



Psalm 34: 11, 14-18

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of
them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Intercessory Prayer for Peace & Nonviolence

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

That we might become people of Gospel nonviolence, who allow God to disarm our hearts of the violence within us, that we might be nonviolent to ourselves and to every person we meet for the rest of our lives, we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

That we might practice nonviolence as Jesus did, come to understand his creative nonviolence, and obey his commandments of nonviolence: "put down our sword," "be as compassionate as God," and "love your enemies," we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

That we might come to know and worship God as a God of peace and nonviolence, who "makes the sun rise on the good and the bad, and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust," that we might become peacemakers who help end war and create a culture of nonviolence, and so, fulfill our vocations to be the beloved sons and daughters of the God of peace, we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

For the church, that it might be a global community of Gospel nonviolence, that it might never bless violence or justify war again, that it might support and bless nonviolent campaigns for justice and peace, and that it might always teach, practice and model the nonviolence of Jesus, we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

For an end to war, poverty, starvation, racism, sexism, torture, all injustice, and violence of every kind, we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.

For the coming of a new generation of peacemakers, for new teachers, prophets, apostles, champions and saints of Gospel nonviolence, who will help the world turn from violence to nonviolence, who will lead us to reconcile with one another and create a new culture of peace and nonviolence, we pray:

God of Peace, hear our prayer.