

# Prayer For Peace

- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: *"The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."* **Isaiah 2:4**
- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: *"And the streets of the cities shall be filled with girls and boys playing in its streets."* **Zechariah 8:5**
- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: *"The wolf lives with the lamb, and the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little child to lead them".*  
**Isaiah 11:6**
- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God"* **Matthew 5:9**
- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you".* **Luke 6**
- Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?  
All: **Yes, we have a vision! Let us pursue this vision.**

**Reading:** from Martin Luther King, Jr.

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral; begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy...Returning violence for violence, adding deeper to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

## Silent Reflection

## Lighting of Candles for Peace

### Closing Blessing:

We come to you; compassionate God, carrying in our hearts the passion for peace. We also place before you all who bear the responsibility in the decisions for peace or war. Speak to them; give them hearts that can hear you and the cries of us who desire peace.

### All:

We commit ourselves to continue the work of peace making. We call upon the Holy One of all people to be with us. We believe peace is possible. Grant us courage and boldness to act. Let us walk in the light to PEACE.

AMEN.

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