



PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



A prayer for reflective pause

Lord, we live in a world consumed by quick answers, immediate fulfillment, and swift solutions

It is a world of abbreviated conversations
Where sound bites are in-depth
Where long wars are shortened with escalation

We ask for forgiveness

Help us slow down
Help us decelerate
Help us take pause

Grant us understanding, when we do not seek to understand
Grant us listening, when we do not seek to listen
Grant us contemplation, when we really ought to see how we appear to others

In looking inward, may we find the call to act outward

Motivate us that we may motivate others
Lift us up that we may lift up others
Inspire us that we may inspire others

May past injustices motivate us today not for revenge, but reconciliation
Challenge us to constructive dialogue, and obligate us to stand up for the persecuted

Bless us with the light and peace of Christ, that we may be vessels and mirrors carrying and reflecting in and among the world
Amen

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