



FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On April 8, 2026, the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe released a [statement](#) on the war with Iran. It called for four areas of action:

- Do not lose hope—knowing that hope is founded on the truth revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ: that love is stronger than violence and death.
- Be bold in contacting your political leaders in a tireless call for peace.
- Engage in actions that strategically build a culture of peace locally and internationally.
- Pray and fast ceaselessly for peace and for strength and insight to work for peace. As one example, Pope Leo has invited all to join in a prayer vigil for peace on Saturday, April 11.

We wanted to offer some immediate practical hints and resources on how to bring these actions forward:

<p>Keeping Hope—find great resources to review to immerse yourself in our Catholic Tradition. For example, on Monday, April 13, 2026, Georgetown’s Initiative for Catholic Social Thought is holding an online session “War is Back in Vogue” Iran and Catholic Teachings on a Moral Foreign Policy. These events are always filled with great information to equip our faith for action—which helps keep hope alive.</p>	<p>Contact Political Leaders—Our friends at the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns recommended an action alert for Congress to reassert its authority and Support the War Powers Resolution. Congress will likely vote next week. The action is at the end of the page.</p>
<p>Strategically build a culture of peace—this is not a quick process; it will take training and other preparations, but as Franciscans we are lucky to have Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service available to guide us. They have several study groups to help you and others develop the skills needed.</p>	<p>Pray and Fast—Pope Leo XIV will be holding a prayer vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 6PM Rome Time (12PM Eastern/11AM Central/10AM Mountain/9AM Pacific). You can join this via the Vatican New’s YouTube Page or pray on your own at that time.</p>