

## **Litany for Peace**

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Loving God, you blessed every tribe and family  
our kinship teaches us responsibility and care  
you made us in your image, brave, loving and strong  
and taught us the tools to live lives of gratitude.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

We watch helpless as war breaks out in your home  
the streets you walked, the waters you sailed  
are bombarded and destroyed, hate has broken out  
taking everyone hostage, everyone lives in fear.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

You weep for the people who have no peace now  
you cry for the bereaved, those paralyzed with fear  
you long for all your children to live as one family  
and you stir our hearts again with new compassion.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

Help us to get on our knees and pray for your peace  
not a ceasing of hostilities but new life breaking forth.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

On both sides of the border, you know the hurts  
And you call us to love one another and all peoples.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

The struggle for justice and equality continues on  
Never let us believe violence will bring about your peace.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

Keep us from terrorizing others by our prejudice  
Make us humble and aware of our own self-deceit.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

You made us yours by suffering on the cross  
Give us hearts filled with your loving compassion.

***Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.***

Make us your instruments of forgiveness here  
help us to spread your love to everyone we meet.

*Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always.*

For you are the God and Creator of our ancestors  
and you have promised to be at home with us all.

*Dear Lord, we pray for the peace of the Holy Lands, now and always. Amen.*