

PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE



## The Foreseeable Future

A hymn of praise for fists uncurled!  
Alleluias on our lips for ammunition abandoned!  
Guns dropped, forgotten,  
bombs defused, harmless!  
Fervent thanks for tanks rusting,  
for jet fighters permanently grounded!  
This future, peace-bright,  
hovers on the horizon of your kingdom.  
It will dawn the day we remember  
there are no soldiers-  
    only your children, beloved and loving,  
there are no borders-  
    only one world, creative and creating,  
there has been no collateral damage--  
    only broken hearts, broken homes, broken dreams.  
It will come the day we remember to pray,  
"Your kingdom come, your will be done."  
The Spirit and the church say, "Come!"

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