



### DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

<p>Play peaceful music as the children enter</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> God is here</p> <p><b>Response:</b> His Spirit is with us.</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Even if we can't see God He is here all around us.</p>	<p><b>KEEPING PEACE IN THE WORLD (whole school)</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 5:9</b> Action for Peace and Development, Burundi <b>Burundi is a small country that has suffered nearly five decades of violence and grave human rights abuses.</b> Since gaining independence in 1962, some 300,000 people have died as a result of violence between Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups. And although the last rebel group laid down their weapons in 2009, the situation remains fragile. 65% of the population is under the 20, and it is vital that they are fully involved in the opportunity for peace. This is why local hero Landry Ninteretse started Action for Peace and Development (APD), a youth group that engages young people in building peace and democracy in Burundi. APD is setting up peace clubs in high schools, where students will learn the skills they need to resist political violence. The peace clubs are also a place where <b>young people can develop their own practical ideas for how to achieve a more peaceful, tolerant and democratic society.</b> The young peace-builders will share this with their peers, families and communities and to a wider audience through radio shows.</p>	<p>Lord, open our eyes to the sufferings of our imprisoned brothers and sisters so that, by our understanding and love, we may bring them your peace and joy. You came to set us free. May your light shine on the captives, relieve their suffering, and enable us all to grow toward true freedom in justice and harmony. (From Pax Christi)</p>	<p><b>Leader:</b> Go out as the loved children of God.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> In the name of Christ, Amen.</p>
<p><b>Leader:</b> God loves the world</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Let us worship God</p>	<p><b>KEEPING THE PEACE IN SCHOOL (class or key stage)</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 5:9</b> Remind the children about the systems in school to help with conflict (peer buddies, peer mediators, conflict resolution). Today we are going to look at Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. Many of His words here begin with. "Blessed are ..." To be a peacemaker a person has to actually <b>do</b> something, none of Jesus' instructions are easy. All of the jobs involve <b>doing</b> something, possibly in the face of conflict or opposition. Is being a peacemaker always a 'peaceful' task?</p>	<p>Use the prayer from Japan above or choose one of your own.</p> <p>Possible song – You can build a wall around you.</p>	<p><b>Leader:</b> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord</p> <p><b>Response:</b> In the name of Christ, Amen.</p>