

Oh God, have mercy on us sinners. **Forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

For our scorched and blackened earth, **forgive us.**

For the scandal of billions wasted in war, **forgive us.**

For the austerity measures and conditional loans, **forgive us.**

For the times we turn others into enemies, **forgive us and deliver us.**

For the violence that is rooted in our hearts, **forgive us.**

Oh God, guide our feet in the way of peace. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us peace from the arrogance of power. **Deliver us.**

From the tyranny of greed, **deliver us.**

From the ugliness of colonialism, **deliver us.**

From the idolatry of nationalism, **deliver us.**

From the paralysis of cynicism, **deliver us.**

From the violence of apathy, **deliver us.**

From the lack of imagination, **deliver us.**

Deliver us, oh God, and guide our feet into the way of peace. We will not conform to the patterns of this world. **Let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds with the help of God's grace.**

With the waging of war, **we will not comply.**

With the ravaging of the earth, **we will not comply.**

With the economic structures that impoverish and dehumanize, **we will not comply.**

With the destruction of community, **we will not comply.**

With the hoarding of riches, **we will not comply.**

With the business of unlimited growth, **we will not comply.**

With the hypocrisy of political maneuvering, **we will not comply.**

With the principalities and powers that oppress people, **we will not comply.**

With the theology of empire, **we will not comply.**

With the dissemination of fear, **we will not comply.**

With the violence of apathy, **we will not comply.**

Hear our prayer. **Grant us peace.**

Together we proclaim God's praises, **from the margins of the empire to the centres of wealth and power.**

With the help of God's grace, **we will struggle for justice.**

With the compassion of Christ, **we will stand for what is true.**

With God's abiding kindness, **we will love even our enemies.**

With the love of Christ, **we will resist the glamour of evil.**

With God's unending faithfulness, **we will work to build the beloved community.**

With Christ's passionate love, **we will carry the cross.**

With God's overwhelming goodness, **we will walk as pilgrims of peace.**

With Christ's fervent conviction, **we will labour for truth.**

With God's infinite mercy, **we will live in solidarity with all people.**

In the end, there are three things that last: **faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.**

Let us go forth abiding in God's love. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

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In the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We enter this prayer mindful of the aspects of God who weeps with the suffering of the world, those who are still being crucified by the systems and practices which promote death rather than life. We ask for resilience and hope among us as we pray together:

Deliver us, oh God. **Guide our feet in the ways of our peace.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. **Free us from the bondage of sin and death.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. **Hear our prayer. Grant us mercy.**

For the people we have made poor, **have mercy.**

For those bound in debt and hopelessness, **have mercy.**

For the migrants and the displaced, **have mercy.**

For the victims of war, **have mercy.**