



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN IRAQ**



### **A Blessing Prayer for Peace**

God of love and mercy,  
Our world and our work are yours.  
We are yours.  
Without you we can do nothing.

God we thank you and bless you for your own Jesus Christ  
whom you gave to the world so that all might know you more fully;  
This Jesus who humbled himself in your service  
to show us how to live and to love as your servants;  
This Jesus who suffered and died at the hands of the powers and people  
willing to commit the great sin of violence  
and violate what it means to be created in your image.

We thank you and bless you for the gift of life and love.  
We thank you and bless you for all who wage peace rather than wage war.  
Make us your people of peace in all that we are and do.

And now may God bless you and keep you listening and living in deepest faith;  
May God's face shine upon you and bring you great joy;  
And may God look upon you with favor  
and keep you in the deep peace of the living Christ.

AMEN. Go in peace to love and serve God.

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