



## PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



### Prayer against the easy way

Lord of all enemies, critics, competitors,  
It's not that we love violence;  
We just hate the hard work of peace.  
We would rather not sit with our rivals  
We would rather not look them in the eye, seek to understand.

We turn them a cold shoulder.  
We ignore their emails and phone calls.  
We insult them when we've had enough,  
We battle them with our wits, insisting on winning.  
We wish them gone, dead.  
We assume one of us must leave.

Forgive our haughtiness.  
Remind us that you love them as much as you love us.  
That they bear your image as much as we do.  
That on your holy mountain,  
Everyone finds a place  
Enemies become friends,  
Predators become pets  
Vipers become playmates.  
Give us the heart and the stamina we need  
To take the hard, upward road of peace.

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