

Litany for Peace

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Let us pray to Jesus Christ that we may be set free from the chains of violence and war.

Jesus the Christ, by your cross and resurrection

... deliver us.

by your nonviolence and love

by your witness to truth

by your passion and death

by your victory over the grave

from the desire for power

from the conspiracy of silence

from the negation of life

from the worship of weapons

from the celebration of killing

from the slaughter of the innocent

from the extermination of the weak

from the nightmare of hunger

from the politics of terror

from a false peace

from relying on weapons

from the spiral of armaments

from plundering the earth's resources

from the despair of this age

from global suicide.

By the light of the Gospel

... give us your peace.

by the good news for the poor

by your healing and wounds

by faith in your word

by a hunger and thirst for justice

by the coming of your reign

by the outpouring of the Spirit

by reconciliation of enemies

by gentleness and nonviolence

by the truth that sets us free

by prophecy and witness

by persecution because of your name

by the power of your love.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

... have mercy on us.

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... have mercy on us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

... grant us peace.