



Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation

Officiant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People Blessed be God's Kingdom. Amen.

All Loving God, you have led us to this place,
Not to shield us from the pain of human life,
But to heal us and inspire us,
To gently redirect us,
Until we see the world as you do
And love it with your love.
Amen.

Officiant In a world filled with darkness, we light a candle to remember those
who have been killed or whose lives have been changed by violence.
We pray for the troubles in our earthly home.

¶ *Time for prayer: Silently or aloud, pray for those who have been killed or affected by violence,
pray for unjust systems and brokenness.*

Officiant A blessing on you who are poor,
People Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Officiant A blessing on you who mourn,
People You shall be comforted.

Officiant A blessing on you who hunger for justice,
People You shall be satisfied.

Officiant A blessing on you who make peace,
People You shall be called children of God.

Officiant A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right,
People Yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

All Amen.

Officiant For a world in need of repentance, we light a candle for systems, communities
and relationships that are broken, we pray for reconciliation.

¶ *Time for prayer: Silently or aloud, pray for the divisions in our world, nation, communities, family and in ourselves.*

REFLECTION

¶ *A brief reading or poem is shared.*

COVENTRY LITANY FOR RECONCILIATION

Officiant From the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From the greed which exploits the works of human hands and lays waste the earth,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From the lust which dishonors the bodies of men and women,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

Officiant From the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

People Merciful Lord forgive.

All May we be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave us.

Officiant In thanksgiving, we light a candle for the promise of the kingdom of God and the hope and courage given to us to respond with love.

SCRIPTURE READING

¶ *A passage of scripture is read.*

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant God, lead us, that we may stand firm in hope.

People Let us be bearers of your light to the world.

All Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve.

People We will seek peace and pursue it.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord,

People Thanks be to God.