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**Prayers in Times of War**

**Prayer 1**

God of mercy and love,

we trust in your purposes

of peace for all people.

We remember before you those who

face danger in the defence of peace, order, and justice.

Watch over those whose lives are in danger,

comfort those who are anxious for themselves or loved ones;

and gather into your loving arms those who will die.

Soften the passions in the hearts and minds of people

that keep alive the spirit of division and war,

and in your grace, restore peace within and between us;

in the name of the Prince of Peace,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen***

**Prayer 2: For Peace Among Nations**

Almighty God,

guide the nations of the world into ways of peace, justice, and truth,

and establish among them a spirit of unity and cooperation,

that all people in this world might have abundant life;

in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

***Amen***

**Prayer 3: In a Time of International Crisis**

Eternal God, our only hope and comfort in life and in death,

you are the one to whom we turn in times of trouble.

Give patience to those who act impulsively,

give insight to those whose vision is clouded by anger or self-interest,

let understanding overcome vengeance,

peace overcome war,

and kindness overcome hatred and suspicion.

In the name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace and Saviour.

***Amen***

**Litany of Remembrance**

We remember God’s grace and care in time of need and crisis.

We remember the courage and sacrifice of the women, men, and families of the armed forces.

We remember those whose bodies, minds, and souls were scarred in battle and whose lives will forever bear the wounds of war.

We remember refugees, children, the poor, and all those who are caught in struggles of power.

We remember the pride and folly that often leads to war.

We remember those who make and keep peace.

We remember those who fell in war and who we have known and loved and who now dwell in the eternal peace of your presence.