

Peace Litany

Leader: Holy God, We praise you for your steadfast love, the love that Jesus showed as He lived among people.

Response: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

L: We praise you that Jesus welcomed little children and lifted them up into your care.

R: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

L: We praise you that Jesus reached out to the Samaritan woman and others who were not part of the established church.

R: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

L: We praise you that Jesus healed and helped people wherever and whenever there was need.

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R: Holy God, guide us to be peacemakers in our daily routines, in our work as your church, in our communities, and in our world. Amen.

Prayer for Compassion and Peace

God of mercy and compassion,

We know that you grieve with your children all over the world as their hearts are broken and their lives shattered. Heal the hearts, spirits, and bodies of those injured in war or natural disasters. Heal the hearts and spirits of those who lost loved ones and homes in war or natural disasters. Comfort them with your presence. Send them bountiful aid through others who believe and trust you to provide all that we need. May we be compassionate and peace-loving as you are. With your help, Loving God, may we reach out to our sisters and brothers in peace. Amen.

Guided Silent Prayer for Peace

Let us come into God's presence and ask that God's Spirit surround us. (Silence)

Let us thank God for specific gifts we've been given. (Silence)

Let us ask God to fill us with peace that only God can give. (Silence)

Let us ask God to show us ways to share God's peace in our daily routine. (Silence)

Let us ask God to direct us toward specific actions that might help bring God's peace to others. (Silence)

Here in God's presence, may we be filled to overflowing with God's peace. Amen.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:29

Spirit of God, You brought us peace when you gave us salvation through Jesus. Thank you for the gift of peace in our hearts knowing you are our Redeemer. Now guide us to put peace into our actions with other people. Show us how to be peacemakers in our dealings with family, friends, church members, communities, nation, and world. Without you, we can't do it, but with you as our loving parent, we can be peacemakers. Amen.

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