**Novena for Peace and Reconcilation**

**Day 3 – August 3, 2016**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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O Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

A reading from Micah (4:1-5).

In days to come

 the mountain of the Lord’s house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

 and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

 and many nations shall come and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

 to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

 and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,

 and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

 and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

 neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

 and no one shall make them afraid;

 for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,

 each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God

 forever and ever.

**For Social Justice**, *p. 823 of the BCP*.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so
move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the
people of this land], that barriers which divide us may
crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our
divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.