



*Lord Jesus, fill us with your love.
Help us to see you in people who
suffer injustice. When we see the
hurts of the world, give us the
courage to help heal the aches. May
the money we give this week and
our lives be used for creating more
peace and justice in our world.*

Amen.

Our world is full of violence, but we can decide to make peace. Every day violent images come to us through our newspapers and TVs and our own willful thinking. Each time a member of your household notices violence this week, put a coin in this container. This makes us more aware of the violence around us and raises money for peace. Take this container to church Sunday morning. The change (and bills and checks) you bring will be used for the peace and justice work of your congregation, conference and the Mennonite Church Peace and Justice Support Network.

The biblical image of changing things of violence to things of peace comes from the vision of peace in Micah 4:3 where swords are turned into plows. Today we might think of changing tanks into tractors, but our calling as

Christians is to change violence to peace through God's love. Draw a picture of something of violence changing to something of peace and send it to the Peace and Justice Support Network (see address).

We can't make changes from violence to peace everywhere at once, but we can ask God to use us. You can use the prayer (to the left) this week.

To make your offering container, color this strip. Cut it out and glue it to a 28 oz. peanut butter jar. Cut a hole in the lid. Place your container somewhere everyone in your household will see it all week long.

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Peace needs change!

