

PRAY
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FOR
PEACE
IN IRAQ



Prayer for peace in Iraq

Christians across the United States are witnessing and praying around the clock for peace in Iraq. Mennonites are especially invited to pray on Wednesdays. Will you, your family, your Sunday school class, your congregation—join the unceasing prayer?

Kind and gracious God,

You sent your son, Jesus, the Christ, to live among us to show us the meaning of your reign among us. You chose not earthly power or position to show us the way of peace. Rather, through your son you offer us the way of the cross with the promise of resurrection. This is your way of making peace. We have seen it in Jesus.

We pray for the people of Iraq. Thousands of people have lost their lives or seen their homes and businesses shattered by this conflict. They have been forced to trade one form of tyranny for another form of terror. We ask that their suffering would soon come to an end—that tyranny and terror would be removed from their lives so they may resume the normal human aspirations that are being denied them.

Teach us not to place our trust in the devices of human hands for the fulfillment of our dreams of peace in our world. Lead us to deeper trust in your ways—the path of sacrifice and of love of enemy. Let us not fight evil with evil, lest there be no more of your love found in us.

In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

Amen.

Jim Schrag is executive director of Mennonite Church USA. He is offering this prayer for the people and nation of Iraq out of his belief that prayer is a tool of shalom, the peace of God.