



**MODERATOR PRAYS FOR
THE PEACE TALKS TAKING PLACE JAN. 9, 2018**

God, who desires the peace bloom on earth, we rejoice that North Korea and South Korea will meet to talk on Tuesday.

By your Spirit we pray that you will continue to nudge these two nations towards peace and reconciliation. May humility, patience and good humour be present in the conversation. May all sides choose listening over harsh speech, empathy over the assertion of agendas, and the path to peace over the defence of honour.

We pray in particular for our Korean sisters and brothers who live longing for peace and the restoration of a nation and families divided. Give to them and to all the resilience to continue to trust you for peace, even as the road is long and the tensions high.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 (143rd) General Assembly*