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AND ACT
FOR
PEACE



Litany of Resistance

Christian Peacemaker Team member Jim Loney wrote the "Litany of Resistance" in 1991, during the first Gulf War. It has been translated into several languages and is prayed regularly by CPT teams as a spiritual response to violence. We have excerpted the litany here; you can find the full version online at <http://www.cpt.org/publications/litanyofresistance.php>.

One: Let us pray – You have learned how it is said

All: Love your neighbor and hate your enemy

One: But I say this to you who are listening

All: Love your enemies

One: Do good to those who hate you

All: Bless those who curse you

One: Be compassionate

All: Judge not

One: Do not condemn

All: Grant pardon

One: Because the amount you measure out

All: Is the amount you will be given back

One: Let everything you do

All: Be done in love

One: Blessed are the poor

All: For theirs is the kingdom of God

One: Blessed are they who mourn now

All: For they will be comforted

One: Blessed are the meek

All: For they will inherit the earth

One: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice

All: For they will be satisfied

One: Blessed are the merciful

All: For they will be shown mercy

One: Blessed are the pure in heart

All: For they will see God

One: Blessed are the peacemakers

All: For they will be called the daughters and sons of God

One: Blessed are they who are persecuted because of righteousness

All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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One: From the arrogance of power
All: Deliver us

One: From the poverty of violence
All: Deliver us

One: From the tyranny of greed
All: Deliver us

One: From the ugliness of racism
All: Deliver us

One: From the politics of hypocrisy
All: Deliver us

One: From the hysteria of nationalism
All: Deliver us

One: From the cancer of hatred
All: Deliver us

One: From the seduction of wealth
All: Deliver us

One: From the addiction of control
All: Deliver us

One: From the avarice of imperialism
All: Deliver us

One: From the idolatry of national security
All: Deliver us

One: From the despair of fatalism
All: Deliver us

One: From the violence of apathy
All: Deliver us

One: From the filth of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the profanity of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the necessity of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the madness of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the blasphemy of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the brutality of war
All: Deliver us

One: From the demonic waste of war and of preparation for war
All: Deliver us

One: Deliver us, O God
All: Guide our feet into the ways of peace

One: In humility, we ask
All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.