



**They shall beat their swords into ploughshares
CTCH Prayers for peace.**

Welcome

Reading; Micah 4;1-4

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

2 and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under
their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

We share the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. Amen.

We pray

For all those who live with war

We sing

O, Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
when I cry, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

We pray

For all who are refugees because of war

We sing

O Lord, hear my prayer.....

Reading; 1 Tim 2;1-6

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

We pray

For combatants

We sing

O Lord, hear my prayer.....

We pray

For those in power

We sing

O Lord, hear my prayer

We pray together

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace
proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true
love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable
wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the
earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go
forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of
your love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading; Matthew 5 1-2, 9

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them,

saying:

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

We pray

For Communities in conflict

We sing

O Lord, hear my prayer...

We pray

For ourselves

We sing

O, Lord, hear my prayer...

We pray together

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to
truth;**

**Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to
trust;**

lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

**Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our
universe.**

We sing

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
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How then shall we live; Bernie
Stevens helps us to think how to take
this further.

Blessing.