



PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



Creating God,

You've made each one of us and all creatures who call earth our home. You know us better than we know ourselves.

We lift up to you now those created in your image in the United States, Iraq, and Iran—those who worship you as the one and only God, those who worship you by the name of Allah, and those who have yet to learn your ways.

Nurturing God,

Give us the nudges we need and give us wisdom to follow your daily nudges to love friend and enemy alike, planting seeds of peace in our world. We pray that each of us, and all those in positions of power, will heed your call to choose life, the way of shalom.

Healing God,

Help us ask for forgiveness when we fail to love, and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Grant your wholeness, your health and well being, your shalom to individuals and communities.

Just God,

We remember people in Iraq facing the sixth year of war and the disruption, displacement, detention, death, and chaos it has brought to so many. Provide for the millions of Iraqis who are refugees in Iran and other neighboring countries. Strengthen their spirits, their courage, and their faith, and inform our prayers and our actions on their behalf.

Mysterious God,

Help us to listen to you, to carve out focused listening time, to unplug ourselves from distractions. May we build a strong relationship with you so we can align *our* work with *your* work, honoring that of *you* in all creation.

Through whatever comes, God,

take our minds and think through them,
take our lips and speak through them,
take our hearts and set them on fire.

By your holy presence that refuses to leave us unchanged,
By your moving, resurrecting power,

Amen.

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