Catholic Education:

BECOMING ARTISANS *of* PEACE

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)

Prayer and Activity

Peace in our communities

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God of all that is good,

Be with us today, and open our hearts to your loving presence.

Help us to remember that love, kindness and mercy are paths to peace and justice.

Guide us to be peacemakers at home, at school, and in our community.

May all our words and actions show Your love.

Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING AND REFLECTION QUESTION

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
(Colossians 3:12–15)

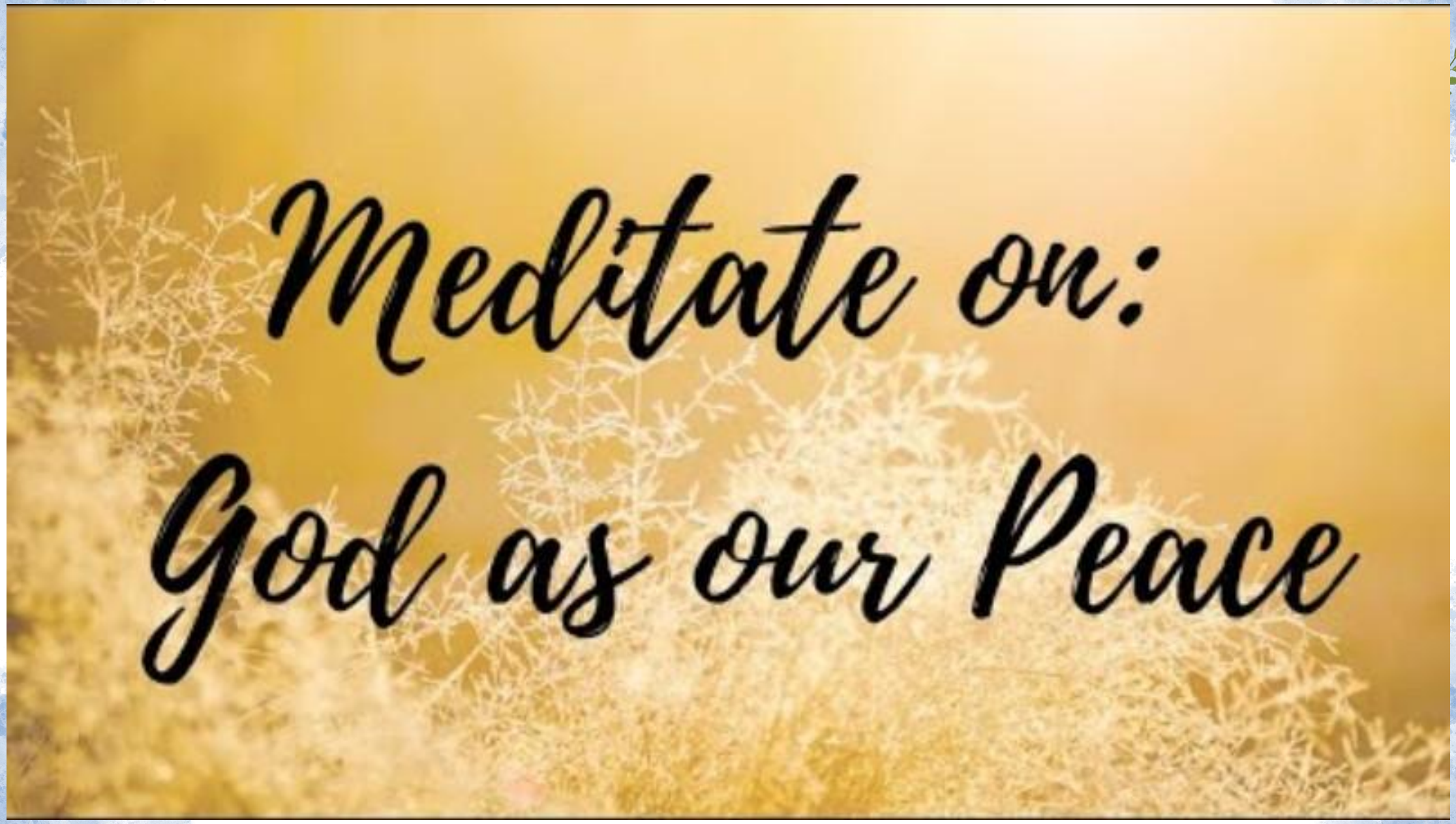
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Being an artisan of peace means taking small, meaningful steps to make our communities more peaceful. What is one thing I can do to help bring peace to my home, school,
or parish?

Activity – God as our Peace / Sharing Peace with Others

- Lead students in a Christian meditation by playing the video entitled, *"God as our Peace".* Invite them to listen quietly or to draw as they listen.
- Invite students to brainstorm ideas on how to complete the sentence: "I can build peace by…"
- As a follow up activity, have students write a poem, son, rap, skit or journal entry on the following topic: "*Ways to Build Peace.*"


Meditate on:
God as our Peace

Activity – Poem/Song/ Rap/Skit: Ways to Build Peace