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Pope Leo XIV has made peace a central tenet of his Papacy.

He has reiterated this call in the past few days, urging peace after the explosion of war in the Middle East.

"Pray for peace, work for peace, less hatred. Hatred in the world is constantly increasing," the Pontiff told journalists on Tuesday.

He has also made it his prayer intention for the month of March, asking for the Church to pray nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

While we can often feel removed from the direct impacts of violence, the tension in the Middle East will have far reaching consequences beyond the region too.

The war will likely driving up the price of fuel and pushing inflation even higher, putting more pressure on the cost of living for families who are already struggling.

Particularly during this Season of Lent, as we deepen our time of prayer and fasting, we join in the Holy Father's intentions and pray for a swift conclusion to this war, hoping for a solution that will lead to lasting peace.

We also keep in our prayers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, who remains stranded in Dubai. He is hopeful the airspace will reopen soon and he will be able to leave Dubai. He has asked everyone to pray for those caught up in the conflict.