



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE**



**Prayer for Peace**

God, who calms the wind and seas,  
whose ways are higher than our ways,  
and whose thoughts are higher than our thoughts,

Only you can calm the raging of the nations,  
the impulse for war,  
the eagerness to destroy another  
in defense of our own interests.

Only you can take hearts of stone  
and turn them into hearts of flesh.

And so we beg you to thwart the ways of policymakers  
who rush to war.

Replace their desire for war with a desire for justice and for peace.

Give us the courage to be messengers in word and deed of your  
Good News,  
to announce your reign to all peoples and nations,  
to Congress and to our communities.

Hear the cries of those who suffer as a result of war —  
civilians, soldiers, veterans, family members,  
those whose schools and homes have been destroyed,  
those whose souls have been torn apart.

Have mercy on them, O Lord.

May all of us together go out in joy and be led forth in peace,  
people hand in hand with people,  
nations together with nations.

Amen.

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