



## Prayer for Disarmament

***Presider:***

Let us pray for peace in the world.

***Leader:***

**Peaceful God,**

We come to you from the midst of a broken world where nations raise weapons against nations and mothers and children are the innocent victims of violence. God of peace,

*Response: We cry out for peace.*

**Wise God,**

Share your wisdom with the leaders of the world who continue to stockpile dangerous weapons, giving other countries the incentive to do the same, despite their commitment to the Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty. We pray for the ability to overcome our brokenness, cooperating, instead of competing, across borders and boundaries. God of wisdom,

*Response: We cry out for peace.*

**God of Comfort,**

It is hard to believe that our own country has refused to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, weakening its legitimacy and making our world less safe. Comforting God,

*Response: We cry out for peace.*

**Tender God, Lover of Children,**

It is incomprehensible to us that cluster munitions are still acceptable for use in war, despite the terror they wreak upon unsuspecting children and other civilians during war and for many years afterwards. God of tenderness,

*Response: We cry out for peace.*

**Healing God,**

So many communities have been left in ruins as a result of the destruction of war. We pray for the healing and rebuilding of communities torn apart by war and violence. God of healing,

*Response: We cry out for peace.*

**Presider**

**God, Father and Mother of this world,**

We pray that you would inspire us to create a peaceful world. Help us call our leaders to accountability and to remind them that more weapons and war do not bring peace. Make us a peaceful people in a peaceful world.

***Amen.***

# Prayers for Peace from Various Faiths

## A Native American Prayer for Peace

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun will shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,

Let us know peace.

*A Cheyenne Indian*



## Muslim Prayer for Peace

In the name of Allah,  
the beneficent, the merciful.

Praise be to the Lord of the  
Universe who has created us and  
made us into tribes and nations  
That we may know each other, not that  
we may despise each other.

If the enemy incline towards peace, do  
thou also incline towards peace, and  
trust God, for the Lord is the one that  
heareth and knoweth all things.

And the servants of God,  
most gracious are those who walk on  
the Earth in humility, and when we  
address them, we say "PEACE."



## **Hindu Prayer for Peace**

Lead us from the unreal to the Real.

Lead us from darkness to light.

Lead us from death to immortality.

Peace, Peace, Peace unto all.

May there be peace in celestial regions.

May there be peace on Earth.

May the waters be appeasing.

May herbs be wholesome,  
and may trees and plants bring peace to all.

May all beneficent beings bring peace to us.

May thy Law propagate peace  
all through the world.

May all things be a source of peace to us.

And may thy peace itself, bestow peace on all  
and may that peace come to me also.



## **Buddhist Prayer for Peace**

May all beings everywhere plagued  
with sufferings of body and mind  
quickly be freed from their illnesses.

May those frightened cease to be afraid,  
and may those bound be free.

May the powerless find power,  
and may people think of befriending one another.

May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness--  
the children, the aged, the unprotected--  
be surrounded by great compassion and loving kindness.



## **Jewish Prayer for Peace**

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease  
when a great peace will embrace the whole world  
then nation shall not threaten nation  
and humankind will not again know war.

For all who live on earth shall realize  
we have not come into being to hate or destroy  
we have come into being  
to praise, to labor and to love.

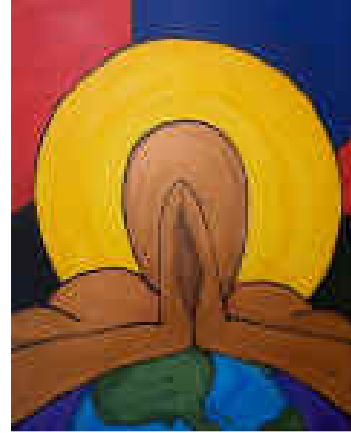
Compassionate God, bless all the leaders of all nations  
with the power of compassion.

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:  
"I will bring peace to the land,  
and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.  
I will rid the land of vicious beasts  
and it shall not be ravaged by war."

Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream.

Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

And let us say: Amen



## **Sikh Prayer for Peace**

God adjudges us according  
to our deeds,  
not the coat that we wear:  
that Truth is above everything,  
but higher still is truthful living.  
Know that we attaineth God when we loveth,  
and only victory  
endures in consequences of which no  
one is defeated.



### **Christian Prayer for Peace**

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,  
for they shall be known as  
the Children of God.

