

## A Prayer for Peace in our times



Lord, God of love and peace, humanity is today going through a time of great moral and physical suffering. There is much unrest among people, especially among those who profess the Christian faith and the faith in Islam.

We, Christians, ask you to forgive us for any acts of intolerance and lack of respect against the followers of other faiths. We ask you to forgive us for any acts or words of provocation to anger and to violence of which we are responsible. We sinned against you, against the commandment of love.

Lord, God of love and mercy, we ask you to forgive those who are committing acts of violence and religious fanaticism against other human beings, against children and women, against innocent people. Make them realize that using religion for political reasons and as a means to violence and hatred is abusing religion and God himself.

Lord, God of mercy and compassion, make the people renounce to any sort of violence especially that violence which is done in the name of religion. Make people understand that peace is not achieved through violence, revenge and hatred but through prayer, compassion, love and dialogue.

Change the heart of those who commit terrorist activities, of those who in the name of God commit terrible crimes against the human family. Make them instead instruments of peace and reconciliation.

Lord God, in your mercy, grant us peace and joy and love for you and for the whole human family, indeed for the whole of creation.

Amen

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