

PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE
IN IRAQ



A prayer for ‘the war at home’

Merciful God,

Even with reports of staggering numbers of dead civilians and soldiers,
or perhaps in part because of them,
the war in Iraq can seem remote and peripheral (forgive me, Lord).

Until I see yet another car with this bumper sticker,
“God bless America. To hell with our enemies.”
If the smiling woman behind the wheel believes that message,
then she and I view your Kingdom very differently.

Who is *my* enemy?

The Quakers said,
“Let us take the risks of peace upon our lives,
not impose the risks of war upon the world.”

Gracious God, grant me the courage to assume the risks of peace.
Grant me the humility and compassion to love all your children.

All-knowing God, show me the way, one foot at a time, down the
path of peace.¹

Amen.

¹ Source: Luke 1:67, *The Message*.

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