A prayer for peace by Bishop Philip Huggins

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Matthew 5:9

Gracious God,
Thank you for your providence and your presence in Holy Spirit. Thank you for your encouragement as we bring you the prayers of our hearts.

We pray for your gift of peace anew. Your peace that you gave to your first disciples after your resurrection. They were anxious and fearful and you had just risen through violence and death to new life.

Yet your words were true: 'My peace I give you'. We hear that being said to us now. Such a beautiful gift. We pray for your peace to come upon us as we pray together. Your wondrous peace that 'passes all understanding'.

And in your peace we pray for AOA's partners as peacemakers. 'Blessed are the peacemakers' you say to us amidst so much hate, fear, violence and suffering in our world. In the gift of your wonderful peace, we pray to be better peacemakers.

We pray for the healing of the wounded, comfort for the bereaved, the stopping of the relentless killing.

We pray, in your grace, for a recovery of our common humanity. To see each other afresh, beyond the barriers. To make friends across barriers with empathy and with practical help. Our prayer to be better peacemakers, our prayers for healing - we gather it all, dear Jesus, in your holy name. Amen.

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A Night Prayer

Adapted from Compline Prayers and used by Bishop Philip Huggins every night.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Please bless the night as you have this day.

Be the guest of our home.

And the homes of those we love.

Keep far from us any troubles and dangers.

May your holy angels watch over us and be the guardians of your peace.

As your blessings keep resting always upon us.

We pray, dear Jesus, in your holy name.

Amen.

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