But I say to you that hear, love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you  
pray for those who abuse you.

To those that strike you on the cheek,  
offer the other one also,  
and from those who take away your cloak,  
do not withhold your coat as well.

Give to everyone who begs from you,  
and of those who take away your goods,  
do not ask for them again.

And as you wish that others would do to you,  
do so to them.



### **Baha'i Prayer for Peace**

Be generous in prosperity,  
and thankful in adversity.

Be fair in judgment,  
and guarded in thy speech,

Be a lamp unto those who walk  
in darkness, and a home  
to the stranger.

Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light  
unto the feet of the erring  
Be a breath of life to the body of  
humankind, a dew to the soil of  
the human heart,  
and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

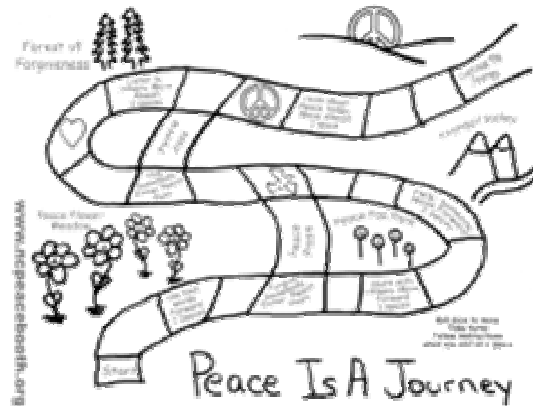


# OTHER PRAYERS

## Prayer for Peace

Oh God,  
we believe that peacemaking  
means planting seeds  
even though we may never see the flower,  
and that it means never losing sight  
of the vision promised by You.  
We hold fast to Your word  
that one day swords  
will be beaten into plowshares.  
May we, as peacemakers,  
stake our lives on that promise.  
We ask this through your life-giving Spirit.  
Amen.

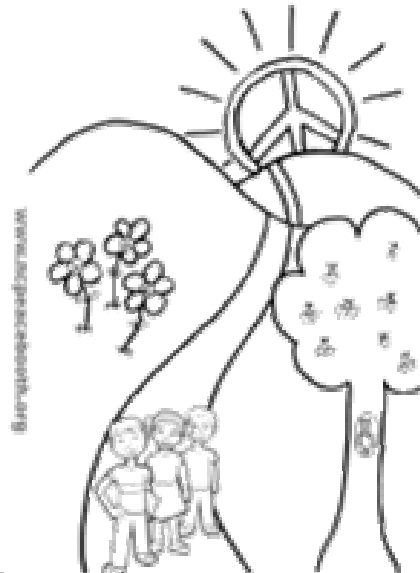
*By: Pax Christi USA*



## God of Peace

God of peace,  
Today in the wilderness  
Springs beauty like water.  
Seeds lie in the dry earth  
Awaiting the rains.  
Where the parched desert cracked  
Mighty rivers flow,  
In a garden of plenty  
Trees yield up their fruit.  
Together in Your love,  
We will realize our tomorrow.  
With all those who scattered,  
We will gather our crops.  
In farms, field and cities  
We will celebrate your justice  
And in loving community  
Reap a harvest of peace.

*By Linda Jones*



# Prayer for Peace

Healing a wounded world through prayer and communion



## Opening Prayer (by Alycia Longriver)

Creator, open our hearts  
to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts  
to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts  
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts  
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.

## Reading (Women Weaving Peace by Debra Olson)

I see women everywhere gathered around kitchen tables and cooking fires  
laughing, singing, talking, sipping coffee, tea and guava juice  
While they erase borders on world maps.

I see women everywhere cutting their nation's flags into squares, exchanging the pieces,  
then stitching them together into colorful quilts that will keep them warm  
while they dream of their new sisters and brothers around the world.

I see women everywhere turning missile silos into museums, military bases into music camps  
armored tanks into jungle gyms and rifles into wind chimes, until...

No child goes hungry. No child loses a leg to a landmine,  
a mother to an incoming missile, a father to a plane turned bomb. Until...

Children everywhere sleep peacefully at night.

## Reflection (and Sharing)

Did something in this reading touch you? If so, how?  
In what ways have you helped to sew a colorful quilt?  
Are there ways you could add to the quilt?

## Closing Prayer

Creator of all, may we leave from this place with open hearts,  
ready to heal the wounds of the world and bring the healing  
balm of unity and reconciliation to all whom we meet.