



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN IRAQ**



**Prayer of Peace**

God, we long for peace within, around and between us.

Anxiety and worry about money, jobs, and relationships  
circle our thoughts, looking for a place to enter our consciousness.

The earth groans as resources are taken thoughtlessly from mountains,  
streams and valleys.

Harsh and violent words and actions break the bonds of family, friends,  
neighbors and nations.

May the words of Jesus-  
love your neighbor as yourself,  
consider the lilies of the field,  
forgive,  
love your enemies,  
seek what is good, and  
lead us not into temptation--  
permeate our thoughts and actions.

Move us to peace-filled, creative thoughts that restore, and instruct us in  
actions that move us to courage and stewardship of the gifts we have  
within ourselves, with one another, and in this living earth.

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