



A Prayer for Our Season of Peace

God of peace, thank you for calling us to follow the nonviolent Jesus on the road to peace.

Help us to become your holy people of Gospel nonviolence. Disarm our hearts that we might be instruments

of your disarming love.

Make our church a community of Gospel nonviolence that rejects war and radiates love and peace.

Give us the openness, deep within, to recognize all people as made in your image.

Give us the courage to transform those parts of ourselves and our world that separate and create enmity.

Help us to take steps to stop the cycle of violence in our homes, in our work-places, in our neighborhoods, in our country, in our world that we might create a new world without war, poverty, nuclear weapons, global warming or violence.

We ask this in the name of the nonviolent Jesus.

A Pledge of Non-Violence

In the name of the God of peace and the nonviolent Jesus, We pledge today to live, practice and teach the nonviolence of Jesus,

- To renounce violence and not to cooperate with the world's violence;
- To love everyone as our sister and brother;
- To respond with love and not to retaliate with violence;
- To forgive those who have hurt us and to reach out in reconciliation;
- To accept suffering as we work for justice, rather than inflict further suffering;
- To live more simply, at one with all creation;
- To work with others for the abolition of war, poverty, nuclear weapons, global warming and all violence;
- To follow the nonviolent Jesus, knowing that our lives are in God's hands, that life, love and peace are stronger than death, hatred, and war;
- And to promote and teach the Gospel message of nonviolence.

May the God of peace give us the grace and strength to fulfill this pledge and make us instruments of God's peace.