

**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Prayer for Peace

In too many places, Lord, the sounds of war and the reverberations of violence muffle the anguished cries of the innocents, Open our ears, O God, to hear the cries of suffering and lament; Save us from shutting out the torment and the grief of those who suffer the wounds of war and the scars of aggression.

In face of the brutal expressions of our selfish interest and fear, O God, give us generous spirits that can acknowledge and validate the needs, hopes and aspirations of others; May Your Spirit fill us with the courage that can hail the humanity of the other and allow us to catch a glimpse of our common humanity.

Compassionate God, infuse our hearts with the prodigal love of your Son so that we will become the agents of your reconciliation and the harbingers of a world freed from strife. In your mercy forgive us the walls that we build and our shrunken hope. Redeeming God, liberate our imaginations to dream a world sheltered under the blanket of your peace and make us the instruments of that peace!

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