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O God, in the prophetic dreams of your population swords turn into to ploughshares. Let us follow this dream nowadays, too. Make sure that worldwide a new generation of people emerges which does not tolerate weapons of mass destruction anymore and despises all other weapons aimed at man as long as they are not needed for defense. And, Lord, let the destruction of weapons begin amidst us, so that we fight for the right way by peaceful means. Amen.

**CONTEMPLATE**

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*

**STUDY**

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2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).

**DISCUSS**

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*

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**Mt 26: 51-52**

And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

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When are weapons of mass destruction permitted?

The use of any weapon that causes more than individual and proportionate harm to civilians is immoral. By definition, then, the use of weapons of "mass destruction" is forbidden. The Church expressly rejects the so-called "logic of deterrence". The indiscriminate destruction of cities, countries, and populations through biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons of mass destruction is a serious crime against God and humanity.

1. What is the „logic of deterrence“? Why is this illogical?
2. Give examples for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. Why is it not permitted to use them even in a desperate defensive war?
3. How can states contribute to make disarmament possible someday?
4. How can you practice „disarmament“ in your personal surroundings – and what is the impact of confronting somebody „unarmed“ (without getting polemical)?

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