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**Praying with and for People of Other Faiths**

**For People of Jewish Faith**

Blessed are you, O God, Ruler of the universe;

you are the one true God,

and your promises and commandments are sure and true.

In your grace you have called people of faith

in every time and place, and we bless you for your covenant with Abraham and Sarah that you keep now with people of the Book.

And we rejoice that you have brought us into that other covenant with you

by the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,

nurtured in the faith and practice of the people of Israel.

Give us a spirit of understanding and love so that

together we may serve you,

and come at last to your peace and truth.

**Amen.**

**Our Shared Covenant with People of Jewish Faith**

**ONE:** God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we thank you for the stories of their lives, which teach us of faith, failure and forgiveness. May we learn from them and their trust so that we have the courage and faith to acknowledge our failures and to seek God’s forgiveness, to forgive ourselves and any persons we have injured, and to walk in humility;

**ALL: Lord God, hear our prayer.**

**ONE:** God of the Prophets who kept your truth before the Israelites, and thus brought them through difficult times of wandering, oppression and captivity. We thank you for being with us in the dark times of our lives and experiences. Give encouragement to those persons around the world who are oppressed, being held as prisoners unlawfully and without access to fair trials;

**ALL: Lord God, hear our prayer.**

**ONE:** God of those Christians who have gone before us spreading the good news through word and action, we thank you for their example and for showing us new and different ways to serve and worship. Speak to us; guide us; and give us the wisdom to see opportunities for authentic service and worship. Help us to not forget the richness of the past and to look for the future, always living lives in ways that please you and bring glory to your name;

**ALL: Lord God, hear our prayer.**

**ONE:** God of the nations and people of many faiths, people around the world love and serve you in many ways, call you by different names and worship you in different ways. Give us understanding of the ways of others. Help us to listen and to acknowledge their right to follow their customs and to worship you in their way. We pray especially for those with whom we work and play, those who are our neighbours. In silence, we name them before you;

**ALL: Lord God of all people, hear our prayer.**

**ONE:** Holy God, you are the God of wisdom and peace. We pray for places around the world where there is strife, anger, hatred and fear. Today, we especially pray for the people of the Middle East. We pray for their leaders and those who try to bring peace to those nations. Give their leaders wisdom; guide them in their deliberations. Help us not to take sides but to seek peace for all.

**ALL: God of Peace, hear our prayer.**

**ONE:** God of the people of this congregation, worshipping and working here together, we thank you for the opportunities to learn from one another, to share together in serving you and fellowship. Give us the grace to live together in harmony, to enrich one another’s lives and to look to the future with the expectation of joy.

**ALL: Lord our God, who has heard our prayers both spoken and unspoken. Now hear us as we pray the prayer known round the world.**

*(Hold a time of silence.)*

**ONE:** We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught:

**ALL:** **The Lord’s Prayer**

**For People of Muslim Faith**

Glory be to you Almighty God,

the Most High One,

you are the one true God,

and your promises are sure and true.

We pray for your people,

descendants of Abraham, who follow your way of submission and live by the wisdom of the Prophet Mohammed.

Give us grace to hear your truth

in the teachings of any revelation of wisdom that comes from you,

and to show your love as disciples of Jesus Christ,

that all people may live together in peace,

and may serve you in faith and friendship.

**Amen.**