

**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, listen to your children praying:

We come to you with praise and thanksgiving. You are the Most High, creator and sustainer of this world that you made good, who pours out love and mercy so all might have life abundantly.

Lord, listen to your children crying:

We are a stubborn and headstrong people, deeply divided by theological, political and cultural chasms. We seek to pursue righteousness for all your creation, yet because of our antagonism and contentiousness, we sabotage our efforts, undermine our faith and bring displeasure to you.

Lord, listen to your children praying:

Forgive us for our short-sightedness and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us for being obstacles to rather than instruments of your peace. Forgive us our arrogance, which belies our professed faith in you. May our words and actions match our intentions so that, through us, you will mend rifts and heal hurts.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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