

PRAYER FOR PEACE - I

Praise to you, all-loving God,
for you speak tender words of peace
to all your children.

Guide our efforts to bring forth peace,
the fruit of justice and love.

Remove from us the greed and hate
that threaten peace within our country
and throughout the world.

Inspire the leaders of governments
to promote policies and actions
that ensure peace and well-being
for the human family.

Strengthen those who work for peace in every place,
and keep safe under your watchful care
all who serve and protect us.

Bring lasting peace into our world
by sending your eternal Spirit
into the hearts that you have made.

Preserve all people from harm,
now and up to that day
when the fullness of your peace
will be revealed.

Grant us this gift through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose kingdom of justice, love and peace
endures for ever and ever. Amen.

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Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for sending your only Son to be our Savior.

Through his death and resurrection,
he is the gift of your peace
for all times and peoples.

In his most sacred name,
we ask you to unite your Church
and to preserve it in the bonds of peace.

Guide our leaders
to work for harmony and peace
within our country
and among all nations of earth.

Bring conflicts to an end
and rescue the victims of human hatred.

Shield those who serve and protect us,
and preserve them from all harm.

Remove from our hearts
all that threatens peace
within our families and communities.

Fill us with zeal for justice and peace,
and deepen our respect for all human life.

Keep us in peace
and help us to be peacemakers
in our words and deeds.

We ask these blessings
through your Son, the Prince of Peace,
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