are raised to Eternal Life.*

Let us pray. O Father, help us to live faithfully the time you give us,
with our hearts turned towards you and our hands held out to others.
Make us peacemakers, witnesses of fraternity, children in your Son.
He lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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