

Prayers of Petition for Peace



That our nation will work sincerely to create peace everywhere in the world, avoiding aggression and embracing understanding.

We pray to the Lord.

That, led by the example of Jesus the peacemaker, Christians will answer the call to build harmony throughout the world, especially where there is disorder and strife. *We pray to the Lord.*

That we will lead our children and young people in the ways of love and peace as Jesus has taught us, showing them examples of nonviolence and respect for all people.

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That we will deepen our reverence for Creation, and treat God's creatures as the divine gifts that they truly are. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, that they may soon find ways to order and peace in their own nations, and become secure and self-determining. *We pray to the Lord.*

For refugees everywhere, especially those threatened by violence, that there will be loving and brave disciples of Jesus to bring them peace, dignity, and hope. *We pray to the Lord.*

For people who are serving in the armed forces around the world, that they may return home safe and whole in mind, body, and spirit. *We pray to the Lord.*

For peacemakers around the world, that their courage and faith will be sustained, and that many will follow their example. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the grace to know that many in our country are in need, and for the courage to work for social justice, racial equality, and an end to war. *We pray to the Lord.*

For war veterans returning home, that they may find the assistance and support that they need in body and spirit. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all whose loved ones are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, that their family members will return safely and be kept from harm. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, that they may rest in peace, and that we will soon learn the ways of diplomacy and nonviolent resolution of our conflicts.

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