

Prayer for Peace

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

For all Souls, Especially Those Victims of War and Violence

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

We pray for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.

(Abbreviated Prayer for All souls)

For Those Affected by War and Violence

Lord God, your own Son
was delivered into the hands of the wicked,
yet he prayed for his persecutors
and overcame hatred with the blood of the Cross.
Relive the sufferings of the innocent victims of war;
grant them peace of mind, healing of body,
and a renewed faith in your protection and care.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)