

LITANY OF RESISTANCE

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One: Let us pray - You have learned how it is said
All: Love your neighbor and hate your enemy
One: But I say this to you who are listening
All: Love you enemies
One: Do good to those who hate you
All: Bless those who curse you
One: Be compassionate
All: Judge not
One: Do not condemn
All: Grant pardon
One: Because the amount you measure out
All: Is the amount you will be given back
One: Let everything you do
All: Be done in love
One: Blessed are the poor
All: For theirs is the kingdom of God
One: Blessed are they who mourn now
All: For they will be comforted
One: Blessed are the meek
All: For they will inherit the earth
One: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice
All: For they will be satisfied
One: Blessed are the merciful
All: For they will be shown mercy
One: Blessed are the pure in heart
All: For they will see God
One: Blessed are the peacemakers
All: For they will be called the daughters and sons of God
One: Blessed are they who are persecuted because of righteousness
All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Deliver us, O God
All: Guide our feet in the ways of your peace.
One: In humility, we ask
All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.
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One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
All: Have mercy on us
One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
All: Free us from the bondage of sin and death
One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.

One: For the victims of war
All: Have mercy
One: Women, men and children
All: Have mercy
One: The maimed and the crippled
All: Have mercy
One: The abandoned and the homeless
All: Have mercy
One: The imprisoned and the tortured
All: Have mercy
One: The widowed and the orphaned
All: Have mercy
One: The bleeding and the dying
All: Have mercy
One: The weary and the desperate
All: Have mercy
One: The lost and the forsaken
All: Have mercy
One: For those fleeing in terror
All: Have mercy

One: For our scorched and blackened earth
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For the scandal of billions wasted in war
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For our leaders who wage war in our name
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For our Caesars and our Herods
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For our generals and tacticians
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For the men and women in battle
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For the men and women training for war
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For the scientists and researchers
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For the arms dealers and the merchants of death
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: For our taxes that fund the evil of war
All: Forgive us for we know not what we do
One: Deliver us, O God
All: Guide our feet into the ways of peace
One: In humility, we ask
All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.

One: From the arrogance of power
All: Deliver us
One: From the poverty of violence
All: Deliver us
One: From the tyranny of greed
All: Deliver us
One: From the ugliness of racism
All: Deliver us
One: From the politics of hypocrisy
All: Deliver us
One: From the hysteria of nationalism

All: Deliver us
 One: From the cancer of hatred
All: Deliver us
 One: From the seduction of wealth
All: Deliver us
 One: From the addiction of control
All: Deliver us
 One: From the avarice of imperialism
All: Deliver us
 One: From the idolatry of national security
All: Deliver us
 One: From the despair of fatalism
All: Deliver us
 One: From the violence of apathy
All: Deliver us
 One: From the filth of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the profanity of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the necessity of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the madness of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the blasphemy of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the brutality of war
All: Deliver us
 One: From the demonic waste of war and of preparation for war
All: Deliver us
 One: Deliver us, O God
All: Guide our feet into the ways of peace
 One: In humility, we ask
All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.

One: Obedience to God comes before obedience to human authority
All: Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's
 One: Let your will be done, not mine
All: With the help of God's grace
 One: Let us resist and confront evil everywhere we find it
All: With the help of God's grace
 One: With the waging of war
All: We will not comply
 One: With all preparation and training for war
All: We will not comply
 One: With the forces of fear
All: We will not comply
 One: With the legalization of murder
All: We will not comply
 One: With the legalization of genocide
All: We will not comply
 One: With laws that betray human life
All: We will not comply
 One: With the bombing of civilians
All: We will not comply
 One: With the bombing of cities
All: We will not comply

One: With the violating of our earth
All: We will not comply
 One: With the destruction of peoples
All: We will not comply
 One: With the raping of women
All: We will not comply
 One: With governments that are blind to the sanctity of life
All: We will not comply
 One: With economic structures that impoverish and dehumanize
All: We will not comply
 One: With the manipulation and control of public information
All: We will not comply
 One: With economics that manufacture instruments of death
All: We will not comply
 One: With economics that practice the use of instruments of death
All: We will not comply
 One: With the perpetuation of violence
All: We will not comply
 One: With structures that divide rich from poor
All: We will not comply
 One: With the hypocrisy of political maneuvering
All: We will not comply

One: With the help of God's grace
All: We will struggle for justice
 One: With the compassion of Christ
All: We will stand for what is true
 One: With God's abiding kindness
All: We will love even our enemies
 One: With the love of Christ
All: We will resist all evil
 One: With God's unending faithfulness
All: We will work to build the beloved community
 One: With Christ's passionate love
All: We will carry the cross
 One: With God's overwhelming goodness
All: We will walk as pilgrims of peace
 One: With Christ's fervent conviction
All: We will labour for truth
 One: With God's infinite mercy
All: We will live in solidarity with all people
 One: In the end there are three things that last
All: Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love
 One: Let us abide in God's love
All: Thanks be to God.