



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN IRAQ**



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of the world,

Why do the nations rage?

Why do the people imagine vain things?

Why is it so difficult for us to accept your Son as the Prince of Peace?

We seem to be okay with Mighty God, Everlasting Father, but we don't really embrace the Prince of Peace. Have mercy on us!

It's fairly easy for us to celebrate Christmas -- the birth of the baby Jesus; the shepherds; the Magi; the angels. It's a wonderful story.

But we find it harder to believe the message of the angels -- "Peace on earth; good will to all people." Have mercy on us!

We enter into praying The Lord's Prayer. But do we really mean to pray "thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." For in heaven there is no raging.

O God, may the Christmas message of the angels become a reality among us: **PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL PEOPLE!**  
Amen.

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