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### **‘WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT.’ THE UISG INVITES WORLDWIDE PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**ROME, March 4, 2026** – In the face of escalating violence and war, affecting numerous regions of the world, the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), representing more than 1,900 congregations of consecrated women religious present on six continents, calls for prayer, fasting, and action for an **unarmed and disarming peace**

The organization, which brings together nearly 600,000 sisters worldwide, has convened an international moment of prayer for Friday, March 6, at 3:30 pm (Rome time), to be livestreamed and open to the faithful and all people of goodwill.

“As consecrated women religious, present in the most fragile contexts of society and close to those who suffer, we cannot remain silent in the face of a spiral of destruction that undermines human dignity and jeopardizes the future of new generations,” says Sr. Roxanne Schares, SSND, Executive Secretary of UISG.

#### **Peace: desire of all**

“Peace is a desire of all peoples, and it is the sorrowful cry of those torn apart by war,” the Pope Leo XIV affirmed. “Let us ask the Lord to touch the hearts and inspire the minds of those who govern, that the violence of weapons be replaced by the pursuit of dialogue.” (July 2025 Angelus Address)

Through its members, UISG gives expression to this same plea present in those “existential” and geographical peripheries where the roar of weapons drowns out every other voice. Sisters living alongside refugees, the wounded, and devastated families daily bear witness that peace is not an abstraction, but a fundamental human need denied to millions.

#### **A global call**

UISG extends a global call to prayer, fasting, and action for peace. The prayer will be livestreamed, bringing together religious communities from every continent, united beyond borders and cultures.

“We entrust to our loving, compassionate God the victims of all conflicts and war, implore the gift of courage for us to become artisans of peace, and reaffirm our commitment to walk together beyond borders with all our sisters and brothers so the world may truly become a home for all.”



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## Event Details and Participation

The gathering is open to the faithful, representatives of civil society, and people of every faith and of goodwill.

- **Date:** Friday, March 6, 2026
- **Time:** 3:30 p.m. (Rome – CET)
- **Platform:** Livestream on [youtube.com/@UISGRome](https://youtube.com/@UISGRome)
- **Social media:** Follow the initiative using the hashtag #UISGforPeace

## About UISG

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) is a dynamic organization, uniting women religious congregations of pontifical and diocesan right across the globe. Founded in 1965, it fosters a prophetic voice in the Church and society through its global network of solidarity, support, and collaboration.

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