

## A Litany For Peace In Troubled Times

God the Father,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy on us.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, one God,

**have mercy on us.**

In these days of trouble, fear and sorrow,

**have mercy on us.**

In our despair at the violence that seems to fill the world,

**have mercy on us.**

In the pain of lost life and shattered hopes,

**have mercy on us.**

In our grieving for those who have died,

**have mercy on us.**

In our compassion for all who are bereaved,

**have mercy on us.**

From the history of violence  
that corrupts every society and our own,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From the greed and injustice  
that divide the world into rich and poor,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From the urge for revenge  
that adds to the cycle of violence,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From the fear that grows into hatred  
for people who are different,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From being too quick to attribute blame  
and demand retribution,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From believing ourselves safe  
through anything other than your grace,

**O Lord, deliver us.**

From dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**O Lord, deliver us.**

For those who plan and carry out acts of violence,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who seek justice and ensure the rule of law,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the victims of war and terrorism everywhere on earth,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who live in fear, and for refugees from violent regimes,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For courage to resist demonising and dehumanising others,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For wisdom in choosing the paths of peace,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For solidarity with the suffering of the dispossessed,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For generosity in sharing fairly the world's resources,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For respect in conversation with people of other faiths, and none,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For honesty in knowing and confessing the sin in our own hearts,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For grace to change and be changed as you forgive us,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For rescue workers and medical teams  
treating those injured in conflict zones,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For aid agencies and their workers,  
responding with practical care in dangerous places,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all the nations,  
looking for ways to work together beyond fear and suspicion,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For people of goodwill, responding generously  
to the needs of suffering communities,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have friends and family  
involved in areas of conflict and disaster,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For communities that are terrified  
by missiles, snipers, vigilantes or death squads,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the vulnerable and defenseless in conflict zones,  
for the children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christ to bring all the peoples of the world  
into one flock with one shepherd,

**we pray to you, O God.**

For Christ to bring healing and comfort for those we love  
who are sick or in mourning,

**we pray to you, O God.**

For Christ to lead us into the paths of peace,  
writing the law of love on our hearts,

**we pray to you, O God.**

For Christ to bring us, with all who have died in faith,  
to a joyful resurrection,

**we pray to you, O God.**

God of all peace,  
have mercy on our broken and divided world,  
and on your people who cry out to you for healing,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**