



Pastoral Letter: The Rosary Prayer for Peace in Manipur

Dearly Beloved People of God,

As we enter the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we are invited to rediscover the beauty and depth of the Holy Rosary as a prayer centred on Jesus Christ. In the rhythm of the *Hail Mary*, we journey through the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Mary, His Mother and our companion in faith, gently leads us to contemplate her Son, to listen more attentively to His Word, and to enter more deeply into the mystery of His saving love. The Rosary is therefore, a pilgrimage of the heart with Jesus, accompanied by Mary.

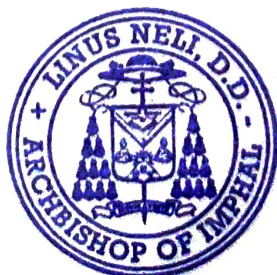
Pope Leo has called Christians around the world to pray the Rosary "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict." He urged us, too, to "accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation" (Angelus, 27 September 2026).

In the same spirit, I earnestly invite every Christian family, youth group, religious congregation, and parish community, in the Archdiocese of Imphal to **pray the Rosary throughout the month of October, with the particular intention of peace in Manipur**. Let us also pray for those who are entrusted with responsibilities in society, that they may have wisdom and courage to seek justice, dialogue and reconciliation.

Let us entrust Manipur and all its people to Almighty God, through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace. As we faithfully pray and meditate upon each mystery of the Holy Rosary, may our hearts and minds be shaped and transformed by the Gospel.

May our prayer, sustained by faith and expressed through concrete acts of love and fraternity, contribute to the restoration of peace and renewal of hope among the people of Manipur.

Imphal, 29th September, 2026, the Feast of the Archangels



With my blessings & prayers,

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