

# Prayer for Peace

*Lord God of peace, hear our prayer.*

*We have tried many times and over many years to resolve conflict by our own and by the force of arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried - and our efforts have been in vain.*

*Now, Lord, come to our aid. Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.*

*Lord, give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.*

*Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may seek dialogue and reconciliation. In this way, may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of everyone. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of peace.*

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