

**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Prayer for Peace

God, our source and our strength,
we offer our prayers for peace to you this day.

We long for your peace that is beyond our understanding
to take root and to grow in our hearts and our minds...
filling our entire being, and spilling out into the world.

We offer ourselves to you, as a garden:
willing to turn over the soil of our hearts and minds
welcoming of seeds of peacemaking and justice-seeking
receptive of your cleansing rains
patient when growth is unseen and slow
persistent in times of drought
aware of the weeds of despair, hatred, and fear
and intent on digging deep and plucking them out, roots and all.

We look to you to nurture and tend to the garden of our lives:
giving us courage and hope for new growth when life is turned upside down
filling us with patience and persistence when peace seems elusive or absent
working alongside us as we dig up the roots of the weeds that threaten
to choke new growth.

We give thanks that you are a creating and sustaining God
and that you are our source for transformation, grounding us when we are
unsure and afraid.

We commit ourselves to be people rooted in you
growing daily in praying, speaking and acting for peace
... sowing seeds that produce the fruits of peace and justice for all of creation.

Amen.

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