



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE**



**Prayer of many questions**

God who listens,

What about  
our church neighborhood--  
*For Rent* signs going up  
as undocumented neighbors  
give up and go back  
defeated, to even worse poverty  
than they have experienced here?

What do you have in mind  
for us to do and be among them?  
What is our part  
in their struggle to be here  
to get just enough or  
to also have their chance  
at this American dream?

God of compassion  
also be to us the God  
of courage  
and of wisdom.

For we do not like  
to admit our sense of  
powerlessness  
in the face of bureaucracy  
in the face of pragmatism.

We do not like to  
acknowledge our fear  
of what real involvement  
might cost us.

God of longsuffering  
Work in us compassion  
Work in us mercy  
Work in us sacrifice  
Bring home to us  
In all ways  
Who is our neighbor.

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