

Community Responsive Prayer

In this responsive prayer, the leader shouts out the phrases and has the community repeat them back. Freely adapt to fit your cultural or faith context!

Leader: Turn to someone near you and say. . .

The peace of the Lord be with you!

Leader: Turn to someone else and say

The love of the Lord be with you!

Leader: Turn to someone else and say

Who will you make peace with?

Leader: Find someone else and say

I want to make peace with you!

Leader: Find someone else and say

Will you make peace with me?

Leader: Find someone else and say

May we learn to live the peace of Christ!

Leader: Find someone else and say

Let's pray for the violence to stop!

Leader: Give us strength to make it so. Find someone else and say:

The violence in our homes is over!

Leader: Give us strength to make it so. Find someone else and say:

The violence in our streets is over! (and/or name specific issue of concern)

Leader: Give us strength to make it so. Find someone else and say:

The violence in our faith communities is over! (and/or name specific area of faith-related violence)

Leader: Give us strength to make it so. Find someone else and say:

The violence with the earth is over! (and/or name specific area of environmental devastation)

Leader: Give us strength to make it so. Find someone else and say:

The violence between countries is over! (and/or name specific countries)

Leader: Give us strength to make it so.

Leader may include their own spoken prayer here.

In closing, invite people to pray in pairs or small groups with whoever is near them.

-- Matt Guynn, On Earth Peace, 2013