

**Leader:** For an end to all war, an end to all violence, and end to all that divides your children, we pray...

**ALL:** Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

**Leader:** Prince of Peace, our hope, our joy, our light: bring your reign of peace and justice into the hearts of all your people. Through our witness may we search out ways to be messengers of peace, and speak out with a herald's voice, to spread the Good News of that reign everywhere. We pray to you, who live and reign with the Creator in the love of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,

**ALL:** Amen.

-Source Unknown

## International Prayer for Peace

Loving God,  
you create and sustain  
all that is good and beautiful;  
you give life to the earth.  
You have called us to wholeness;  
to the fullness of life.  
But, as we gather here,  
we are conscious of our brokenness,  
both as persons and as communities.  
We have heard the cries for justice and  
peace from all corners of the earth.

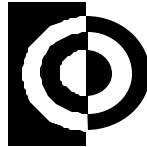


We are moved by the tears,  
the pain and the agonies of millions  
around the world.

We sense the dark clouds of violence  
that creep over us,  
we sit in the shadow of death.  
Help us to fall on our knees  
and to cry for that vision of unity  
without which we would perish.  
Teach us not to deal with each other  
falsely,  
saying 'Peace, peace,' when there is no  
peace.  
We make our prayer In Jesus' name.

**All:** Amen

-Source Unknown



## Final Blessing

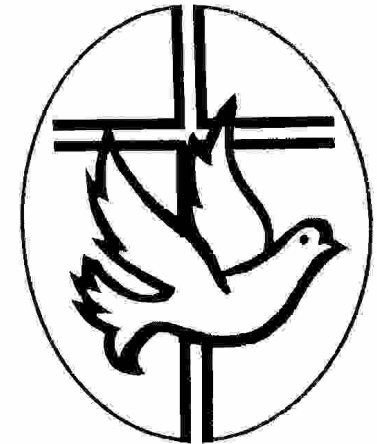
Go out and be light. May your word burn  
like the word of the prophets. May your  
defense of the poor and suffering, the  
victims of injustice and oppression, be a  
transforming power for our world. May  
your voice, your feet, your hands, be-  
come those of Christ, building up the  
reign of God in our human history. And  
may God bless us, the Creator,  
Redeemer, and Breath of our Life.

**All:** Amen

-Source Unknown

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## A Prayer for Peace...



"Blessed are the  
peacemakers,  
for they shall be  
called the children  
of God..."  
—Matthew 5:9

# Prayer for Peace

## Opening Prayer

God our Creator,  
you reveal that those who work for  
peace  
will be called your sons and daughters.  
Help us to work without ceasing for that  
justice which brings true and lasting  
peace.  
ALL: Amen



Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-35

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
For I am certain that nothing can separate us from the God's love:  
Neither death, nor life,  
Neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,  
Neither the present nor the future,  
Neither the world above  
Nor the world below—  
There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
The Word of the Lord.  
ALL: Thanks be to God.

## Litany for Peace

Leader: Light and Peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord  
ALL: Thanks be to God!



Leader: Prince of Peace, our hope, hear us as we pray for our troubled, violent world. May we live and pray with the Spirit of your own heart, loving all the children of earth boundlessly.  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For those who strive for peace, who seek to find resolutions for conflicts, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For leaders of nations and churches, for the reign of peaceful justice in their hearts, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For the few who would profit from the deaths of many, for an end to their greed, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For an end to discord born of religion, for no more strife in the name of God we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For bridges of unity between people of different beliefs, nations and ways of life, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For misplaced belief in the lasting power of armaments to cease, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For our enemies, for all who would seek to harm us, for a heart to speak forgiveness, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For a ceaseless desire to seek truth, for an end to believing easy lies about others, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For the vision to see beyond national vanity, for the valour to question and think, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

Leader: For the selflessness to admit our own wrongs, for the courage to seek reconciliation, we pray...  
ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our hope

