

World Peace Prayer

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*Lead us from death to life; from falsehood to truth
From despair to hope; from fear to trust
Lead us from hate to love; from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
let peace fill our universe*

Still now the angry cries, still now the angry guns,
still now your people die, earth's sons and daughters
Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,
come and teach us your way of compassion

So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives
longing for love to break into their darkness
Come teach us love, come teach us peace
come and teach us your way of compassion

Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth
Let us begin to grow into your people
We can be love, We can bring peace
We can still be the way of compassion

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We Are the Light of the World!



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~
Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: *A Contemporary Psalm*
From Seven Sacred Pauses
Macrina Wiederkehr

***When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
there will be true peace in the world.***
(Sufi Wisdom)

Take heart.
in this hour of opposites
between the waxing and the waning
we pause to remember who we are:
birth givers, peace keepers,
joy bringers, light bearers.

Take heart.
We are the light of the world.
In this hour of illumination
let us shine into the broken places
with our very own Christ-light.

Take heart.
We can be the peace,
we can be the healing,
we can be the Christ.
Trailing clouds of glory, we have come
from the brightness of God.

Take heart.
Our power to love will
overshadow our love of power.
In this luminous hour we will see
what we must see, and we will shine
because of what we have seen.

Reading: *The Truth*
Macrina Wiederkehr

I will believe the truth about myself
no matter how beautiful it is:

I believe in my power
to transform indifference into love.
I believe I have an amazing gift
to keep hope alive in the face of despair.
I believe I have the remarkable skill
of deleting bitterness from my life.
I believe in my budding potential
to live with a nonviolent heart.
I believe in my passion to speak the truth
even when it isn't popular.
I believe I have the strength of will
to be peace in a world of violence.
I believe in my miraculous capacity
for unconditional love.

I will believe the truth about myself
no matter how beautiful it is.

Sharing...
a word...
a phrase...
a reflection...

