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A prayer for peace

God of justice, peace, and reconciliation. After a year of escalated conflict in the Middle East, we stand before you, lamenting immense suffering, loss of life, and injustice.

We are a part of one human family, but daily we experience brokenness.

Gracious God, change hearts and minds, replace suspicion with respect for human dignity, replace fear with love for the neighbor. Bring an end to violence and the war in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Restore hope, O God.

We pray that hostages are released, that civilians are protected, that human rights are respected, that humanitarian workers are granted safe access to offer aid. We pray that leaders have the wisdom and courage to choose peace rather than war. May justice again flourish for the Palestinian people. Open paths to a future where Israelis and Palestinians can live together in safety and peace.

Gracious God, bring peace to our conflicted world, in other countries experiencing tension and war, in Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, and in so many other places.

Merciful God, may transformative peace prevail, that peoples and nations are reconciled, that communities live together in the abundance of life you wish for all.



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