



PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



Prayer for Peace

O Lord!

How do we raise our voices from under the weight of injustice and despair?

How can we act when paralyzed by gross imbalances of power?

How is it possible to embody love amid overwhelming hate, fear and apathy?

How, O Lord?

We know all can be accomplished through you. But we are weak. We are tired and discouraged and blinded by the enormity of the world's violence. We have failed you, Lord, and we have failed your people.

Forgive us.

And infuse us with your Spirit's energy, creativity and compassion to be instruments of your peace and healing in the face of brokenness and pain. Inspire us, Lord, and comfort us when we fail and grow weary, so that we can continue to carry on with your mission of love and hope.

We pray for your power to break through the barriers that cause division and dissension.

We pray for your imagination to find solutions to seemingly insurmountable situations.

We pray for your miraculous work of peace among all strife-torn people and places.

We know all can be accomplished through you.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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