



**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



God, we confess that we fear the power of your love.

To love others as you love is to abandon our need to be first,
our quest to be strongest,
our compulsion to stay free of danger.

Compassion means risks and change.
It opens new geographies of the spirit - and these terrify us.

We cling to what we know:
opponents to defeat,
weak people to patronize,
earth to exploit,
interests to protect.

Unmask our illusions of safety and strength.
Draw us to the child of Bethlehem,
the suffering servant of Calvary,
the risen One whose love casts out all fear.

Breathe your wild and gentle Spirit upon us
and send us into the world with the courage to love as you
love.

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