

Prayers for Peace Sunday

Loving God, on this Peace Sunday we bring before you our needs and the needs of the world.

We pray for those places in the midst of violent conflict. We cry out to you in lament at the devastation caused by war. Would those suffering from grief, displacement, hunger or fear know your presence with them. Make us, your Church, a reconciling presence, ministering to those in need and bridging divides.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders, around the world and close to home, with the influence to shape conflicts. Would you give them wisdom and compassion in their decisions, and the courage to use their power for peace. Strengthen the resolve of all nations to work for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your world, miraculous in its beauty and abundance, but also groaning under the weight of human exploitation. We lift to you those unjustly suffering the impacts of the climate emergency, praying for your provision. We lament our own part in the crisis and pray for perseverance in making choices which protect your good creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own communities, families and churches. Where there is division, injustice and brokenness, pour out your healing. Make us aware of the places where we reinforce these fractures, consciously or unconsciously. Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit and shape us into people who cross divides, seek justice and practise forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

Fill us with your Spirit now.

Help us to be curious about others' stories – listening as often as we speak.

Give us the courage to be present – engaging our whole and unique selves.

Inspire us to reimagine what's possible – finding hope by glimpsing you at work.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**