



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN IRAQ**



*A Prayer for All Who Live with Violence*

This year as we sing Silent Night  
with its echoes of calm and heavenly peace,  
we say a prayer for all who live in homes  
where peace is absent.

We pray for children who live in fear,  
whose homes are not a place of safety,  
but a place of physical and verbal beatings.

We pray for seniors and other vulnerable people  
whose caregivers do not care  
as they are neglected or degraded.

We pray for all who are emotionally abused,  
and who are not loved, honored and cherished.

We pray for women who have had to flee their homes  
or are afraid to flee their homes.

We pray for all who have been sexually violated,  
and who are haunted by fear of violation.

May love's pure light this season empower us  
to come to the aid of your hurting people.

We join together to sing Alleluia and thank you  
for your grace that transforms our world.

In the name of the Holy Infant,  
Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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