

**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



A Blessing for Peacemakers

God, our creator,
maker of heaven and earth.

Your love transcends political borders,
economic barriers,
social classes
and reaches across the world
to all peoples,
everywhere.

Your love touches us deeply in the United States and in Canada.
Thank you for your gracious Spirit that moves among us.

Reconciling God,
you yearn for peace
and hold before us, through Christ, the vision of a peaceable kingdom,
on earth as in heaven.

Forgive our silence,
our complacency,
our prejudice,
our complicity in acts of violence
when we've blurred the vision or discarded our hope.

We confess we have not always loved our enemy.

May your Spirit of peace empower us to speak boldly,
act justly,
love mercy
as we walk with you.

God of peace,
thank you for our sisters and brothers who work for peace in an
increasingly militarized context.
Beacons of hope to the world.

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Strengthen their efforts,
encourage their faithfulness,
multiply the seeds of peace they sow.

May they witness to your love and mercy as prophets and disciples of
your Word.
May the congregations and communities they represent be your Light of
radical love that invites,
encourages,
reconciles
and builds peace here in this nation and across the world.

We entrust each peacemaker to you.

In the name of God, our creator, Christ our peacemaker and the Holy
Spirit, our constant companion, Amen.

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