

PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE
IN IRAQ



Prayer for Peace

God of the Universe, we come asking your healing for those who have experienced the nightmares of war--

for those who have taken life

and for those who are forced to live with war daily;

for those who cannot forgive themselves for what they have done

and for those who cannot forgive what has been done to their Iraqi homeland;

for those who suffer nightmares from what they have done

and for those who suffer night terrors from war;

for the children who live daily in the turmoil of war

and for those who have suffered injury to their mind and soul as well as physical injury.

God, help us be the healing hand of Christ as we minister to those who come home broken from the war.

May we share with them the peace that Christ has to offer.

May we be open to hear their stories and receive their pain.

May we share the healing Christ to those with injured minds and souls.

God, the Great Physician, help us not to forget the many Iraqis who suffer from the consequences of war.

May you heal both their bodies and souls.

God, we give thanks for your marvelous loving and forgiving nature when we, as human beings, have failed you.

We ask for your continued love and mercy. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Iris de León-Hartshorn is Director of Intercultural Relations for Mennonite Church USA. She writes, "My father served as a Marine during WWII. He suffered from nightmares his entire life. He never spoke of the war except that he would wish it on no one. During the Viet Nam war many of my male classmates went to Viet Nam. Some did not return. Of those that did, some were never the same. My prayer is for those broken by war, both those who serve and the innocent victims throughout Iraq."