



**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Prayer for Peace

God of hope,

We thank you that we have been given the light of hope after a long, dark night;
the closing of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay,
the end of our war with Iraq,
the possibility of health care access for all.

We confess to you that during the long night that we, as a nation,
supported the justifications for war,
bought into the overzealous fever of nationalism,
were complicit in the destruction of thousands of innocent lives.

We rejoice that the vision of Christ's peace shines God's light on a new way
of justice for the oppressed and marginalized,
of welcome for the sojourner and stranger,
of love for our enemies and our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

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