



## PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



### **Litany for Peace**

For the world that knows too much of war, for the organizations that work for peace where peace seems unattainable, for wisdom and courage for all political leaders and their peoples, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

For all people of faith, for peace between different religions, for peace among those who share the same faith, for reconciliation and healing that will lead us to unity, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

For a ceaseless desire to seek peace, for an end to believing easy lies about others, for vision to see beyond national vanity, for the courage to question, to think and to reflect, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

For leaders of nations and churches, for the end of discord born of religion, for no more strife in the name of God, for the reign of peaceful justice in their hearts, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

For the misplaced belief in the lasting power of armaments to cease, for the selflessness to admit our wrongs, for the courage to seek reconciliation, for an end to war, an end to violence, and an end to all that divides your children, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

For all who are affected by our choices, for the poor and the voiceless, for those living in war-torn countries, for those who are unjustly incarcerated without legal counsel, we pray:

*May we plant seeds of hope and of peace, O God.*

**Prayer of Petition:** Creator God, our hope, our joy, our light: bring your reign of peace and justice into the hearts of your people. Inspired by the witness of so many peacemakers who have gone before us, may we search out ways to be your messengers of hope and peace.

“Let Peace Fill our Hearts”

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