



# PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



## Prayer for a Caring Spirit

Sovereign Lord God, we recognize that  
We are too often selfish, distracted, and forgetful.  
It is so easy for us to be that way. Why not?  
Our world seems to revolve around ourselves.  
But there are other people, some hurting people, needing a friend, some  
looking to us, needing hope.  
Needing God. They are a part of our world, too!  
We are too often distracted by little things – new curtains for our  
bedroom, this or that game, this dress, that shirt – good things. Not  
that important.

O outgoing God, have mercy on us  
We too often forgot about you and your purposes.  
Yes, you want us to be delighted with good things, but you want us to  
care also about other people.

Help us to remember that your kingdom exists for everyone.  
Everyone needs a home, an income, health care, justice, and peace.  
Help us not to get carried away with caring only about ourselves.  
Help us to remember that your kingdom is bigger than us, our family,  
our friends, our school, or even our church.

May your kingdom come closer now to our earth, even through us,  
through Jesus.

Amen

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