

**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



A Triune prayer for troubled times

We come to you, O God, in deep prayer in troubled times.
We come knowing that you comfort us when we are afflicted
and afflict us when we are comfortable.
We come seeking to join you in this troubling task in troubled times.

God of all creation and creatures
Hear our cries and dispel our fears.
Our hearts are filled with gratitude and gravity:
Gratitude for the goodness of your creation
and that you call us to be co-creators with you
and gravity for the ways we desecrate your creation.

God of the incarnate, crucified and risen Jesus Christ
Hear our prayers and overcome our enmity.
Our hearts are filled with hope and helplessness:
Hope for building your reign on earth as in heaven
and helplessness when your reign seems so far from us.

God of the ever present Holy Spirit
Hear our praise and empower us to live in praise of you.
Our hearts are filled with desire and doubt:
Desire for your empowering Presence guiding our lives
and doubt that our frail efforts will be faithful or effective.

We come to you with humble hearts naming what troubles us
in our own lives, in the lives around us, and in the world:
[...name what troubles us...]

God of Creation, Christ and Spirit
Teach us to not loose heart
Form us into your ministers of reconciliation
Embodying your Truth that in Christ
you are already reconciling the whole world to your Self
and entrusting this ministry of reconciliation to us
making us co-creators with you and ambassadors for Christ
who is your peace on earth as in heaven.

Triune God, in your boundless grace and abundant mercy,
Hear our prayer in these troubled times. AMEN

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