

# Prayer for peace in the Middle East

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war."  
Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,  
we seek your help  
for the peoples of the Middle East.  
Quiet the clamour of war  
and guide us towards peace.  
Where there is hatred and division  
sow seeds of calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction  
help us to rebuild.  
Where children are crying  
bring an end to tears.  
Shelter your peoples and protect them  
Guide them and keep them from harm.  
Show us how to break down the barriers of history  
and fear  
and breathe whispers of hope.  
Amen.

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